

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Davids City Council Scout Hut Committee on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in the Council Chamber at 1.00pm.**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr W Chant, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr B Lloyd, & Cllr RJ Thornton, with S Mann (Clerk).

Cllr BT Price attended the meeting in her capacity as a County Councillor.

The meeting welcomed community members who participated in the Committee as non-councillor members without voting privileges. These members represented various groups within the St Davids Community. The representatives included:

St Davids Befriender: Mr A York.

St Davids Care in the Community: Ms L Hall, & Ms V Swales.

St Davids Shed: Mr P Edey, Mr M Ranson, & Ms J Sime.

St Davids Penknife Club: Ms S De Silva.

Y Groesfan Church: Rev P Vickery.

**1 Election of Chair:** Cllr B Lloyd.

**2 Apologies for Absence:** None.

**3 Declarations of Interest:** Members were requested to declare both **pecuniary interests** (financial interests) and **non-pecuniary interests** (personal or prejudicial interests) that could influence their decision-making in relation to items on the agenda. This declaration ensures that other members and the public are aware of potential conflicts.

Cllrs BS Sehmi & RJ Thornton declared personal interests as members of the St Davids Befrienders.

**4 Committee Purpose & Structure**

4.1 The Scout Hut Committee meeting will serve as a preliminary step before SDCC's final decision on the Asset Transfer during its conclusive meeting in April 2024 - further to item 227.3. *See below*

4.2 Background Note for Non-Councillors. *See below*

**5 Community Engagement**

5.1 To establish a programme of engagement with the community with the aim of preserving the Scout Hut. *See below*

5.2 To establish a Community Group and / or Charity / Management Trust to manage the Scout Hut. *See below*

Cllr B Lloyd opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to community members who have joined the newly established Scout Hut Committee. These individuals have demonstrated their interest in the future of the Scout Hut and have been proactive in increasing awareness about this valuable community resource. The meeting RESOLVED to form a Community Management Group, which would include all non-councillors together with County Councillor BT Price.

The Group will undertake the following actions:

- a Immediate steps to further involve the community through promotion of the current situation, including an online survey. This is to gather community feedback which is essential in raising awareness about the potential of the Scout Hut to serve as a venue for a variety of community activities & gauge public sentiment towards preserving the Scout Hut from further decay and preventing the eventual demolition of the Community Asset.
- b A list of already identified remedial works needs to be shared, and quotes for the necessary works need to be obtained urgently. This will allow for the creation of a costings report to prioritise the tasks needed to upgrade the Scout Hut to a standard suitable for use by various groups as a community venue.
- c Both the Community Engagement and the Costings Report are vital to guide the Group's Plan for managing the Scout Hut. This Plan will be included in the report to the City Council and will be essential for the City Council's review of the Asset Transfer at its subsequent meeting at the end of April.

The meeting RESOLVED to assess the Group's progress and scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, 11th April, at 1pm in the Council Chamber.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.45pm

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Date .....

Chair