

Minutes of the Second Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 18th September 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 RJ Thornton, Cllr S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk), JE Foster (Deputy Clerk).

78 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs B Lloyd, BT Price, C Plant (Leave), N Walsh, W Mann (RFO).

79 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 DJ Griffiths declared a personal interest in item 86 and took no part in the decision.

80 Confirmation of Minutes for:

80.1 Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 31st August 2023 were RESOLVED to be accepted.

80.2 Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 4th September 2023 were RESOLVED to be accepted.

81 Matters Arising

81.1 Happy to Chat Bench Scheme. Confirmation received from Pembrokeshire County Council that due to budget constraints there are no plans to conduct another round of the Happy to Chat Bench Scheme. The meeting agreed that as the scheme was no longer an option that alternatives should be sought after to include benches of the extant design throughout the city & confirmation of outstanding 106 monies from the Glasfyn redevelopment to cover costs.

81.2 Boia Festival 2023 Catering Concession. Update following 4th September meeting when it was agreed in principle to approve request from Feast Pembrokeshire for catering concession outside City Hall during the festival 27th-29th October 2023 subject to confirmation of its company policy with regard to Health and Safety & fee concession was received and the meeting RESOLVED to approve permission.

82 Council Property

82.1 Cross Square Market. Alternative arrangement of the storage of Council Market Stalls currently held in outbuildings situated in the car park that belongs to Lloyds Bank St Davids and due to close November 2023. The Clerk provided the meeting with a report on anticipated logistical challenges and associated costs involved with setting up market stalls notwithstanding the proximity with Cross Square of any eventual alternative storage location. The meeting agreed confirmation was needed on the age and condition of the existing market stalls ahead of any decision made on whether to replace the stalls entirely to overcome these challenges & whether to review market format to include independent pitch allocations whereby stallholders are responsible for supplying, erecting, and dismantling of their own stalls.

82.2 City Hall. Consideration for a City Hall Management Committee. The meeting agreed that a working group consisting of Cllrs BT Price, BS Sehmi, RJ Thornton, S Williams, together with Hall Manager would meet and formulate recommendations which can be presented to full council for discussion.

82.3 City Hall Kitchen Refurbishment. Quotation dated 19th June from Gas Safety Engineer was received and the meeting RESOLVED to approve the fitting of an indoor air quality monitor to measure carbon dioxide content at a cost of £120. Following a report provided by the Clerk on the existing registered status of the City Hall kitchen the meeting also RESOLVED to approve the recommendation to deregister commercial kitchen status & Clerk to approach existing caterer with regard to acquiring personal certification as appropriate for the purpose of manging the kitchen throughout its occasional use.

82.4 Multi Location Meetings. Anticipated quotations for required equipment had not been received by the time of the meeting and it was agreed this item subsequent to being updated be considered at the next meeting.

82.5 Memorial Playing Field. Quotations for Mole Damage remedial works throughout the site were received and the meeting RESOLVED to approved pest control service at a cost of £55 & sequential ground levelling at a cost of £25 per hour.

82.5 Waunfawr Playing Fields. The meeting discussed the growing issue of congested carparking along the road adjacent to St Davids RFC on match days and it was agreed to permit use of the playing field to accommodate overflow carparking on appropriate occasions & the Clerk liaise with the RFC and establish terms of its supervision accordingly.

82.6 Whitesands Café Railings Remedial Works. The Clerk reported that no Tenders for the requested works had been received and the meeting agreed that further contractors be approached forthwith.

83 Traffic Matters

83.1 Nun Street Speeding. Response from Stephen Benger of PCC with regard to email dated 22nd June from resident of St Davids expressing concerns regarding disregard to the 20mph speed limit in Nun Street & surveys showing mean speed summary as recorded August 2021 & July 2021 were received and noted by the meeting.

84 Christmas Events 2023

84.1 Review of 2022 Christmas Events. Cllr DJ Griffiths reported that maintenance work was required for the xmas lights “poles”.

84.2 Christmas Events 2023.

84.2.1 Christmas tree – Associated costs afforded by Xmas Tree Association.

84.2.2 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Saturday 2nd December.

84.2.3 Christmas Market – Saturday 2nd December.

84.2.4 December meeting – Monday 4th December.

84.2.5 Civic Reception – Friday 8th December.

84.2.6 Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December.

84.2.7 Window decoration competition – Friday 15th December (Commercial) & Monday 18th December (Domestic) Judging by the Mayor.

85 Correspondence

85.1 Email dated 7th September from Wild Wellbeing Wanderers Group thanking the City Council for allowing free carparking for their recent event at Whitesands was received and noted by the meeting.

85.2 Correspondence from St Davids Carnival Committee Chairperson requesting the City Council's assistance to cover costs for the 2023 event was received and the meeting RESOLVED to offer support with a donation of £500 & the Clerk to write on its behalf and congratulate the carnival on its very successful and enjoyable event.

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

86 NP/23/0369/FUL Conversion and extension of disused stable outbuilding to form dwelling. Ty Newydd, St Davids, SA626QD. Following extensive discussion regarding the conservation concerns associated with the proposal the meeting requested that it be recorded how each member voted. Members supporting the proposal were Cllrs ES Evans, BS Sehmi and RJ Thornton. Members not supporting the proposal were Cllrs JT Jeremy, FD John and S Williams. In accordance with para 10.b of Standing Orders where in any case of an equality of votes the Chair Cllr ES Evans cast a deciding vote for the proposal. The meeting therefore RESOLVED to support the application.

87 NP/23/0416/MOD Modification of a planning obligation relating to NP/18/0575/OUT – Clause 19 affordable housing/commuted sum payment. Land to the East of Glasfryn Road, Glasfryn Road, St Davids, SA626FJ. The meeting 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.

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Items for information only:

- Cllr FD John: Caerfarchell Green mowing schedule – Clerk confirmed PCC responsibility.
- Cllr BS Sehmi: Caretaker House Committee Meeting documentation amendments - circulated ahead of meeting.

Items for the next agenda:

- Cllr FD John: Council to make a request from Dwr Cymru under the Freedom of Information Act with regard to sewage issues at Porthclais harbour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

Date

Chair