

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Davids City Council Scout Hut Committee on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the Council Chamber at 1.00pm.**

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

**Representatives of the Community Management Group:**

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

St Davids Penknife Club: Ms S De Silva.

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

Y Groesfan Church: Rev P Vickery.

**6 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr BT Price, & Mr Alan York of St Davids Befrienders.

**7 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.

**8 Confirmation of Minutes for:**

8.1 Scout Hut Committee Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 were RESOLVED to be approved.

**9 Public Representations from members of the public in attendance about any business to be discussed:** None.

**10 Matters Arising**

10.1 Community Management Group – Progress report on the assignments given to them by the Scout Hut Committee.

10.1.1 Community Engagement. Report on the progress of the initiative to involve the community with the aim of maintaining the Scout Hut. *See below*

10.1.2 Costings Report. Inventory of identified remedial works, along with cost estimates/quotes for the essential tasks required to enhance the Scout Hut to a level appropriate for utilisation as a community facility. *See below*

10.1.3 Management Plan. 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. *See below*

Vicky Swales, a member of the Community Management Group, confirmed that all actions and advancements have been recorded at each meeting. She presented the Compiled Community Engagement and updated on each point, including the count of signatures collected from both online and physical petitions to measure community interest in maintaining the Scout Hut as a community

venue. The petition has accumulated 144 signatures so far, and posters have been distributed. Community members have been sharing photos of the Scout Hut, both historical and recent, to stir community feelings. A forthcoming Coffee Morning Fundraising event at the Scout Hut is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th, with hopes of receiving raffle donations to fund the Scout Hut’s remedial work. The Chair, Cllr B Lloyd, expressed appreciation for the contribution of the St Davids Penknife Club in providing a bank account to accept donations from the initiated Crowd Funder Initiative.

The Western Telegraph has been informed and will be releasing an article about the potential disappearance of this community resource. Group Member Lyn Hall confirmed that she has reached out to Stephen Crabb MP and Paul Davies MS for support.

In terms of the required remedial works, the Group has consulted with two plumbers and received one quotation, but continues to seek further quotations to fully comprehend the necessary works. Builders have also evaluated the site to determine the remedial requirements.

Group Member Phil Vickery presented a report suggesting a possible future direction that includes various groups in St Davids. This was acknowledged by the meeting. The Management Group has sought expert advice from PAVS regarding the Group’s future structure. The next step before its final report to the City Council is a Financial & Management Plan, including a Risk Assessment.

The meeting acknowledged the Group’s significant efforts and the increasing interest in preserving the Scout Hut. Cllr B Lloyd, proposed that considering the tight timeline and the delays encountered by the Management Group in accomplishing the tasks delegated by the Scout Hut Committee, it would be beneficial to request an extension before presenting the comprehensive report to the City Council. This report is crucial for the Council’s impending decision on the acquisition of the Scout Hut, originally scheduled for Monday, 22nd April.

The meeting RESOLVED that the Committee request the City Council to delay its final decision until an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council can be held on Tuesday, 7th May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.50pm

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Chair