

Community Meeting of St Davids City Council Monday 3rd June 2024 in the City Hall at 7.00pm.

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

The members from the community who were present are documented as an attachment to these minutes.

13 Matters Arising

- a. **St Davids Surgery.** The Monthly Meeting of the City Council on the 3rd of June highlighted a motion to support the Save The St Davids Surgery Campaign as one of the key agenda items. This meeting drew the attention of over 150 community members who attended.

The meeting was coordinated with the City Council's proposed urgent actions to be taken in response to the recent announcement that the Surgery's future is under review after the GP's contract resignation. A letter had been dispatched to thousands of patients from the Health Board. The letter indicated that the panel reviewing the contract termination has suggested a 'managed dispersal' of St Davids patients, primarily to Solva surgery, but also to the surgeries at Fishguard and Haverfordwest. The letter further clarified that no decision has been finalised yet and patient consultation is still in progress. Public input is sought by Hywel Dda UHB. Care continues until October, with patients advised to stay registered.

The Community Meeting deliberated on a motion to support the Save The St Davids Surgery Campaign, thereby formally establishing St Davids City Council's commitment to facilitating active participation. The urgency of research and decisive action was also emphasised.

The Mayor, Councillor Bira Sehmi, chaired the meeting, with Councillor John Jeremy, a Pembrokeshire Peninsular Stakeholder Group member, taking the lead on the issues. Cllr Jeremy provided a comprehensive overview of the situation to those present and laid out the potential paths for the surgery's future. He urged everyone to understand that the most favourable outcome for patients would be for the Health Board to assume responsibility for the surgery, as this is the only way to prevent its closure. Cllr Jeremy answered questions from the attendees, and it was determined during the meeting that the optimal strategy would involve the maximum number of patients rejecting the idea of being dispersed to other surgeries. This preference is to be voiced at the Health Board Public Consultation Drop-in event scheduled for Friday, 14th June, from 2pm to 7pm at St David's City Hall.

The Community Meeting concluded with the unanimous decision to establish a Core Working Group of individuals who have been involved in the development of the matter from its inception. This group is tasked with researching into the problems at hand and implementing the identified remedies.

In addition, attendees agreed on the urgency of initiating a media campaign, and collectively decided to put the agreed-upon actions into effect immediately.

Finally, countless present at the Community Meeting volunteered to disseminate leaflets throughout the community to promote the Save St Davids Surgery Campaign, urging all patients to voice their concerns with the Health Board and to participate in the Public Consultation Drop-In event scheduled for 14th June.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed

Date

Chair