

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the business meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors LL ap T Davies (Chair), Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, KA Major and PJ Rogers

116. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor JSV Rees.

117. Personal Matters

The Chair congratulated Councillor JSV Rees on her recent Carmarthen Journal Community Champion Award. Mr Reg Wyeth of the QT Club was also congratulated as runner up in the carer category. Congratulations was also expressed to James Davies on his success at the Rio Olympics.

118. Declarations of Interest

None.

119. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20th September 2016.

Councillor RG Edwards proposed that the minutes were a true record and was seconded by Councillor WEVJ Davies.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2016 be signed as a true record.

120. Matters Arising

- i) Item 103. No further progress made on the adoption of telephone kiosks while a response from BT is awaited.
- ii) Item 104. The Clerk informed Council that the County Council had offered that an officer attend the next meeting to Council to discuss issues such as the mess at the recycling centre and dog fouling. **RESOLVED that an invitation to the next meeting on the 18th October should be extended to the officer.**
- iii) Item 109 – Christmas lights. An update was provided on the meeting held earlier that evening to discuss the Christmas lights and a Christmas event. Council were informed that a number of options had been discussed and that the favoured option would be put to Council.

121. To consider planning applications as notified by Carmarthenshire County Council.

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

122. To receive an update regarding the inspections of the Skateboard & Play Areas.

No further reports had been received. **RESOLVED that the matter should be taken to the Chair of Park and Recreation committee.**

123. To discuss the management of assets.

An update on the work undertaken to update the management of assets was given to Council. It was agreed that the value of the old Christmas lights, still in storage, should be revised. The Clerk agreed to present options for the purchase of an extra printer. **RESOLVED that an extra planter should be added in Pwll Trap to be under the newly located Pwll Trap sign.** Thanks were expressed to Councillors RG Edwards and KA Major on their work to revise the assets register.

124. To consider a Risk Assessment for Council.

The Clerk presented the revised Risk Assessment to Council and explained the revisions made. **RESOLVED that the revised Risk Assessment be approved by Council.** The Clerk agreed to provide an expenses form to Councillors to be used for the remuneration of members' travelling costs etc. Performance review for the Clerk was also discussed. **RESOLVED that Councillor RG Edwards and KA Major carry out this role in their capacity as lead Councillors on Finance and General Purpose area of Council's remit.**

125. To receive an update on dog fouling.

The Clerk relayed details of information received from the County Council regarding the use of signs to prevent dog fouling and to punish persistent offenders. The option of erecting a fence around the skate park area, while still allowing sufficient access to the park was considered. It was agreed that the matter should be considered quotations for the work obtained. More information on dog fouling would be sought from the County Council's enforcement officer at the next meeting of Council.

126. Correspondence.

- (i) Chris Michell, Christmas in Verse, St Mary's Church. Council agreed to consider the matter further when more information was available.
- (ii) Carmarthen Bar Navigation Committee. Details of next meeting. Noted.
- (iii) John McEvoy, Carmarthenshire County Council. Information regarding the autumn fair at St Clears. **RESOLVED that the date be noted and no adverse comments made.**
- (iv) Carmarthenshire County Council regarding a two-day road closure at Salem Rd, St Clears. **RESOLVED that the closure be noted.**
- (v) Canon Bryan Witt. Response to request for further information regarding the Osbourne Trust. **RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Chris Michell and Carys Owen to seek more information.**
- (vi) Cylch Meithrin Sanclêr. Community Events Chest application for contribution towards Halloween party. **RESOLVED that £50 be contributed to the event from the Community Events Chest fund.**

127. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) Councillors wished to noted that the floral displays had been well received this year and requested that a note of thanks be sent to Wrenvale nurseries and also request that the winter planting be completed in time for Remembrance Day.

- (ii) Councillor KA Major sought clarification regarding the placement of bins along Peillac Way. It was noted that the matter had been considered in the past but bins are currently provided by the County at each end and a bin in the middle would be problematic for collection.
- (iii) Council requested that a note of thanks be sent to John McEvoy at the County Council for the action following his meeting with Council, particularly with regard to the disabled bay at 8 Corvus Terrace and the lower speed limit at Pwll Trap.
- (iv) Councillor RG Edwards noted that he would present prices for a small marquee to the next meeting.
- (v) Councillor LL ap T Davies noted that he would provide an update on the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM at the next meeting,

Meeting terminated at 20.04