

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 23rd September 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr W Chant, Cllr ES Evans, Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr FD John, Cllr B Lloyd (remotely), Cllr BT Price, & Cllr RJ Thornton.

There being no Clerk present Cllr Emma Evans volunteered to take minutes.

63 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: None.
- b. Absent without apology: Cllr R Price.

64 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 councillors and the public are aware of potential conflicts. None declared.

65 Public Representations from members of the public in attendance about any business to be discussed:

- a. Questions were raised regarding the impact of the surgery closure, whether anyone else had suffered with 'return to sender' emails sent to health board representatives, what ongoing discussions were occurring regarding alternative premises.

66 Matters Arising.

- a. **St Davids Surgery.** After a discussion regarding the worries of constituents and the vulnerability of many people on the Peninsula, and also questions as to whether the Clerk had received any correspondence in relation to earlier letter sent, Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of the motions proposed, ref 1-5. They agreed to amend a draft letter to the Health Board by adding reference to the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Strategic Equalities Act. Cllr Emma Evans volunteered to amend the letter and circulate to all Councillors later that evening. The Deputy

Clerk will then email the relevant parties for attention before Thursdays Board meeting. It was agreed that as well as sending the letter to the health board representatives that the City Council also send a copy to Jeremy Miles MS Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Paul Davis MS for Preseli Pembrokeshire, Joyce Watson MS for Mid and West Wales, Henry Tufnel MP for Mid and South Pembrokeshire, Ben Lake MP for Ceredigion Preseli, and Cllr Tessa Hodgeson PCC Cabinet Member for Social Care and Safeguarding.

Cllrs discussed the health board working group membership, in light of the resignation of Mr John Jeremy. Cllrs voted unanimously that Cllr Richard Thornton would now act as the Councils representative on this group. Cllr Bethan Price is also in attendance in her capacity as County Councillor.

Cllr Frank John raised concerns that many elderly people are not in a position to canvass the Health Board and sought permission to photocopy papers to help them respond. The Council agreed to this and he will arrange visits and responses ahead of Thursdays meeting.

All present agreed to that as Councillors we must all act to stop the closure of our surgery and will email representatives individually as well as the City Councils response.

Any Other Business

- Items for information only: None.
- Items for the next agenda: None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed

Date

Chair