

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 6th July 2009 in the Council Chamber at 6.30pm

Present: SJ Halse Mayor, JG Lloyd Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, DJO Chant, DJH George, PA Goddard, MC Gray, MG D James, BT Price, CT Taylor, RJ Thornton with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

The Mayor welcomed Mr Keith Griffiths to the meeting and in her introduction outlined his highly successful career as an architect working on international projects that had begun with his early life in St Davids.

Mr Griffiths then presented his interest in older buildings and his plan to improve them and give them new life. He described how this contrasted with his international architect's practice based in Hong Kong that specialises in commercial large scale architecture in 40 offices around the world.

- He has established 'The Retreats Group' to develop older buildings, beginning in North Pembrokeshire with Roch Castle that was in need of a £2 million renovation, the aim being to create very high quality accommodation for corporate 'retreats'. The standard provided would generate income that is double that of a typical holiday let and so these high specification schemes would be financially sustainable.
- Penrhiw, in the Close is also being renovated and improved with all of the more recent 1960's parts of the building to be removed. A contract was due to start on this scheme within 2 weeks and this would be used for the same corporate retreat style of accommodation as Roch Castle.
- With these two 6-7 bedroom retreats there was a need for additional flexibility, particularly for dining facilities, so he had purchased Tŵr y Felin that would be improved into a Michelin 5 * hotel. While the present building has 20 rooms they are small and the building lacks real presence. Enhancement of the existing space will provide just 9 rooms and as there was provision in the original building for a new wing, although it was never built, this will be developed so creating the 20 rooms necessary for the scheme to be viable. He now requires a building for a Michelin 5 star restaurant that will be a training restaurant as well as its use for the corporate retreats.
- The last scheme was for an Alun Valley Medieval Garden, the intention being to create a formal river valley medieval garden upstream from Penrhiw and the Bishops Palace, along the valley to the Whitesands road bridge. A series of 'interventions' would be created into the natural landscape and he was gathering data on what might be appropriate with ideas such as a maze being mentioned.

Questions from councillors followed with Mr Griffiths main responses being as follows:

What local employment would be created?

For Tŵr y Felin to reach 5 stars would require 18 to 20 people for the hotel and for Roch Castle and Penrhiw they would both have a housekeeper and maid there being additional work involved with the gardens. Given the wealthy nature of the visitors there would be a benefit to indirect employment as well as a need for drivers.

What sort of timetable was involved?

Time scale is approximate with the aim to open Penrhiw in 12 months and Roch Castle in about 15 - 18 months. Tŵr y Felin would take a little longer, around 18- 24 months depending on the scale of the extension that is able to be built. It would then begin as a training operation prior to its full opening.

Would the traditional agricultural setting around the cathedral often with cattle grazing be affected?

His aim was to provide a garden design that would be harmonious with the traditional aspect.

The Mayor then raised the situation regarding the swimming pool.

Mr Griffiths stated that his previous offer of funding to the St Davids Community Pool Group still stands while observing that continuing with the existing building would be like pouring money into a black hole.

He suggested that a simple pool could be built in the ground with a fabric canopy with a separate timber frame changing facility meaning you would have to walk to the pool. The separation was necessary to limit the effects of pool chemicals and condensation. Both buildings would be off the peg designs and by using turbine heaters he estimated a cost of under a £million for a 33m pool that was substantially larger than the old pool.

The Mayor and members thanked Mr Griffiths for both coming to meet the Council and for planning such interesting developments in St Davids as well as the generous offer of support for the pool.

181 Apologies for Absence: S Williams (work commitment).

182 Declarations of Interest: Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest that they might have in relation to items on the agenda.

182.1 Councillors G James, J George, R Thornton and the Clerk declared interests as Governors of Ysgol Dewi Sant in relation to minute 184.

182.2 Cllr J Braby had provided a letter of 5.7.09 providing his resignation from the St.Davids Community Pool Group.

182.3 Cllr C Taylor declared an interest as a member of St.Davids Community Pool Group in relation to minute 184.

182.4 Cllr M Gray declared an interest as landowner in relation to minute 184

183 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

183.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 1st June 2009 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

183.2 The 'In Committee' Business of the Monthly Meeting on Monday 1st June 2009 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

183.3 The Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 15 June 2009 were RESOLVED to be accepted and approved.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

184 POOL AND SPORTS HALL

184.1 St Davids Community Pool Group minutes of meeting on 16 June 2009 were RESOLVED to be received.

184.2 The nature of councillor's interests was then discussed particularly regarding the restrictions on County Councillor J George in his role as a governor of Ysgol Dewi Sant and as the County Council member. Criticism was made by Cllr B Price and Cllr C Taylor as Cllr George was unable to represent the community because of his interest as a school governor. Cllr George emphasised that he was appointed as a Local Education Authority representative by Pembrokeshire County Council but would investigate the matter further.

184.3 Cllr M Gray felt there was now an opportunity to move forward as the old pool was closed. He had identified land at Ysgol Dewi Sant that he would make available with the aim of providing a site for a new pool and he presented outline plans of the land available. It was possible by using the existing tennis courts to have both a pool and sports hall preferably with a new access via the electrical sub station field.

184.4 St Davids Community Pool Group Letter of 25 June 2009 it was RESOLVED to defer responding to the Community Pool Group's letter regarding the location of the proposed Sports Hall and requesting a review of Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet's original decision to close the facility given that 6 months had elapsed and to invite group representatives to meet with the City Council to review the way forward.

In reaching this decision there was a consensus that this new opportunity should develop and it should include:-

184.4.1 Letting the sports hall be built on the pool site.

184.4.2 Retaining the tennis courts in the current position.

184.4.3 The community working towards building a community managed pool on the adjacent land.

184.5 Newsletter No 6 June 2009 – was RESOLVED to be received.

184.6 Mr D Rowlands email of 4 July 2009 - In questioning the June monthly meeting minutes regarding a show of hands requested by Mr Rowlands in relation to support for a wind turbine at Ysgol Dewi Sant at the close of the Annual Community Meeting on 11 May. It was agreed that Mr Rowlands received the

expression of support, and the Clerk had recorded this in the Annual Community Meeting minutes, it was also noted that this vote had not been formally called by the chair as the meeting was concluding.

185 PLAY AREA

- 185.1 Maintenance and Repairs - The Clerk provided updates on work undertaken.
- 185.2 Selection of New Equipment:-
 - 185.2.1 The Clerk reported that responses from the schools and Drop In to obtain views of young people were awaited. Members were then invited to a site meeting with a supplier on Tuesday 7 July at 10.30pm.
- 185.3 New fencing in the entrance area – it was RESOLVED to accept a quotation of £200 plus fixing from St Davids Assemblies Ltd for the supply of a new galvanised steel fence panel to match the existing fence.

186 ORIENTATION SIGNS

- 186.1 City Hall location – it was agreed that the new sign be post mounted adjacent to the neighbouring property at the west end of the frontage.
- 186.2 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 17 June 2009 requesting a design and access statement for the signs was noted and it was RESOLVED to comment on the excessive nature of the letter given the application was for a sign. The Clerk had completed the statement and the revisions to the application were to be submitted
- 186.3 Pembrokeshire County Council emails of 17 and 24 June 2009 granting approval for placing maps in car parks in principle and the application form for street works licences to erect the maps at £50 per site together with a maintenance commitment were noted and it was RESOLVED to apply for the street works licences for the Quickwell Hill and Merryvale car park sites and pay the fee.

187 FOOT CARE

- 187.1 Age Concern Wales letter of 3 June 2009 regarding the campaign for foot care for older people in Wales was noted and Cllr G James reported that St.Davids is being actively considered for a pilot scheme that was a matter discussed at a meeting with the Mayor and Pembrokeshire NHS Trust on 24 June 2009.

188 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Draft Annual Action Plan 2010-2011, Cllr m Gray confirmed that a response had been submitted.

189 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME – the Mayor reported on a poorly attended public meeting with the police on 18 June 2009. As the meeting was primarily attended by city councillors it was noted that information on a further meeting in the autumn would be promoted in the next newsletter.

190 MATTERS REGARDING YOUNG PEOPLE:-

- 190.1 Youth Drop In – Heidi Holland email of 16 June 2009 was noted and the provision of sexual health information outreach workers at Whitesands was RESOLVED to be supported.
- 190.2 Junior City Council – Heidi Holland email of 22 June 2009 – it was RESOLVED to encourage this involvement and to reconfirm the invitation to young people to attend City Council meetings to discuss their points of interest.

191 STREET TRADING following illegal trading by a burger van on Cross Square - Bissmire Fudge & Co letter of 17 June 2009.

- 191.1 It was RESOLVED to accept the advice provided and to instigate a street trading code and to ask Pembrokeshire County Council Licencing for their assistance.
- 191.2 It was agreed to find the address of the trader and to write to the trader advising that they should cease trading on Cross Square.

192 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.

- 192.1 MR GM PHILLIPS.

193 REALLY WILD FESTIVAL:-

193.1 Letter of 22 June 2009. After discussion it was agreed that members should present any ideas to enhance the programme to the Festival organisers.

193.2 Newsletter of 22 June 2009 was RESOLVED to be received.

Accounts:**194** Internal Audit for June.

This was due for completion during the current week.

195 Accounts for June 2009.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JUNE 2009

BALANCES at	27.06.2009	£
	Current A/c	38584
	Premium A/c	23990
	Total	62574

SUMMARY	Car Park	City Hall	Admin	Capital	Misc	Café	St Justinian	VAT	TOTAL
Income	38473	4573			4732	2923		7409	58110
Expenditure	8471	3807	14772	545	2574		75	641	30785
Balance	30002	766	-14772	-545	2158	2923	-75	6768	27325

DONATIONS

LGA 1972 Sec 137 for 2009/10 is £9575 (£6.15 pp for 1557 residents)	
Last month's donations	50
Total donated 2009/10 YTD	1112
Balance available	8463

LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery Maintenance	
Total donated 2009/10 YTD	0

PAYMENTS

	£
Peter Lavin	1471.05
J Phillips	273.42
D C Menday	1483.23
P L Evans	237.40
Clerk's expenses June	20.55
Allianz Insurance	6250.37
Arnold Boorman	15.50
Mel Davies	250.00
PCNPA planning fee	165.00
Abba Loos Ltd	69.00
H Bennett & Sons	1020.96
Pembs CC	22.50
CK Supermarkets	89.96
M Fitzgerald – plumber	27.00
Mathias Mica	30.68
Richard Cotton, Trefn Design	225.00

	Total	11651.62
Accounts received since 27.6.09	Lappset UK Ltd	77.05
	Glasfryn Engraving	60.00
	Cegin Paran JR & JS Jones	562.50
	Sqeeky Kleen	41.07
	Peter Lavin	1396.50
	British Gas	171.96
	J Phillips	290.68
	HMRC NIC	1928.52
	HMRC VAT	7676.32
	Viking Direct	76.09
	HMRC VAT	7676.32

195.1 Permission to pay the accounts was RESOLVED to be granted.

196 Annual External Audit 2008/9 – Approval of audit for submission.

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the completed audit documentation and it was RESOLVED to accept and to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return that were now to be submitted to BDO Stoy Hayward LLP.

197 Donations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act:-

197.1 Alzheimer's Society letter of thanks of 4 June 2009 for a donation of £50 was RESOLVED to be received.

197.2 948 Squadron (Haverfordwest and St Davids) Air Training Corps donation request letter received 29 June 2009 - it was RESOLVED to donate £100.

197.3 Shelter Cymru letter received 1 July 2009 - it was RESOLVED to donate £50.

Correspondence

198 Welsh Assembly Government letter of 28 May 2009 – Consultation Report on the Future of Community Health Councils in Wales was RESOLVED to be received.

199 St Davids Cathedral Festival letter of 1 June 2009 was RESOLVED to be received.

200 Pembrokeshire County Council letter thanks of 2 June 2009 for contribution of £1000 towards the Celtic Coaster was RESOLVED to be received.

201 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 3 June 2009 – Deposit Local Development Plan (end date 2021) Site Allocation Representations – The 'Alternative Sites' Stage – was RESOLVED to be received with points having been made previously at the Pre Deposit and Deposit stages with no further.

202 One Voice Wales email of 19 June 2009 - Global research project on community understanding of sustainable development. More information was to be requested especially the venue for Cllr P Goddard.

203 Local Works email of 10 June 2009 regarding Sustainable Communities Act – request for support for Citizen's Convention Bill was RESOLVED to be received.

204 Society of Local Council Clerks - Renewal of membership 2009 and subscription of £166 it was RESOLVED to renew membership and pay the fee.

- 205** Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Letter of 24 June 2009 and Annual Report was RESOLVED to be received.
- 206** Pembrokeshire County Council - Invitation of 25 June 2009 to attend Citizenship Ceremony on Thursday 9 July 2009 at 10.30am – it was RESOLVED that Cllr P Goddard would represent the City Council.
- 207** Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 26 June 2009 - Parking charges at the Grove car park. It was RESOLVED to write emphasising that parking charges should be reduced to encourage peripheral parking in St Davids in order to minimise city centre parking.
- 208** One Voice Wales letter of 26 June 2009 and the National Training Programme for Community and Town Councils were RESOLVED to be received.
- 209** RNLI email request of 1 July 2009 for free parking for a fundraising campaign at Whitesands from 11th July to 4th September.
It was RESOLVED to confirm that the existing 4 spaces be used for this service and Cllr M Gray offered to follow up the planned arrangements with local representatives.
- 210** Standard letters, Promotional information and Newsletters etc – the following items were RESOLVED to be received:-
- 210.1 PACTO – Pembrokeshire Minibus Match – registration information.
 - 210.2 Welsh Assembly Government letter received 18.6.09 re Flexible Support for Business.
 - 210.3 North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum - News Briefing.
 - 210.4 The Voice British Cleaning Council newsletter Summer 09.

211 Reports from Members representing the Council on Local Groups and Events:-

- 211.1 Bws y Bobol - minutes of meeting of 23.6.09 & financial report for June 2009 are available. Cllr R Thornton reported that 271 passenger journeys were made in April and May; this would have been more apart from the resolution of technical problems that had been delayed as a result of the coachbuilder going into liquidation.
- 211.2 One Voice Wales (OVW) – C Taylor noted that at the AGM there were just 4 councils represented and the Development Officer is standing down and the speaker did not attend. Discussion focussed on increasing OVW membership, boundary changes and the removal of Dyfed post address.
- 211.3 St.Davids Christmas Tree Association – Cllr B Price advised there were no matters to report.
- 211.4 St.Davids Day Celebration Group - Mayor advised that there were no matters to report.
- 211.5 St Davids Eco City Group – Cllr R Thornton advised that there was a meeting the following day.
- 211.6 St.Davids Peninsula Association for the Care of the Elderly and Disabled – Cllr G James gave a general update.
- 211.7 St.Davids Peninsula Tourist Association - Cllr D Chant advised that there was a meeting this week.
- 211.8 St.Davids Matsieng Lesotho Link – Cllr C Taylor reported on a recent meeting with visiting teacher from Lesotho and that there was a coffee morning in the City Hall on the coming Saturday.
- 211.9 Youth Drop In – no report.

212 County Councillor's Report

Cllr J George commented on these matters:-

1. Need to correct the signwriting spelling mistakes on the Celtic Coaster bus. This was being presented to Pembrokeshire County Council.
2. New large planter at the High Street New Street junction seemed to be bringing out mixed feelings from the community with some very supportive and others very critical.
3. Thanks were offered to the Jo and Gianni Dilorenzo at The Bench for the 2 planters complete with lilies that they kindly provided outside of the City Hall.

The following questions were presented to be followed up by Cllr George:-

1. Traffic calming measures outside of Ysgol Dewi Sant were requested once again.
2. Speeding in Nun Street – Cllr P Goddard outlined a near miss incident she had witnessed and asked about the prospect of traffic calming speed bumps; J George noted it has been considered as a safe route to school and agreed to follow this up.

3. Traffic going the wrong way into New Street - J George advised that Pembrokeshire County Council were due to visit but this has not happened.
4. Hedge trimming – why has this been left so late this year?
5. Lack of support in St.Davids for safety of children on roads; Cllr G James asked why have paths been so neglected in St.Davids?

It was requested that Cllr George get a time scale on these various points as well as improvements to parking at Ysgol Dewi Sant.

Clerk's Business:

213 Whitesands:-

- 213.1 Car Park Attendant and access.
Clerk gave an update on the latest position and in relation to the need for a central reservation at the entrance to the car park it was RESOLVED that costs for the design work were to be obtained from Pembrokeshire County Council and Roger Casey Associates.

- 213.2 Recycling – Clerk reported that new recycling bins are due to be fitted by Pembrokeshire County Council.

214 Colour Printer.

Given a developing need for a colour printer and the failure of an existing printer it was RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain prices for a printer appropriate to the City Council's needs. The Clerk noted that an assessment of a colour printer suitable for printing the newsletter in house was uneconomic it being cheaper to use professional printing services.

215 Website Update.

The Clerk outlined that the website was around 10 years old and needed a design update particularly regarding access legislation for .gov sites. A quotation from Mr T Stowe of £350 for 20 hours work was RESOLVED to be accepted with the use of open source (free) software (Joomla) likely to be used with the Clerk noting that some training may be required.

216 Dates for Meetings and Events.

The following dates and events were RESOLVED to be confirmed:-

- 216.1 Tidal Energy Ltd was invited to present their plans at the Second meeting of the Month on 20 July.
- 216.2 Christmas Light Switch On was on Saturday 5 December – subject to Christmas Tree Association confirmation.
- 216.3 Christmas Senior Citizen's Lunch to be on Wednesday 9 December.
- 216.4 Civic Reception to be on Friday 11 December.
- 216.5 St Davids Day Dinner, as St Davids Day is a Monday 1 March 2010, would be on Saturday 27 February 2010.

217 Nuisance and Mess from Waste Bags.

It was agreed to seek press coverage to remind everyone that black waste bags should be covered if they are put out early to prevent interference by birds and animals. J George offered to get Pembrokeshire County Council to assist with this matter.

Planning:

- 218 NP/09/238** Construction of dwelling at Maes yr Hedydd / 44 Bryn Road – Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter 26 June 2009 giving revised information - it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT subject to ensuring that the sewerage arrangements are satisfactory.

- 219 NP/09/117** Change of use at Glan y Môr Campsite - Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority letter of 24 June 2009 provides a new description 'Change of use of the campsite from tents on 60 pitches to a mixture of tents, camper vans and tourer caravans from 36 pitches and the extension of the season to be open from 1 February until 31 December in each year' - it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.

220 09/0202/PA Conversion of 2 barns into holiday cottages – Barns 1 and 2 Crug Glas, Abereiddy, it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.

221 NP/09/265 Erection of stable block at The Waterings, Anchor Drive, it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT. Cllr D Chant declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting.

222 NP/09/273 Personal application for life time permission to continue residential use of chalet at Higney, Rhodiad. As there was a history of 2 previous applications NP/07/484 and NP/08/277 both of which had been refused on appeal it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT given the City Council’s decision to support the original application.

223 NP/09/278 New Dormer bungalow at 6a Maes Elfed it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT.

Mayor’s Business

224 Civic Service – Cllr P Goddard gave her thanks for the event and raised her concern over an incident of antisocial behaviour by children and the lack of police response and presence. A general discussion on this ongoing concern followed without resolution.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Chair

Date.....

**Minutes of the 'In Committee' Business of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 6th July 2009
in the Council Chamber at 6.30pm**

Present: SJ Halse Mayor, JG Lloyd Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, DJO Chant, DJH George, PA Goddard, MC Gray, MG D James, BT Price, CT Taylor, RJ Thornton with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

225 Mr GM Phillips

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Chair

Date.....

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 20 July 2009 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

Present: SJ Halse Mayor, JG Lloyd Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, DJO Chant, DJH George, PA Goddard, MG D James, CT Taylor, RJ Thornton with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

226 The Mayor welcomed Mr Chris Williams, Director of Tidal Energy Ltd and he provided an update on the scheme for the proposed tidal energy pilot trials in Ramsey Sound following from the public exhibition last March.

In summarising the 12 month trial at the northern end of Ramsey Sound, he outlined progress with the next step being the planning application for the land based components due in the next few weeks. The planning application for the off shore works, this being the triple turbine unit some 36 metres long and weighing 250 tonnes was to follow in October 2009.

Other progress and information provided included:-

226.1 A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment and a comprehensive site survey were ongoing with the latter involving water flow measurement as well as system design and scale model testing at a laboratory in France. The whole installation sequence and the loadings involved had been assessed together with the electrical design.

226.2 Onshore works at St Justinians would include a foreshore landing point along the side of the slipway in an above ground steel box less than one foot square. A small building to enable the sea cable joint to the land cable was planned at the base of the cliff. On the cliff there will be a temporary power conversion compound with temporary road works to enable delivery of the equipment, all this being located in the RNLI's field. This will contain the conversion equipment to convert the generated power to be compliant with the 11kv National Grid onshore system. The routing of the cable was preferred along existing man made structures rather than up the cliff to the RNLI's own field with local landowners having been supportive of the scheme.

226.3 The connection to the local electrical poles will involve the last 2 poles being placed underground and the cable will have to be upgraded to 11kv so creating a general improvement in supply for the area.

226.4 Looking to the future after the trial, the existing National Grid connection in St.Davids could potentially take 3 turbine units.

226.5 The next public event will be an exhibition on the scheme in November 2009.

The Mayor and members thanked Mr Williams for providing a comprehensive review of progress, and in particular for the very open approach that has been adopted during the whole consultation and assessment phase of the project.

227 Apologies for Absence: M Gray (Work commitment), B Price (family commitment), S Williams (work commitment).

228 Declarations of Interest:

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest that they might have in relation to items on this agenda.

228.1 Councillors G James, J George, R Thornton and the Clerk declared prejudicial interests as Governors of Ysgol Dewi Sant in relation to item 229.

228.2 Cllr C Taylor declared a prejudicial interest as a member of St.Davids Community Pool Group in relation to item 229.

Matters arising from the 6 July 2009 meeting:

229 Pool and Sports Hall.

229.1 Community Pool Group Minutes of meeting of 15 July 2009 were RESOLVED to be received.

- 229.2 Report on City Council meeting with Community Pool Group representatives on 17 July 2009. The Mayor summarised key points from the meeting and her written report was RESOLVED to be received.
- 229.3 Invitation for City Council representatives to attend a St Davids Community Pool Group Meeting with LA Consultants on 28 July 2009 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber – it was RESOLVED that Councillors Braby, Goddard and Lloyd would represent the Council with apologies from the Mayor S Halse and J George.
- 230 Oriel y Parc letter of 3 July 2009 regarding a general review of signage - it was RESOLVED to arrange a meeting with Oriel y Parc and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority in September.
- 231 Citizenship Ceremony – Cllr P Goddard described the dignified and very welcoming ceremony that she attended at County Hall when a resident of St Davids was granted citizenship.
- 232 Colour printer – it was RESOLVED that following the assessment made that the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer should proceed with the purchase of an appropriate printer for the office and some office furniture alterations.
- 233 Recycling Bins at Whitesands – the Clerk reported that the installation of new small bins was nearly complete and it was RESOLVED that the white lines in the bus park area should be refreshed.
- 234 Shelter Cymru letter of thanks for donation of £50 was RESOLVED to be received.
- 235 948 Squadron Haverfordwest and St Davids Air Training Corps letter of thanks for donation of £100 was RESOLVED to be received.
- 236 County Councillor J George reported on the position with various matters that he was following up:-
- 236.1 Vehicle activated sign by Ysgol Dewi Sant while installed still was awaiting electrical connection.
 - 236.2 Traffic calming at Ysgol Dewi Sant – this was delayed following amended plans.
 - 236.3 Hedge trimming on minor roads was in progress.
 - 236.4 Nun Street safe route for children was delayed during the summer weeks.
 - 236.5 One Way signage for New Street - High Street junction – sign orientation was awaited.
 - 236.6 CK's new signage to for one way system - new road markings are planned to stop cars leaving the wrong way.
 - 236.7 Rubbish bags – leafleting of properties whose residents leave full waste bags out too early or unprotected was in progress by Pembrokeshire County Council.
 - 236.8 Declaration of Interests – Cllr George outlined the responses he had received from the Monitoring Officer regarding his position both as a Governor and County Councillor.
 - 236.9 Surface Dressing of A487 and lack of central white lines. These were overdue and weather permitting they will be completed soon but no date had been received.
- Questions:
- 236.10 White lining further along Haverfordwest Road would not affect the school – this further delay was unacceptable and Cllr George was asked to pursue this and provide a timetable.
 - 236.11 Vehicle Actuated Speed Warning Sign by Ysgol Dewi Sant – the reasons for delay in connecting the equipment seemed inadequate and the matter was to be followed up.

Correspondence

237 Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

The Mayor outlined the following consultations that were RESOLVED to be received with members agreeing to respond individually via the relevant websites:-

- 237.1 Letter of 6 July 2009 Guidance for Sustainable Design in the National Parks of Wales.
- 237.2 Letter received 9 July 2009 – Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on the Validation of Planning Applications.

- 238** PLANED Communities as the Rural Hub Report and letter received 6.7.09 with meeting on 21.7.09 it was RESOLVED that the Council would be represented G James, R Thornton and the Clerk.
- 239** RESOLVED that the public be excluded under the terms of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the disclosure of information would be prejudicial to the public interest.
- 239.1 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 8 July 2009 Commons Registration Act 1965, Register Unit Number VG/22 Caerfarchell Village Green.
- 240** No through road sign into St Non's Close – request from Miss M Trott - it was RESOLVED to request a no through road sign to be placed at the entrance to St Non's Close.
- 241** LNG Tankers – Request from Marloes and St Brides Community Council – ‘Will the City Council be accepting the offer from the Milford Haven Port Authority (MHPA) in its letter of 6 May 2009 to meet and discuss LNG safety in St Brides Bay?’ It was RESOLVED to accept the offer from Milford Haven Port Authority to come to a meeting with the City Council and this was to be extended to all of the community councils bordering St Brides Bay.
- 242** Mrs J Wadkin – Request for traffic control measures such as a speed camera and lower speed limits for Caerfai Road. This followed several incidents of speeding, anti social driving and the death of a cat and it was RESOLVED to ask Pembrokeshire County Council for the cost of installing speed control ‘bumps’ in 3 locations along Caerfai Road.
- 243** Pembrokeshire County Council letter received 16 July 2009 - Pembrokeshire Affordable Housing Delivery Statement (Draft) Consultation closing on 9 September 2009. It was RESOLVED to present the following points:-
- 243.1 Low Cost Housing – That the use of simple designs be emphasised to keep costs low with the example of the ‘prefab’ approach in post war building to be reconsidered.
- 243.2 Down Sizing - When the occupancy of a property changes, as with a reduction in family numbers, there is a need to ensure that houses are re-allocated to ensure the housing of an appropriate number of residents for each property.
- 243.3 Holiday homes – that the number of holiday homes in the community be managed in order to retain housing for the community.
- 244** Defra undated letter received 17 July 2009 – Defra and Welsh Assembly Government review on how public authorities in England and Wales have responded to the duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity. A duty stemming from the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. This was RESOLVED to be received given that it really applied to larger authorities with the poor standard of the enquiry letter to be drawn to the attention of Defra.
- 245** Cllr Tom Tudor – Skateboarding Park for Haverfordwest – The mayor had responded to the online questionnaire that seeks support for a skate park.
- 246** Welsh Assembly Government email of 17 July 2009 - Consultation on proposals for the Scallop Fishery in Welsh waters was RESOLVED to be received.
- 247** Newsletters, standard letters etc that were RESOLVED to be received:-
- 247.1 Milford Haven Port Authority Annual Report, Business Review and Accounts 2008.
- 247.2 Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum latest electronic newsletter on <http://www.pembrokeshirecoastalforum.org.uk/index.php/resources>
- 247.3 North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum June 2009 - Briefing available electronically.
- 247.4 Pembrokeshire Voice July 2009 – PAVS.
- 247.5 Play for Wales Summer 2009 Newsletter.

Clerk's Business

248 Homecoming Parade for 14th Signals Regiment (Electronic Warfare) for Tuesday 6 October 2009 – it was RESOLVED to invite the Regiment to parade through St Davids and to offer the same arrangements and hospitality as in the parade in 2008. Given the likely numbers of soldiers and guests being around 140, it was also agreed to ask the Grove Hotel for a cost for the same level of service to include a buffet and welcome drinks.

249 Whitesands Beach Café – Clerk reported that the rear electrically actuated windows had been repaired at a cost of around £795 following the failure of the closers on account of corrosion. It was RESOLVED to include 6 monthly greasing of the actuator chains within the maintenance schedule for the building and to have windows opened on a regular basis especially during the winter months.

250 Market on the Cross Square.

The Clerk reported on recent interest from a provider of Pembrokeshire strawberries and cream as well as a similar request to sell local brand pop. It was RESOLVED that the sale of the strawberries was accepted and that traders should seek permission from the Clerk to sell new products in the light of the established nature and size of the market. The sale of pop was not agreed.

251 St Davids Day Dinner – As the Twmpath had been confirmed for Saturday 26 February 2010 and it was RESOLVED to hold the Council Dinner on Monday 28 February 2010.

Planning

252 NP/09/292 The construction of a new multi-use sports hall, fitness gym and changing facilities together with improvements to the combined school / sports hall site access and remodelling of parking at Ysgol Dewi Sant.

The interests declared were discussed and it was RESOLVED that members declaring prejudicial interests were able to stay during the discussion but did not contribute to the debate and did not vote.

The opinions of the remaining voting members S Halse, J Lloyd, J Braby, D Chant and P Goddard were presented and on a vote it was RESOLVED to offer COUNCIL SUPPORT for the application.

253 NP/09/301 Orientation Signs at Focal points in St Davids – This was the City Council’s own application and it was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chair

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'In Committee' Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Month on Monday 20 July 2009 the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

Present: SJ Halse Mayor, JG Lloyd Deputy-Mayor, JW Braby, DJO Chant, DJH George, PA Goddard, MG D James, CT Taylor, RJ Thornton with PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer) and DC Menday (Clerk).

254 Apologies for Absence: M Gray (Work commitment), B Price (family commitment), S Williams (work commitment).

255 Pembrokeshire County Council letter of 8 July 2009 Commons Registration Act 1965, Register Unit Number VG/22 Caerfarchell Village Green.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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