

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 7th January 2019 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor MJ Chant, Deputy Mayor FD John, ES Evans, DJH George, DJ Griffiths, JG Lloyd, BS Sehmi, RT Thornton, S Williams, AC York with CH Gray, JE Foster (Clerks) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

450 Apologies for Absence: BT Price, DB Halse and County Council D Lloyd

451 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.

451.1 Cllr Evans declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 467 and left the Council Chamber while the item was discussed.

451.2 Cllr Chant declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Item 474 and left the Council Chamber while the item was discussed.

452 Confirmation of Minutes for:-

452.1 The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 3rd December 2018 were RESOLVED to be approved.

Matters Arising

453 ST DAVIDS FESTIVAL OF IDEAS Members were joined by Mr John Osmond of Plaid Cymru. The following information regarding St Davids Festival of Ideas was presented by Mr Osmond.

St Davids Festival of Ideas

A small group representing St Davids City Council, Pembrokeshire County Council, St Davids Cathedral, the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Pembrokeshire College, the main political parties, and other organisations and individuals, have come together to promote a St Davids Festival of Ideas. Our proposal is for this to be held over the weekend following St Davids Day in the Spring of 2020. The working title is *Wales 2030*. We see the event as being national in character, drawing people from all parts of Wales and beyond.

We envisage the Festival as being cross-party and open to all, with the Festival's programme embracing a wide range of subject areas, including the arts, sciences, education the environment, as well as politics and current affairs. The objective is to attract innovative and far-sighted thinkers from across the disciplines and from around the world.

Inspiration

One inspiration for the proposal is Almedalan Week, held in early July on the Swedish island of Gotland, 100 kilometres east of Stockholm. With speeches, seminars and other activities, involving all the country's eight parties, it is regarded as one of the most important forums in Swedish politics. It is a kind of political Eisteddfod in which journalists, politicians, business people, artists, lobbyists and activists mingle, debate and exchange ideas.

The event was initiated by the future Swedish premier Olof Palme in the late 1960s. In the first few years the gathering was small, involving a few hundred people. However, in recent decades it has grown hugely, and is now attended by 40,000 people, with more than 4,000 activities, and 800 journalists accredited. An important dimension is that all seminars are free of charge, with the large majority open to everybody. It is noteworthy, too, that Almedalan Week has inspired similar events in other Nordic countries, such as Suomo-Areena in Finland, Arendalsveckan in Norway, Arvamusfestival in Estonia, and Folkdmødet on the island of Bornholm in Denmark.

There are a number of inter-locking reasons why St Davids is an ideal location for a Festival Ideas. In the first place it is a site of European significance for pilgrimage. Historically, two pilgrimages to St Davids were equal to one to Rome, and three were equal to one to Jerusalem. And of course, a pilgrimage is not just a spiritual and physical undertaking, but a mental and intellectual one as well.

Then, of course, although St Davids is a small community, with a population of less than 2,000, it is a city with the Cathedral, Oriel y Parc, and a range of hotels, all in the magnificent rural setting of Dewisland. It is also near the western edge of Wales, sufficiently remote to ensure that the people who attend will be with each other for the Festival's duration, breaking bread as well as talking for a weekend. For this short period the Festival will take over St St Davids in a way that couldn't happen if it were held in an urban setting such as Swansea or Cardiff. As with the Hay Festival the event will create its own buzz and distinctive atmosphere.

453.1 Support for the event. It was RESOLVED to endorse the City Council's support.

453.2 Permission to use the City Hall premise for meetings. It was RESOLVED to grant permission for Festival Committee to use the Memorial Hall free of charge.

453.3 Permission to use the City Council address for post. It was RESOLVED to defer the request to the subsequent meeting of the City Council.

454 DIARY DATES Members were reminded of the following events:

454.1 Lesotho St Davids link Bring and Buy sale on Saturday 12th January 2019 at 10.00am in City Hall.

454.2 Building Community Wealth – PLANED's Pembrokeshire Community Forum Network on Wednesday 13th February 2019, from 5.30pm – 8.30pm in Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock. Cllr Sehmi agreed to attend on behalf of the City Council.

455 WHITESANDS

455.1 Applications for 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.

455.2 Maintenance of exterior of Beach Café. It was RESOLVED to schedule the outside maintenance of the café for February (weather permitting) anticipating the completion of the work in time for the opening of the car park on 1st March. It was RESOLVED to arrange for the exterior to be pressure washed and painted where necessary, and to replace the existing exterior lights.

456 TRAFFIC MATTERS

456.1 Coaches and transport strategy for St Davids. The Clerk confirmed that the meeting had been arranged for 1.00pm at Youth Drop In centre on Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

456.2 Bus Shelter at Caerfarchell – the Clerk confirmed that no response had been to date.

456.3 Bus shelter at New Street (opposite Barclays Bank) – Owen Roberts's e-mail of 20th December 2018 was received. It was RESOLVED to arrange a site visit with Mr Roberts to discuss the matter further.

457 MAYORAL HONOUR BOARD Approval of Cllr Chant's design for new board. It was RESOLVED to proceed with a Portrait board in Oak wood with the City Council's crest in the apex of the board.

458 YSGOL PENRHYN DEWI

458.1 Linzi Morris e-mail of 19th December 2018 Invitation for the Mayor to meet with the School Council was received. Cllr Chant agreed to attend their meeting on Thursday 17th January 2019.

458.2 It was RESOLVED to write a letter of thanks to the school for their nativity performance at the annual Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

459 ORIENTATION MAPS Richard Cotton e-mail of 17th December 2018 was received.

Accounts

460 The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the Internal Audit for November 2018 had been completed successfully.

461 The accounts for December 2018 were RESOLVED to be approved and permission was granted to pay.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 2018

Balance as at 18/12/2018		£				
	Current A/c	44801.90				
INCOME	Car Park					
	City Hall	421.88				
	Cafe	600.00				
	Market stalls	70.00				
	Chamber door repairs per C T Taylor	731.46				
	Total	1823.34				
	LGA 1972 SEC 137 2018/19 £11624		LGA 1972 Sec 214 Cemetery			
	Last month's donations	1100.00		Total donated 2018/19	1400	
	2018/19 total	4000.00				
	Balance available	7624.00				
PAYMENTS		£				
	Admin	3020.03		Salaries: Clerk,Asst & RFO		
				Nest Pensions		
		89.12		Internet/telephone		
		66.60		Assistant Clerk expenses		
		185.00		Renewal SLCC membership		
				Website maintenance		
		150.00		Computer maintenance		
	Whitesands			Attendant's commission		
		221.76		Telephones set up		
		245.00		EPC rating		
		7327.24		Carreg Construction		
	Playground					
	Skate Park					
	Hall & House	248.16		Caretaker's salary		
		264.00		Repairs to auto doors		
		209.00		New microphone		
		21.35		D/D Boiler service etc		
		112.32		Leak repairs		
		77.10		Supplies		
	Mayor's Expenses			Travel		
	St Justinians			Toilet hire		
				Toilet cleaning		
	Miscellaneous	108.00		RFO exps (inc Xmas/Drop In)		
		80.25		Poo bags		
		350.00		Ongoing bench repairs etc		
		1095.60		New bee/butterfly bench		
		1742.46		Xmas events		
		1177.09		PCC (Council tax (3))		
	Total	16790.08				
Minutes 2018 / 2019			95			

462 Finance**462.1 DONATIONS:****462.1.1 Requests**

462.1.1.1 Hannah Morris e-mail of 16th December 2018 was received. It was RESOLVED to allow one free use of the City Hall for a coffee morning.

462.1.2 Thanks

462.1.2.1 St Davids Cathedral letter of 28th November 2018 was received.

462.1.2.2 Welsh Hearts letter of 11th December 2018 was received.

462.1.2.3 St Davids Fire & Rescue Station letter of December 2018 was received.

Correspondence:

463 Bruno Peek e-mail of 27th November 2018 VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020 was received.

464 J Haswell letter of 7th December 2018 Council tax base 2019/20 was received and it was RESOLVED not to set a precept for 2019/20. It was further RESOLVED to review the situation following the next financial year.

465 PCNPA e-mail of 7th December 2018 LDP Update. Hard copy of strategy and deposit plan available in Council Chamber. It was RESOLVED to defer this item and include this as an item on the agenda for a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

466 Rachel Gibby e-mail of 11th December 2018 Innovative models of care in our communities was received.

467 Pembrokeshire County Council e-mail of 17th December 2018 LDP2. It was RESOLVED for both Clerks to attend the workshop on Monday 14th January 2019.

468 Pembrokeshire County Council e-mail of 20th December 2018 Budget Consultation form was received. It was RESOLVED for the Clerks to formulate a corporate response and to share the consultation information on City Council facebook page.

469 Mike Cavanagh e-mail of 20th December 2018 Re-discovering Ancient Connections update was received.

470 Joan Lockett e-mail of 20th December 2018 Community and Town Council update was received.

471 Jenny Capitao e-mail of 20th December 2018 Webcasting of Standards Committee and Hearings was received. Members considered it appropriate that matters pertaining to the public interest be broadcast whilst sensitive information remain confidential and it was RESOLVED to submit these comments to the County Council.

472 Reports from Members representing the Council:-

472.1 St Davids Christmas Tree Association. Both Cllr Williams and Evans reported that the event had been very successful.

472.2 St Davids Day Celebration Group. The Clerk advised members that the next meeting was due to take place on Friday 18th January 2019 at 11.00am in the Council Chamber. Katie Murphy e-mail of 13th December 2018 was received. It was RESOLVED to move the Cawl competition forward an hour and to commence at 1.00pm as the Dragon Parade would be taking place in the late afternoon.

472.3 St Davids Day Centre for the Elderly. Cllr Williams reported that they had started back today and the first session back had gone well.

472.4 St Davids Peninsula Tourist Association. Cllr Evans advised members that the 2019 broadsheet had now been finalised and printed. Cllr Evans confirmed that the new secretary was Mrs Katie Murphy.

472.5 Porthclais Harbour Authority. Cllr John reported that the authority had recently submitted an application for funding from second homes tax, to repair the footbridge at Porthclais Harbour.

472.6 St Davids - Matsieng Lesotho Link – minutes of AGM on Tuesday 6th November 2018 were received. The Responsible Finance Officer reminded member that the coffee morning was due to be held on Saturday 11th January 2019 at 10.00am in the City Hall.

472.7 Youth Drop In. Nothing to report.

- 472.8 Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi Governor. Cllr Thornton reported that the full implications of the budget reductions were awaited by the Governing Body.
- 472.9 St Davids Community Forum. Cllr Sehmi – AGM at 7.00pm on 29th January in Ebenezer
- 472.10 Porthstinan Boat Owners Association. Nothing to report.
- 472.11 Porthmawr Surf Life Saving Club. Nothing to report
- 472.12 Bws Y Bobl. Nothing to report
- 472.13 Music and Arts Festival. Nothing to report.
- 472.14 Re-discovering Ancient Connections. Nothing further to report.
- 472.15 Coffee and Chat. Cllr John – first one back last week, going very well.
- 472.16 One Voice Wales – e-mail of 20th December 2018 together with minutes of 18th September 2018 were received.

Planning:

- 473** NP/118/0708 Change of use of timber chalet to tourist accommodation unit at Clegyr Uchaf Farm, St Davids, SA62 6QN. 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.
- 474** NP/18/0718 New fence to north and west boundaries and new garden shed (partially retrospective) at 9 Anchor Drive, St Davids, SA62 6BW. 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.
- 475** PCC/18/1002/PA Replacement dwelling at Frondeg, Carnhedryn, SA62 6XU. 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:

- 476** Cllr John reported Christmas street lights not working. It was RESOLVED to have the points fixed and to have the timers checked for next year.
- 477** Cllr Lloyd reported that the turnstiles at whitesands toilets were not working.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed
Chair

Date

Minutes of Second Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 21st January 2019 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor MJ Chant, Deputy Mayor FD John, ES Evans (arrived 8.25pm), DJH George, DJ Griffiths, BS Sehmi, RT Thornton, S Williams, AC York with CH Gray, JE Foster (Clerks) and PL Evans (Responsible Finance Officer).

478 Apologies for Absence: DB Halse, JG Lloyd and BT Price

479 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.

Matters Arising

480 DIARY DATES Members were reminded of the following event:

480.1 Building Community Wealth – PLANED’s Pembrokeshire Community Forum Network on Wednesday 13th February 2019, from 5.30pm – 8.30pm in Pater Hall, Pembroke Dock. Cllr York and Cllr Sehmi agreed to attend.

481 ST DAVIDS FESTIVAL OF IDEAS – postal address. *Minute Reference 524 taken on 16th March 2016 - St Davids City Council agreed not to allow outside organisations to use the City Hall as a postal address together. It was RESOLVED to maintain the City Council’s policy that the City Hall postal address be used solely for the St Davids City Council business.*

482 ST DAVIDS DAY DINNER

482.1 Venue – It was RESOLVED to host the event at Crug Glas on Friday 1st March 2019.

482.2 Guests– It was RESOLVED to invite all those on the official guest list.

482.3 Presents/flowers for guests – It was RESOLVED present gifts to the Lesotho High Commissioner and Mayor of Naas, and to present flowers to the wife of the guest speaker if applicable.

483 PUBLIC TOILETS

483.1 Jonathan Mills e-mail of 9th January 2019 confirming that the external light at Bryn Road toilets had been fixed and that the turnstiles at Whitesands toilets were now working, was received.

483.2 Cllr Williams reported that the internal lights in the Bryn Road toilets were not working. It was RESOLVED to inform Pembrokeshire County Council and request they be fixed.

484 TRAFFIC MATTERS

484.1 Coaches and transport strategy for St Davids – Pearl Kaill e-mail of 7th January 2019 was received. The Mayor reported that following a strategy meeting with representatives from the PCC Highway Authority, PCNPA and St Davids Cathedral and Peninsula Tourist Association, PCC confirmed that are looking into stopping all coaches/buses from entering and parking in St Davids and provide an additional bus park adjacent to Oriol y Parc to alleviate the traffic jams in the summer. Owen Roberts, Public Transport Co-ordinator had agreed to explore alternative routes for the service buses. PCNPA were keen to address the lack of seasonal car parking in the city centre. The Clerk explained that a land train scheme was being piloted in Saundesfoot and that there may be funding available for a similar scheme and would be investigated.

484.2 Bus Shelter at Caerfarchell – Owen Roberts e-mail of 14th January 2019 was received. The Clerk advised members that an application for funding from second homes tax would be completed in due course pending some form of public consultation.

484.3 Bus shelter at New Street (south end) – the Clerk confirmed that Mr Owen Roberts, Public Transport Co-ordinator at Pembrokeshire County Council had visited the site and would advise the

City Council whether it was possible to install a shelter once he had calculated the width of the pavement and height of the street furniture.

484.4 Street signs

484.4.1 Maes Y Dre damaged street name sign. It was RESOLVED to obtain a quote from St Davids Assemblies for repairing the sign together with a quote from Leander Architectural for a replacement.

484.4.2 Yr Hafan – Jenny Aston e-mail of 8th January 2019 confirming that there was no street sign indicating Yr Hafan was received. It was RESOLVED to obtain a quote for a street name sign in the original design from Leander Architectural.

484.5 Footpath to Waunfawr – Phil Leggett e-mail of 16th January 2019 confirming that the footpath would be paved with tarmac imminently was received.

484.6 Flashing traffic speed light on A487 Fishguard Road at approach to St Davids – the Clerk reported that there had been no response to date.

485 PCC PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

485.1 Draft Toilet Strategy Consultation Response form. It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the subsequent meeting of the City Council pending responses from individual members. It was further RESOLVED to advise the tenants of the café of the price increase and the implications in respect of the café's toilets.

485.2 LDP2 – Sara Morris e-mail of 14th January 2019 Rural Facilities In Your Area consultation. It was RESOLVED to submit a corporate response on behalf of the City Council, including a suggestion that the non-domestic rateable charges relief period be extended and reduced gradually in order to allow new businesses the opportunity to become fully established.

486 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR – The Clerk confirmed that a date for council training was still awaited.

487 MONDAY LUNCH CLUB Rebecca Thornton e-mail of 16th January 2019 confirming that a committee meeting to determine the future feasibility of the club was to take place on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7.00pm was received.

488 TREES Woodland Trust e-mail of 7th January 2019 Confirmation of successful application and delivery was received. It was RESOLVED to organise a community tree planting event at Waun Fawr and to seek advice from Mr Bernie Stephens. It was further RESOLVED to advertise the event on social media and to invite school children from Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, and representatives from 14 Signal Regiment.

Finance

489 CHIROPODY SERVICE –the Responsible Finance Officer reported that the service is supported by the Council and currently operates from the Wellbeing Centre, which is due to close. Ms Tanya Rice has requested permission to operate the service from the Drop In Centre. It was RESOLVED to agree that the service could operate at the Drop In Centre at the current rate of hire.

490 DONATIONS:**490.1.1 Requests**

490.1.1.1 Teenage Cancer Trust Cymru letter of 14th December 2018. It was RESOLVED to donate £100.

490.1.2 Thanks

490.1.2.1 Hannah Morris e-mail of 8th January 2019 was received.

Correspondence:

491 Hywel Dda Community Health Council letter of 27th December 2019 Survey - Our Plans In 2019/2020 We Want Your Views. It was RESOLVED to reiterate the Council's previous response.

- 492** Tracy Gilmartin-ward e-mail of 2nd January 2019 SuDS implementation 7th January 2019 was received.
- 493** Planning Aid Wales e-mail of 2nd January 2019 Next network events was received.
- 494** Julie Beckett e-mail of 12th January 2019 Request to position Festival Arts Box Office outside Memorial Hall. It was RESOLVED to allow the Festival of Arts to place a box office outside the Memorial Hall on the condition that the gazebo was positioned in such a place that would allow access to the display box fronting the property. Furthermore it was RESOLVED to include an article advertising the event in the summer edition of St Davids City News.
- 495** Llywela Harris e-mail of 14th January 2019 Suggestion to reduce parking bay outside St Davids surgery was received. It was RESOLVED endorse the suggestions and to forward the request to the Highway department of Pembrokeshire County Council.
- 496** Dawson Smith e-mail of 15th January 2019 Request from Penknife Club to maintain flower bed at Glasfryn Road roundabout was received. It was RESOLVED to endorse the suggestion and forward the request to the Highway department of Pembrokeshire County Council.
- 497** Dr Leah McLoughlin e-mail of 15th January 2019 Wales Kidney Research was received. It was RESOLVED to offer WKR a free stall at the St Davids Day market.

Planning:

- 498** NP/18/0665 Change of use of Dan Y Garn from holiday accommodation to residential use at Treleddydd Fawr, SA62 6PP – Development Management Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 10.00am at National Park Offices, Pembroke Dock. The information was received.
- 499** Planning Permission - NP/18/0051 38 Affordable residential dwellings, Hotel, 32 open market dwellings & associated car parking, access, landscaping, drainage & engineering works at Land at Glasfryn Road, St Davids, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6ST. The information was received and duly noted.
- 500** NP/18/0753 Replace rear door with 3m bi-fold door, additional roof light and amendments to two existing rear roof lights at Y Bwythyn, St Davids, SA62 6QL. 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 – the following items were RESOLVED to be included on the next agenda:

- 501** Deputy Mayor – flooding on the Whitesands road to the rear of Pen Porth Gwyn.
- 502** Cllr Williams – flooding on the Rhoddiad road between Gwryd Bach and Mynudd Ddu.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Date

Chair