

**Minutes of the Second Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Mayor Cllr ES Evans, Deputy Mayor Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr FD John, Cllr B Lloyd, Cllr BT Price, Cllr RJ Thornton, Cllr S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk), JE Foster (Deputy Clerk) and W Mann (RFO).

**26 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Plant (Leave).

**27 Declarations of Interest:** Members were requested to identify any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they might have in relation to items on the agenda. Cllr BT Price declared a personal interest in item 30.1.

**28 Confirmation of Minutes for:**

28.1 The Monthly Council Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were RESOLVED to be accepted.

**29 Matters Arising**

29.1 Bryn Road Toilets. Katie Daly of PCC attended the meeting to advise that from April 2024 PCC will no longer be in a position to maintain Bryn Road Toilets and to explore options available to SDCC to secure the facilities in the future. Clerk to pursue clarification from PCC regarding ownership of the land and explore cost benefit implications of an asset transfer or peppercorn payments to PCC to maintain the facility in the future.

29.2 Newsletter.

29.2.1 Consideration for sending a letter of thanks to former City News editor, Mr Christopher Taylor to acknowledge his contribution over past years was approved by the meeting.

29.2.2 Email dated 9<sup>th</sup> June from community member regarding the combined Solva & St Davids Newsletter was received and the meeting RESOLVED that the Clerk write to member of community explaining that the merging of Newsletters was grounded on community engagement research conducted by the 4Wards Project.

29.3 Withybush Hospital. Correspondence from Cllr ES Evans regarding proposed changes to children's services following Paediatric Services Consultation Pembrokeshire was received and noted by the meeting.

29.4 Scout Hut. The Heads of Terms received from PCC referring to SDCC as a joint tenant with Pembrokeshire Scouts commencing April 2023. However, SDCC submitted the expression of interest as a sole applicant and the commencement date has yet to be agreed. In support of this

Mr Alan York addressed the meeting as the representative of the Scouts and advised the meeting that the scouts had been assured by Mike Cavanagh of PCC that the tenancy could be transferred to SDCC as a sole tenancy. The meeting RESOLVED that the Clerk's office write to PCC for clarification for update at the July meeting. Clerk to invite PCC head of property to July meeting in addition to business plans for SDCC to review.

### **30 Council Property**

30.1 Cross Square Market. Correspondence from Cllr B Price regarding prohibiting sale of hot food at the Thursday Market was received - the meeting RESOLVED that a Market Review was needed in readiness for the 2024 season.

### **31 Correspondence**

31.1 Email dated 29<sup>th</sup> May from member of community regarding concerns raised in relation to huge mounds of earth which have been created as part of the second phase building development site in Glasfryn road was received and the meeting RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a report on the issue provided by County Councillor BT Price.

31.2 Email dated 1<sup>st</sup> June from Public Affairs Manager, South West & Wales Lloyds Banking Group regarding closure of Lloyds branch in St Davids on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The meeting expressed considerable concern regarding this proposed closure and the impact that this will have on the community and businesses that rely on the bank. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Lloyds Bank and to Paul Davies MS and Stephen Crabb MP asking them to intervene to persuade the bank to reverse this decision. Obtaining similar data for Haverfordwest branch was also discussed.

31.2.1 Email dated 10<sup>th</sup> June from community member regarding Lloyds Bank St Davids set for closure later this year. Clerk to write to concerned residents as above.

31.3 Email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June from visitor to St Davids regarding health & safety concerns raised in relation to bus stops, turning bays and passing bays being used as parking lots was received and noted by the meeting.

31.4 Correspondence from Cllr ES Evans raising concerns regarding poor parking outside St Davids Surgery and for a suggested drop-off / pick-up point was received and noted by the meeting.

31.5 Email dated 5<sup>th</sup> June from member of community requesting car park passes to allow Walking for Wellbeing Group to visit Whitesands Beach on either 6<sup>th</sup> September or 4<sup>th</sup>

October 2023 was received and the meeting RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain confirmation on date for approval.

31.6 Email dated 6<sup>th</sup> June from St Davids Carnival event organiser requesting confirmation from SDCC to proceed with planned road closure for the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 event was received and the meeting RESOLVED to approve the request.

31.7 Email dated 13<sup>th</sup> June from Cllr JT Jeremy raising concerns regarding the verges on Glasfryn Road was received - County Councillor BT Price reported on recent meeting with EcoDewi confirming plans to replant the site replacing ryegrass with wildflowers as part of the Mini Meadows Project.

### **32 Grant Development Committee**

32.1 Consideration for a Grant Development Committee Meeting Calendar to formalise dates of meetings was received and members agreed to arrange dates with Deputy Clerk at end of meeting.

### **33 One Voice Wales Training Plan**

33.1 Adoption of One Voice Wales training plan. Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Community and Town Councils are required to make and publish a plan about the training provision for its members and staff. The meeting RESOLVED to adopt the training plan – Clerks to confirm record of individual Councillor training to date as an aid in identifying training needs.

### **34 Finance**

34.1 Annual Return. Including Internal Auditor Report for submission to Audit Wales was RESOLVED to be approved by the meeting.

34.2 Councillor Allowances and Payments.

34.2.1 The meeting RESOLVED that the obligatory and discretionary councillor allowance payments for the year ending March 2024 are to be made at the end of Council year in April 2024.

34.2.2 The meeting RESOLVED that the obligatory and discretionary allowance payments for the year ending March 2023 be made.

**Planning: Details of these can be found on the PCC NPA website.**

- 35 NP/23/0246/FUL** Change of use of pitch & putt area & expansion with 10 self-contained bespoke mobile lodges/caravans & car parking together with ecological enhancements. Tretio Caravan & Camping Park, St. Davids, SA626DE. This application having been deferred from the last meeting to allow for a site visit to better inform the City Council it considered that the proposal was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual or environmental impact on the surrounding area. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
- 36 NP/23/0269/S73** Variation of Condition no.2 of NP/22/0315/FUL to allow change of window/door opening & add 2 rooflights over dining extension. 11 High Street, St Davids, SA626SB. The City Council considered that the proposal was deemed unlikely to have a detrimental visual or environmental impact on the surrounding area. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

#### **AOB**

#### **Items for information only:**

Clerk: Confirmation received that Cross Square Fountain maintenance work commencing this week.

Cllr BS Sehmi: Website updates needed including Council Photographs and Cathedral Charter.

Cllr S Williams: Mayor / Council Photographs to be circulated & Councillors confirm ahead of purchase.

Cllr BT Price: New bins installed at Whitesands and around St Davids.

#### **Items for the next agenda:**

Cllr BT Price confirmed that the Fishguard Road SID pole update will be included in the County Councillor Report next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

Cllr FD John: New Clerks Laptop needed for Council meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed .....

Date .....

Chair