

## St Clears Town Council

### Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillors LL ap T Davies (Chair), Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, PM Hughes, KA Major and JSV Rees

#### 85. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors CM Davies, DR Phillips and PJ Rogers.

#### 86. Personal Matters

The Chair congratulated Councillor JSV Rees on her recent nomination in the category of Community Champion in the Carmarthen Journal awards.

#### 87. Declarations of Interest

Councillor LL ap T Davies declared an interest with regard to item 92 below, Community Events Chest.

#### 88. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be signed as a true record.

#### 89. Matters Arising

- i) Item 72 (iii) Councillors noted a continuing mess at the recycling site at the car park in Pentre Rd St Clears. Councillor Hughes informed Council that the department had been contacted following the last meeting and a clean up had been undertaken. It was proposed that a permanent CCTV camera be placed at the site and the option should be explored.

#### 90. To consider planning applications as notified by Carmarthenshire County Council.

**W/34300** - VARIATION OF CONDITION 3 ON W/20987 (TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE RESERVED MATTERS BY A FURTHER 3 YEARS AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT BY A FURTHER 5 YEARS) LAND AT STATION ROAD, ST CLEARS, CARMS. **RESOLVED** that no adverse comments be made.

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

The Clerk reported that no inspection reports had been received in addition to no confirmation that the minor repairs required had been completed. An update would be sought prior to the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

The Clerk circulated mock ups of a sign for the skate park requesting that dogs are not exercised in the area. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the

ability to place such a sign and any enforcement powers should be checked with the County Council.

**92. To consider applications to the Community Events Chest.**

An application to the Community Events Chest was received from Bancyfelin Senior Citizens. Councillor LL ap T Davies declared an interest as a member of the group and left the room for the discussion. Councillor JSV Rees took the chair for the item. **RESOLVED that the application be awarded £100 from the Community Events Chest.**

**93. To discuss the future of the market stalls.**

The future of the Town Council's market stalls was discussed in light of an application from the County to take them, in order to continue their use.

**RESOLVED that 3 of the 12 stalls be retained with the tables and chairs for use in the community and the remainder be given to the County who had assisted in securing the original grant to purchase the stalls.**

Councillor RG Edwards proposed that a new small marquee also be purchased for use at events due to the deteriorating condition and missing parts of the ones in Council ownership. Councillor JSV Rees seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED that a new small marquee be purchased.**

**94. To discuss the adoption of telephone kiosks**

The adoption of the red telephone boxes at Lower St Clears and Pwll Trap was discussed and the Clerk outlined details of the contract sent through by BT.

Councillor RG Edwards proposed that the telephone box at Bancyfelin also be adopted and was seconded by Councillor LL ap T Davies. **RESOLVED that the telephone boxes at Lower St Clears, Pwll Trap and Bancyfelin be adopted by Council.** The Clerk agreed to enquire regarding the future of the telephone box on Pentre Rd, St Clears, near the traffic lights.

**95. To receive an update on signs for Peillac Way.**

The Clerk updated Council regarding the signs for Peillac Way and the requirement to produce OS maps and scale plans for the County. The permission of the Highways department would be required but formal planning permission was not necessary. Councillor PM Hughes agreed to speak to the Planning Officer.

**96. To discuss the Christmas lights for 2016.**

The Clerk noted difficulties in obtaining quotes from Christmas light contractors. Prices had been sought from six companies and so far, one price had been received. It was agreed that the e-mails sent and received would be kept on file to demonstrate efforts to seek quotations and any further quotes received would be considered against the current price. **RESOLVED that if new quotes received did not offer better value for money than the quote received from last year's provider, Council should proceed with the same company.** The Christmas event was briefly discussed and it was agreed that it should be included on the agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> September's meeting.

**97. Correspondence**

No items of correspondence received.

Councillor WEVJ Davies enquired if a response had been received from Canon Bryan Witt regarding the Osbourne Committee. The Clerk noted that a response was yet to be received.

**98. Any other business (exchange of information only)**

Councillor WEVJ Davies noted that he wished to raise issues at Manordaf again soon.

Councillor RG Edwards noted that the heritage panels were both in place along the riverbank with one in a new position set back from the river's edge.

Councillor LL ap T Davies noted that he would have a Civic Service towards the end of his civic year.

The Clerk agreed to chase up work on the windows at the guide hut.

**Meeting terminated at 20.12**