

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 13th January 2014 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor MGD James, Deputy Mayor D Halse, , ES Evans, DJH George MC Gray, FD John, JG Lloyd, K Rose, CT Taylor, S Williams with CH Gray (Clerk) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

Also present was County Councillor DB Lloyd.

252 Apologies for Absence: DJO Chant, BT Price

253 Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to identify any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests that they might have in relation to items on the agenda.

253.1 Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in relation to Item 264.1.

254 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

254.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 2nd December 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.

254.2 'In Committee' Minutes of the Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 2nd December 2013 were RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

255 YSGOL DEWI SANT The Clerk reported that no further correspondence received to date.

256 YOUTH CLUB (damage to fire extinguishers). The Clerk reported that no further correspondence had been received to date. It was RESOLVED to seek to recover the cost of replacing the fire extinguishers from Pembrokeshire County Council as hirers of the hall. It was further RESOLVED to determine the terms of any hire agreement that the City Council may have with the Youth Service in relation to property damage and to review the terms of the agreement if necessary.

257 Unilateral Notices relating to Whitesands car park and Croeswdig. It was RESOLVED that by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the press and public be excluded given that it could be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

258 REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS

258.1 Civic Reception. The Council considered that the event went very well with the catering just right for the numbers in attendance. The Mayor informed the Council that she had received many complimentary comments and thanks following the event in particular regarding the inclusion of presentations to youngsters that had represented their countries in various competitions. The Council did consider that more entertainment could be provided at the start of the evening prior to the presentations and it was RESOLVED to proceed with a similar event next year with the possibility of additional early evening entertainment.

258.2 Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch. The Council considered that this year's event was again successful and enjoyed by all that attended with thanks to Ysgol Bro Dewi, the cathedral hand bell ringers, Simon Pearce and the cathedral scholars for providing the entertainment. The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the number of attendees could be strictly 100 and that this year the numbers were at maximum capacity with some of the senior citizens not having put their names on the attendance lists provided. In order to manage the numbers and to cater for them efficiently Mr Evans suggested implementing a ticket system whereby anyone wishing to attend the lunch must obtain a ticket from the Clerk prior to the event. The Council acknowledged the merits of the proposal but considered that implementing the scheme on the day could be difficult. It was RESOLVED to fully consider the suggestion together with any other options at a later date.

- 258.3 Christmas lights. The Council considered that the lights on the Christmas tree were passed their best and it was RESOLVED to obtain quotes for a new set of lights. It was further RESOLVED to review the over head street displays in High Street and New Street in view of the fact that the adverse weather conditions ensured that they were not working very often at all this year.
- 258.4 Children's Christmas show. The Mayor reported that the Christmas Cracker Show had been thoroughly enjoyed by the children and that the teachers in attendance on the day had thanked the Council for providing the school with the entertainment. It was RESOLVED to review the provision of a Christmas show for the primary school in 2014 at later date.
- 258.5 Christmas lights competition. The Mayor reported that this year Canon Dorrien Davies had judged the lights in St Davids awarding prizes in the residential category to Frank John and Carmel Boulger (First), Nick and Sharon Price (Second) and Des and Gwenda Jenkins (Third). Orily Y Felin won first prize in the business category with Mathias Hardware coming second. The Mayor reported that the certificates were presented in the Memorial Hall and it was RESOLVED to present a trophy to the first prize winners of each category to be handed back at the end of each year in a similar fashion to the flower trail competition prizes.

259 ST DAVIDS LIFE BOAT STATION

- 259.1 Rob Scourfield of PCNPA e-mail of 16th December possible implications of the Grade II listed building status. The information was received and RESOLVED to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council led working group due to take place when details planning application at St Justinians had been finalised.
- 259.2 Following Ffion Rees e-mail of 10th January 2014 inviting Councillors to the next PBOA meeting on 27th January 2014. It was RESOLVED that the Mayor and Cllr Taylor would attend the meeting.

260 WHITESANDS CAR PARK

- 260.1 Applications for the position of car park attendant. This item, being a matter of contract was agreed to be deferred to the end of the meeting when under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.
- 260.2 Tenders for the ice cream kiosk. This item, being a matter of contract was agreed to be deferred to the end of the meeting when under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

261 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL SEMINAR Following a report from the Mayor of the seminar attended in County Hall on 10th December regarding the revision of the County Council's future budget and its effect on community councils it was RESOLVED that the Responsible Finance Officer would present a full accounting report to the City Council outlining the cost of each of the Council's properties. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk would publish a report of how the proposed budget cuts and cost increases would impact on the services in St Davids currently provided for by Pembrokeshire County Council once the information becomes available.

Accounts

262 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that Internal Audit for November 2013 had been completed successfully.

263 Accounts for December 2013.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 2013				
Balance as at 31/12/2013		£		
	Current A/c	214661.58		
INCOME	Car Park			
	City Hall	298.20		
	Cafe	2277.40		
	St Justinians			
	Miscellaneous			
	Market stalls			
	Total	2575.60		
	LGA 1972 Sec137 for 2013/14 is £10532		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery	
	Last month's donations	100	Total donated for 2013/14	950
	Total donated 2013/14	2065		
	Balance available	8467		
PAYMENTS		£		
	Admin	1535.45	Salaries:Clerk & RFO	
		132.48	Clerk's expenses	
		501.18	Phone and Internet	
		505.87	Stationery etc	
		1542.15	HMRC (NIC&IT)	
		452.49	New Computer	
	Whitesands		Attendant's commission (5)	
			Cafe repairs	
			Overflow field commission	
	Hall & House	187.14	Caretaker's salary	
			Chubb Fire	
		80.32	Supplies	
		18.71	D/D Boiler service	
		360.00	Blinds	
	Playground	374.82	Replacement parts	
	Mayor's Expenses			
	St Justinians		Toilet hire / cleaning	
	Miscellaneous	1219.79	Xmas supplies	
		88.23	Bank charges	
			Printing Newsletter	
		933.00	PCC (Council tax-3props)	
		108.12	Dwr Cymru -(2props)	
		13468.80	Christmas lighting	
	Total	21508.55		
Minutes 2013 / 2014				70

The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the City Council has received a refund of a VAT payment in the sum of £182 on Monday 13th January 2014.

The accounts for the month were RESOLVED to be approved and permission was granted to pay.

264 Donations

Donation requests

264.1 Simon Pearce of St Davids Cathedral Singers letter of 6th January 2014. It was proposed and seconded to donate £1000, an amended proposal to donate £500 was received and seconded before a third proposal to pay for the cost of the bus hire was received and seconded. By a vote of 4:2:2 with 2 abstentions, it was RESOLVED to pay for the hire of the bus.

Correspondence

252 PACT letter (not dated) informing of Police And Community Together meetings to take place in 2014. It was RESOLVED that the Mayor and Cllr Rose would attend the meeting.

253 Ysgol Bro Dewi letter of 25th October 2013 termination of school crossing patrol. It was RESOLVED to request that County Cllr Lloyd request a review of the decision taken not to replace the recently retired lollypop lady. It was further request that the Clerk would contact the Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Dewi to express the Council's continues concerns regarding the road safety of the children as they move to and from school.

254 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 6th December 2013 requesting precept information. It was RESOLVED not set a precept for the financial year of 2014 / 2015. It was further RESOLVED to ask the County Councillor to ascertain whether St Davids was discriminated against by not levying a precept. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk would provide Cllr Lloyd with any evidence of past discrimination.

255 J Walsh e-mail of 24th December 2013 St Davids - Naas choir visit. The information was received.

256 Wes Spees e-mail of 9th December 2013 It was RESOLVED to approve a submission of a draft report for 1st March 2014.

257 Chris Dodd e-mail of 10th January 2013 Invitation to service at St Davids Cathedral. It was RESOLVED that the deputy Mayor would read the lesson in place of the Mayor. It was further RESOLVED that the monthly meeting of 3rd February 2014 would commence at 7.30pm following the cathedral service.

258 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

258.1 PALC. Nothing to report as to date no meeting have been held.

258.2 St Davids Carnival Association. Cllr Rose reported that no meeting had been held recently, however one was planned to take place at some time in the month.

258.3 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Cllr James informed the Council that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

258.4 St Davids Day Celebration Group. Cllr James reported that the next meeting was to take place on Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 10am in the Council Chamber.

258.5 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr Halse reported that Cllr Williams had been appointed as Co-ordinator for the Day Centre and that a meeting with Pembrokeshire County Council was due to take place in the autumn. Cllr Halse also reported that the group had some concerns regarding future funding but were secure at the moment.

258.6 St Davids Eco City Group. Cllr Rose reported that there has been no meeting recently; it all seems to happen over emails. The Car club was running well and self sufficiently and that the group were hoping to lower the required age of drivers of the eco car from 25 to 18 years old.

258.7 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Taylor reported that the new website was up and running and that the leaflets were being stored temporarily on the balcony in the City Hall

258.8 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Cllr John reported that following the Authority's recent AGM, Mr Petr Williamson had been appointed Deputy Harbour Master.

258.9 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link. Cllr Taylor presented the Council with the following report:

The group held a very successful bring and buy sale at the City Hall on Saturday morning, raising a total of £380.05 for our annual fund raising for Moshoeshoe II High School in Matsieng. The committee is extremely grateful to all those who so generously supported the event, and to all those who assisted in organising it. In particular we were delighted to welcome the Mayor, Cllr Glenys James and her consort Mr John James. Cllr James kindly formally opened the event for us. We were also delighted to welcome head boy Rhys Jones and head girl Ebony Owen from Ysgol Dewi Sant who will be taking part in our forthcoming visit to Matsieng in February. They most generously presented us with a cheque for £255.00, the proceeds of fund raising efforts at the school in support of the work of our committee. As a result of the sale and of the support of Ysgol Dewi Sant, this puts us in a good position to reach our annual target of £1,000.00 towards the assistance of orphaned students at in Matsieng. We will hope to hold at least one further fund raising event later in the year. Plans for the group visit to Matsieng are now well advanced, with most of the costs now having been met. There will be a funding balance which will essentially be covered by Ysgol Dewi Sant, but we will need to ask the city council for the £600 which you offered us, in order to reduce, although not entirely to eliminate this figure. Linked to our own forthcoming visit, on the first weekend of December we were delighted to welcome to St Davids, the former deputy head teacher of Moshoeshoe II High School Mathato Koette and her colleague, maths teacher Thabelang Mosito. Once again our mayor, her consort and our deputy mayor were very supportive, and I would like to thank all those who also joined us here in the council chamber. Following this initial welcome, we visited the Christmas market on Cross Square, examined the directional sign to Matsieng at the base of the flag pole on Cross Square, where Cllr Gray had kindly flown the Lesotho national flag, visited the shrine of St David at the cathedral where candles were lit in memory of Nelson Mandela, enjoyed lunch at the Grove Hotel and then went on to Ysgol Dewi Sant where we were welcomed and given a guided tour by deputy head Andrew Kennedy. My thanks also to Elaine Morgan and the members of Dolen Cymru who arranged the visit and brought our guests to St Davids. This was a most successful event, and augured well for our own forthcoming travels in the opposite direction. I will hope to give at least one more update on our plans before our departure on 22nd February. The next ordinary meeting of our group will be on Tuesday 4th February, at 6.00 pm, probably in the Memorial Hall. All councillors would be most welcome to attend. Cllr Taylor informed the Council that he would report back regarding gifts at the next meeting. It was RESOLVED to donate £600 to the school as a contribution towards the cost of the cost of the trip. It was further RESOLVED to pay the cost of the taxi confirmed at £220.

258.10 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.

258.11 Ysgol Bro Dewi Governor. The Council was presented with copies of the draft minutes of the Governors meeting taken on 16th October 2013. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Halse would attend the next meeting of the Governing Body and submit a report to Council in order to alleviate the pressure on Cllr Price.

258.12 Planed Community Forum. Cllr Halse informed the Council that there was noting to report since the last meeting.

County Councillor's report

259 Cllr Lloyd congratulated the Council on once again providing the City with the festive lights and complimented them on the new surround for the base of the Christmas Tree. Cllr Lloyd added that he felt it disappointing that the light displays in new Street and high Street didn't work very well this year.

259.1 Cllr Lloyd thanked the Council for their intelligent response to the Ysgol Dewi Sant issue and that he felt the Council support for Option 9 was right. Cllr Lloyd added that recently Kate Evan-Hughes said that she was struck b how highly the school was held in public affection. By contrast in Haverfordwest, Tasker-Millward was in very serious trouble and had no action plan. Cllr Lloyd stated that in Ysgol Dewi Sant there was a strong resolve to ensure that the pupils did well in their summer examinations.

259.2 Cllr Lloyd reported that he was a member of the Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee and would appreciate any ideas for the future use of Brady MOD camp once it was de-commissioned.

259.3 Cllr Lloyd provided the Clerk with a copy of the Welsh Ambulance Service consultation document and requested that the item be included on the next agenda.

259.4 Cllr Lloyd suggested a school flag would be an appropriate gift for Cllr Taylor to present to the schools in Lesotho.

259.5 Cllr Lloyd reported that on 21st January 2014 the Health Minister was due to make a decision regarding the future provision of SCUBU in Wityhush Hospital. Cllr Lloyd stated that if the SCUBU were to close then there would be a catastrophic domino effect which could potentially jeopardise the A & E department.

259.6 Cllr Williams asked the County Cllr if he had heard of any proposals to undertake fracking in the area. Cllr Lloyd replied that he had not but would make the necessary enquiries.

Planning

260 NP/13/0553 Change of use of Triphlyg Cottage to 2 properties at Pigsfoot Lane, SA62 6DF. 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.

261 NP/13/0576 Demolition of garage and extension of residential curtilage at Pegity Cot, SA62 6PU. 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.

262 NP/13/0370 New residential unit adjacent to 39 Goat Street, SA62 6RF. The City Council considered that the scale and design of the proposal was deemed likely to have a detrimental visual and environmental impact on the surrounding area. The Council further considered the proposed visibility splays to be inadequate and that the location of the proposed entrance and would fail to ensure the safety of vehicles entering and exiting the site as well as the safety of other vehicles travelling along Goat Street. It was RESOLVED to refuse to support the application.

Any other business:

263 The Clerk informed the Council that the 14 Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare) was to take place on Wednesday 26th March 2014. Due to the increase of numbers attending the parade, the Regiment would be holding a reception in Brawdy as opposed to the Grove Hotel as in previous years. The City Council was invited to join the Regiment as guests at Brawdy and it was RESOLVED to donate £1000 towards the costs of the reception.

264 Cllr Gray reported that at a recent meeting held by Shalom House it was proposed to the Friends of Shalom open a charity shop in St Davids that would not be in direct competition with Siop Y Bobl. Cllr Gray also reported that there was some discussion regarding a possible move to Haverfordwest though this was merely speculative at the moment.

265 Cllr Evans asked for further information regarding the Queen's Baton relay and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would distribute the minutes of the last Baton Relay meeting.

266 Cllr Evans proposed that the City Council send a letter of congratulation to Mr Kieran Evans on his recent BAFTA nomination and it was RESOLVED to do so.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed

Chair

Date