

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Monday 21st November 2022 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor Cllr RJ Thornton, Deputy Mayor Cllr ES Evans, Cllr DJ Griffiths, Cllr FD John, Cllr JT Jeremy, Cllr B Lloyd, Cllr BT Price, Cllr R Price, Cllr BS Sehmi, Cllr S Williams, with S Mann (Clerk) and W Mann (Responsible Finance Officer).

124 Apologies for Absence: Cllr C. Plant, Cllr N Walsh

125 Declarations of Interest:

125.1 Cllr ES Evans declared a personal interest in item 132 and took no part in the discussion.

126 Confirmation of Minutes for:

The Council Monthly Meeting on Monday 7th November 2022. **RESOLVED** – Approved.

127 Matters Arising

127.1 Hall Booking Policy – see November 7th meeting resolution (107.1) to reconsider Terms and Conditions.

127.1.2 Wording from previous resolution on Hall Booking Policy. **Noted.**

127.1.3 Block Booking Policy – Hall Booking Form 2022 item: “1.5 The Halls can be booked for business use from either Monday to Friday or Friday to Monday only.” **RESOLVED** – Hall Booking Form 2022 item 1.5 to be removed allowing for block-booking to recommence.

127.2 Defibrillator needs to be wired into Memorial Hall. Clerk awaiting further quotations. **Noted.**

127.3 St Davids Scout Hut Land Asset Transfer. See email dated 15th November. **Noted.**

127.4 Oriel Y Parc Stakeholders Meeting Invitation to Councillors. Clerk offers apologies for not forwarding the invitation which had been received on the day of the Queen’s death and unfortunately because of the maelstrom of emails relating to her death it was missed. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to write and apologise for councillors not attending meeting.

127.5 Christmas Senior Citizens Lunch. Cllr Walsh visiting the City Hall kitchen after agenda issued. Consequently, further update provided at the council meeting. **Noted.** Owing to the absence of Cllr N Walsh, Cllr S Williams provided council with the update.

128 ANNUAL REVIEW OF WHITESANDS 2022

128.1 Responsible Finance Officer report Whitesands car park receipts. **RESOLVED** – Approved.

128.2 Approval of Accounts and report from the Responsible Finance Officer. **RESOLVED** – Approved. Report summarised below:

RFO REPORT WHITESANDS CAR PARK RECEIPTS 2022 SEASON

The figures for the 2022 year have been reassuring. There were some concerns that after the surprising figures of 2021 that 2022 might see a downturn as people returned to a normal non-covid year and began to take advantage of the non-restricted foreign travel.

However – although the figures are less than 2021 – they have returned to the kind of levels we were experiencing prior to covid you can see from the four- yearly comparatives that visitor numbers were a good 16 % higher than our last “normal” year in 2019

I have provided comparative figures in this report so that councillors can compare the 2022 season against the years going back to 2019.

The only significant additional cost in 2022 compared with the last four years or so is the figure shown under “resurfacing / fencing” which was the line painting and the clearance of sand and rubble from the perimeters.

The “card-machine” receipts represented 24% of the car park takings; this compares with only 10% in the previous year (the first year of its introduction) and so the decision by council to introduce this has been vindicated is probably a reflection of how people’s habits are changing as payment cards are being used more and more.

The WiFi issues have been largely resolved in terms of connectivity. The problems that we have encountered have been more to do with overall WiFi strength rather than a hardware failure. Before the start of the 2023 season the Clerk’s office will need to resolve the placement of the “router” which needs to be located in the café where it was originally intended to be.

One consideration that might be helpful when considering future ticket pricing is that even if the council decided to only increase pricing by “£1 across the board” this would increase the annual revenue (based on this year’s people count) by over £40000.

Will Mann

RFO

16th November 2022

128.3 Approval of commission to be paid to Messrs G and R Nash. As shown in the report.

RESOLVED – £8446 Approved.

128.4 Pricing structure for 2023. **RESOLVED** – Approved charges for 2023 season summarised below:

TICKET PRICES for 2023		
TICKET		Cost
DAY TICKETS	CAR	£6
	CAR after 3pm	£3.50
	CAR DISABLED	£4
	MOTORBIKE	£5
	MINIBUS	£20
	COACH	£30

SEASON TICKETS	CAR	£65
	CAR DISABLED	£40
	COMMERCIAL (PER BAY)	£1000
RESIDENT'S PASS		£15
WEEKLY TICKET		£25

- 128.5 Permission to purchase tickets and residents' passes for the 2023 season. **RESOLVED – Approved.**
- 128.6 Approval of application form and advert for car park attendant. **RESOLVED – Approved.** Clerk to attain job description and advertise on Social Media and Job Centre.
- 128.7 Whitesands Wifi: Email dated 7th November received from Total Tech. **RESOLVED – Approved.**

129 Council Property

- 129.1 City Hall WiFi: Intermittent and often sustained signal loss causing disruption to clerk's business. The Council currently has no contract for Broadband which means there is no technical support. Please see email dated 7th November received from Total Tech detailing solution to boost signal throughout City Hall complex. **RESOLVED – Clerk to obtain additional quotations.**

130 Correspondence

- 130.1 Email from PCC dated 3rd November providing quotation for next year's flowers. **RESOLVED – Approved.**
- 130.2 Email from Cllr R Price dated 9th November re. recycling bins at Cross Square. **RESOLVED – Approved.** County Councillor BT Price liaising with PCC.

Planning: Details of these can be found on the PCC NPA website.

- 131 NP/22/0636/FUL Change the use of the land for the seasonal siting of 5 camping domes Caerhys, Berea. SA626DX. RESOLVED – Approved.**

Planning: Details of these can be found on the PCC website.

- 132 Conversion of Detached Garage / Store with Alterations to Create Second Holiday Unit (The Studio)**

Site Address: THE FOLD, Cwmwdig Farm, BEREA, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6DN.

RESOLVED – Approved.

Any Other Business

- 133** Cllr RJ Thornton – City Hall Christmas decorations request for volunteers.
- 134** Cllr ES Evans - Memorial Hall Christmas tree update request.
- 135** Cllr ES Evans - City Hall Booking rates for 2023 to include electricity charge.
- 136** Cllr FD John – Drop In Centre back door in need of repair.
- 137** Cllr BT Price – Caretaker’s House hand over of keys update request - confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Date