

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the special meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors LL ap T Davies, RG Edwards, PM Hughes, I Price, JSV Rees, PJ Rogers

In the Chair: Councillor LL ap T Davies

192. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors CM Davies, WEVJ Davies and KA Major.

193. Personal Matters

The Clerk informed Council that the stall set up contractor had submitted a letter of resignation due to ill health. Council agreed to refer the matter to Any Other Business

194. Declarations of Interest

Councillor I Price in relation to item 4 on the agenda (Item 195 below), regarding planning application W/33728.

195. To consider planning applications.

W/33637 – CHANGE OF USE FROM GARAGE AND OIL STORAGE (B8) TO TIMBER PROCESSING AND STORAGE (B2) NORTH GARAGE, STATION ROAD, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4BP referred from Town Council's meeting on 26th April. Further details were provided by the Clerk, including an e-mail dealing with matters concerning, noise, lorries and use of chemicals. As such Councillor JSV Rees proposed that no adverse comments be submitted and was seconded by Councillor PM Hughes. **RESOLVED that no adverse comments be submitted with regard to planning application W/33637.**

W/33732 – Erection of two dormer bungalows and one double garage with associated access, hardstanding and parking, Land to rear of Bryncaedig, Tenby Rd, St Clears, SA33 4JN. **RESOLVED that Council send a response asking that flooding concerns be investigated due to the culvert at the rear of the site, and that any approval of planning permission be subject to observations from the Environment Agency.**

W/33720. Proposed kitchen and bedroom extensions to the existing dwelling. Eastern boundary treatment for level garden and relocation of the existing summer house. Greenacre, Ffynnongain Lane, St Clears, SA33 4AR.

RESOLVED no objections to be made to the application.

W/33728. Conservatory to rear. 21 Parc Llwyn Celyn, St Clears, SA33 4EB. Councillor I Price declared an interest in this matter and left the room for the discussion as the applicant was a relative. **RESOLVED that no adverse comments be submitted.**

196. To discuss conducting a Community Survey.

The Chair invited Councillor PJ Roger to introduce the item. Councillor Rogers explained that in the final year of the current Council, it would be useful to leave something for the next Council and will also raise the Council's profile in the community. The survey would be an opportunity for the people in the Council area to make their views known. The survey would be done in stages over the coming year with contributions and support from all Councillors needed to make it a success. It was noted that St Clears had changed quite a lot in recent years with large housing developments and it would be timely to re-engage with the community. **RESOLVED that Council undertake a community survey during the upcoming civic year.**

A discussion about the practicalities of undertaking the survey was held and it was agreed that Councillors would attend meetings of local organisations to obtain their views. Councillor PJ Rogers agreed to write the initial document and the Clerk would contact organisations to inform them of the intention to hold a survey. It was also agreed that methods of reaching the wider community via the post / internet / meetings would also need to be considered. The matter was referred to the first meeting in June.

197. **Any Other Business**

Councillor JSV Rees informed Council that she had carried out an inspection of the benches in the area and presented a list of the benches noting their condition and also photographs to go with them. Councillor Rees also noted her concern over fungi growing on the Rebecca Gate, the Clerk agreed to deal with the matter.

Council discussed the resignation of the stalls contractor and the difficulty this posed for renting out the stalls. Councillor PM Hughes proposed that Council stopped leasing the stalls and was seconded by Councillor PJ Rogers. **RESOLVED that Council ceases rental of the stalls immediately.**

Councillor RG Edwards noted that it would be helpful if Council had a contractor who could carry out the numerous odd jobs that arise frequently during the year. Council agreed it would be beneficial to have such a person in place to assist with those needs and the matter was referred to the first meeting in June.

Meeting terminated at 20.30