

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 13th May 2024 in the Memorial 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 RJ Thornton, with S Mann (Clerk) & JE Foster (Deputy Clerk).

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Members were requested to directly inform the Clerk of any absences, in order to formally register their apologies and keep an accurate record of attendance.
 - a. Apologies received for approval: Cllr BT Price, Cllr R Price, & Cllr S Williams.
 - b. Absent without apology: Cllr N Walsh.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** Members are 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 councillors and the public are aware of potential conflicts. None declared.
- 3 **Confirmation of Minutes for:**
 - a. Second Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 22nd April 2024 were RESOLVED to be approved.
- 4 **Public Representations from members of the public in attendance about any business to be discussed:** *See item 5a.*
- 5 **Matters Arising**
 - a. St Davids Sports Hall. Visit from community member with the aim of briefing the City Council on current issues: The challenges faced by users include reduced opening hours, expensive child rates, outdated facilities, and the absence of an All-Weather Sports Field. The community member requested that the City Council use its influence to pressure Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to address the situation. After extensive discussion, the meeting RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to write to PCC, requesting a comprehensive review with the aim of upgrading and improving the facility for the benefit of St Davids and surrounding community.

- b. St Davids Amenities. Concerns raised from community member on the imminent closure of amenities in St Davids. The meeting RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to write to the community member, informing them that the City Council is actively engaged in addressing such matters. Additionally, one of the City Councillors is part of the Surgery Stakeholders Group, and the Clerk has also corresponded with PCC regarding the potential closure of the St Davids Recycling Centre, exploring ways to prevent it.
- c. Bryn Road Toilets. Update received concerning the asset transfer. The meeting acknowledged the progress report & members shared observations of the installed features in the toilets, including door bolts.
- d. D-Day Anniversary. Update on the event and service in St Davids scheduled for 6th June – anticipated by the time of the meeting. The meeting noted that no further updates had been received beyond confirmation of the Cathedral’s involvement in the event.
- e. New Year’s Eve Street Party. Update on the planned 2024 event. The meeting took note that the event had been postponed.
- f. Bryn Teg Play Area. Update on the goalposts. The meeting RESOLVED to direct the Clerk to obtain a quotation for suitable replacement goalposts, as advised by the manufacturer/installer.
- g. Scout Hut. Correspondence received from Paul Davies MS & Update from PCC Property Department with regard to the CAT. The meeting RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to respond to Paul Davies MS accordingly, explaining all the issues. Additionally, the meeting resolved that the Scout Hut Committee will schedule its next meeting once the newly formed Community Management Group completes delegated actions, including community consultation, creating a costings report, and developing a plan for managing the Scout Hut. The Scout Hut Committee will review these details.

6 Council Property

- a. Caerfarchell Village Green. ECODEWI has proposed a project in Caerfarchell. The meeting RESOLVED not to endorse the plan at this stage. Instead, the council will wait for more comprehensive details, which will be reviewed during the upcoming meeting on Monday, June 3rd.
- b. City Hall. Quotation received for Caretaker House garden gate remedial work & disabled access to the City Hall kitchen. The meeting RESOLVED to approve the quotation received from West Wales Care & Repair at a cost of £192.65.
- c. City Hall. Proposal to install a Weatherproof Whiteboard at the rear of the premises. The meeting RESOLVED to approve the proposal and to proceed with the purchase at a cost of £362.
- d. Orientation Map Panel. Quotation received for an updated tourist information map. The meeting RESOLVED to approve the quotation from Sigma Display, at a cost of £1,587.43 plus VAT.
- e. Waunfawr Playing Field. Update on the proposed footpath project. The meeting RESOLVED to postpone the proposed project & to revisit it once the Japanese Knotweed has been confirmed as eradicated from the site by Pembrokeshire County Council. Additionally, the community and St Davids RFC, who use the playing field for training, will be consulted.
- f. Whitesands Commercial Trading. Update on the Change of Use planning application for commercial trading in the Carpark. The meeting acknowledged the feedback from the preapplication advice. It was RESOLVED to direct the Clerk to proceed with the full application.
- g. Whitesands Water Sport Open Day on 15th May 2024. The meeting took note of the event information.

7 Community Engagement

- a. Youth Engagement. Report from Cllr B Lloyd of the session held on 2nd May 2024: The Youth Council met at Dewi Campus. They reviewed past activities, discussed future engagement strategies, and planned for suggestion boxes, presentations, and newsletter contributions. The next meeting is scheduled for 20th June.

8 Accounts

- a. Internal Audit for March 2024. It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.
- b. The accounts for April 2024 were presented to the meeting and it was RESOLVED that these statements are approved.

9 County Councillors Report: Due to absence, no report was provided.

10 Reports from Committees

- a. Caretaker House Committee: The next meeting is on 20th May 2024.
- b. City Hall Committee: The date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.
- c. Finance Committee: The recent meeting on 10th May failed to achieve a quorum. The date for the next meeting is still to be confirmed.
- d. General Purposes Committee: All items reviewed at the recent meeting have now been approved by full council.
- e. Grants Development Committee: The date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.
- f. Market Committee: The date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.
- g. Scout Hut Committee: The date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.
- h. Staffing Committee: Annual Appraisals are due end of May.

11 Reports from Members representing the Council

- a. Coffee and Chat: Nothing to report.
- b. EcoDewi / Bee Friendly: Nothing to report.
- c. One Voice Wales: The recent meeting took place on 11th April
- d. Oriel Y Parc: Nothing to report.
- e. Pembrokeshire Peninsular Stakeholder Group: Nothing to report.
- f. Police Surgery: The police have not attended for two months, and the Clerk has been directed to enquire about this.
- g. Porthclais Harbour Authority: Nothing to report.
- h. Porthstinian Boat Owners Association: A new defibrillator is scheduled to be installed.
- i. Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club: Nippers have been recommended for the new season.
- j. St Davids Befrienders: The date for the next meeting is yet to be confirmed.

- k. St Davids Celebrations Group: Dates for upcoming events are yet to be confirmed.
- l. St Davids Christmas Tree Association: Nothing to report.
- m. St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly: Nothing to report.
- n. St Davids Festivals: Dates of upcoming events are yet to be confirmed.
- o. St Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link: The next meeting is schedule for 21st May.
- p. St Davids Peninsula Tourist and Traders Association: Nothing to report.
- q. St Davids RFC: The touring team is very busy.
- r. Youth Drop In: Nothing to report.
- s. Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor: Mock exams have commenced, and students are visiting France.

12 Planning

- a. NP/24/0224/FUL Proposed dormer to north roof slope. Tegfan, St Davids, SA626QP.
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.

Any Other Business

Items for information only:

- Cllr ES Evans: Suggestion of delivering flowers to Cllr S Williams on behalf of the City Council.
- Cllr ES Evans: Reports of light pollution issues from residents at Whitesands.
- Cllr FD John: WI Menevia has started planting flowers at Cross Square.

Items for the next agenda: None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Date

Chair