



St Davids Community Forum Fforwm Cymunedol Tyddewi



St Davids Community Forum.

Minutes of the meeting March 28th 2017.

Present:- Paul Edey(Chairman), Paula Ellis, Melanie Maloney, John Maloney, Bira Sehmi,
Glenys James, Helen Williamson, Iain Doull, Julie Evans.

Apologies:- Kate Lindley, J R Davies, Annie Halliwell.

1. Welcome:- A welcome and thanks were given to all present at the meeting especially for coming out on a miserable night.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:- were read and signed by our Chairman as a true record.

3:- Matters arising:- It was reported by John our treasurer that the donation of £100.00 is still not known to date.

4. Reports:-

a. Treasurer. Account balance is £2992 total, Forum Balance £337.00, Memory Café balance £2655.00.

b. Glasfryn Road. There were no further updates since last meeting, work is on-going to the second half of the roundabout -supposedly to be finished by Easter.

The Tourism & Peninsular Association is showing concern about the Premier Inn reportedly coming to the Glasfryn site, Questions asked, what is the likely effect on tourism and the local B & B's.

c. Memory Café. Paul Edey reported to the meeting from a written report sent by Annie in her absence that all was going well and no changes to the meetings required.

d. St Davids Children's Festival. Melanie Maloney reported that the funding grant she had applied for was turned down. Funding is still required for the festival, and a minimum of £300.00 is needed, but £500.00 would be better. She reported that the Bishop's Palace has been offered free as a venue, but an alternative is needed if the weather does not co-operate. Suggestions given at the meeting, Ysgol Dewi Sant or the Leisure Center.

Proposed date of Festival is 24th June 2017.

Paul reported that a coffee morning has provisionally been arranged for 13th May to raise funds. Paula Ellis on behalf of Tyr y Felin kindly offered a function room for this event. Proposed entry charges are £2.00 to include a cup of tea/Coffee and shortbread /Teacake, which TYF would also generously provide at no cost.

Chair: Paul Edey Treasurer: John Maloney Secretary: Julie Evans
Communications: Bira Sehmi Special Projects: Iain Doull Community Liaison: John Davies

Paula also said that TYF would contribute some accommodation at TYF as raffle prizes, and the Committee will also appeal to other businesses to support in a similar fashion. It was also suggested that any business who donated a prize for the raffle would automatically get entry into the draw. Melanie also reported that she had contacted the Major at 14th Signals for help, but was still awaiting a reply.

Melanie would also like someone to help her set up a website for the festival, to enable people to contact them for details and also to ask for help and to inform people of the festival. Paula suggested that she would talk to WebAdept to see if they could help.

e. A Sense of Place:- Paul was pleased to report that the booklets are now available to purchase and can be obtained at the National Trust shop.

5. City of Culture Bid.—Forum Involvement. Paul expressed concern that the Forum did not know what their involvement would be for this project. A meeting regarding the bid is being held on the 29th of March. St Davids at present is 4th out of 11 entries.

Glenys James reported that the City Council is fully committed to the bid to date. Further details should be available after the meeting on the 29th.

6. Year of Legends. Bira Sehmi reported to the Forum on the Seminar held at Narberth on 23rd March. All thought the seminar was informative there was no mention of music in the presentation by speakers. Also it was felt that the seminar should have been held last year and that we should be thinking about next year 2018 'The Year of the Sea'

7. Council meeting with Forum representatives on 6.2.17.

- i. **Welcome Pack.** It was felt at the meeting that we have to go ahead at getting the pack together with useful information of what is in the community for people coming to live in the area. The City Council support the concept, and need to be involved.
- ii. **Communications Project.** Paul Edey has met with Clive Jenkins (Leader Digital Link Officer), and support is available from PLANED and the Leader programme.. The concept was presented to the City Council who has agreed their support in principal.
- iii. **Liz Roach – Community Connectors Service.** Bira Sehmi and John Maloney are going to a meeting on this on Friday 29th at Crundale. They will report back at the next Forum meeting.

8. AOB. John suggested that we have a modern art installation. –To be reviewed at future meetings. Paul stated that a Museum is needed in St Davids, and all at the meeting agreed, and it will be raised at the City of Culture meeting. The Historical Society is also trying to get thing in motion - lack of empty buildings is the main problem in the Centre of St Davids. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the Police Station is now obsolete. Who does it belong to? Is it PCC. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

9. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7.15pm, Ebenezer Vestry.