

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors LL ap T Davies (Chair), Dr WEVJ Davies, KA Major, I Price, JSV Rees and PJ Rogers.

223. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors T Austin-Brydon, CM Davies, RG Edwards and PM Hughes.

224. Personal Matters.

None.

225. Declarations of Interest

None.

226. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 24th January 2017.

Councillor JSV Rees proposed that that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting and was seconded by Councillor KA Major.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 24th January be approved as a true record.

227. Matters Arising

- (i) Item 210(ii) – The Clerk updated Council that contact had been made with both the fire and ambulance service regarding the locating of Dol-y-Felin Home by emergency vehicles. A reply was still awaited from the Ambulance Service and hopefully an update would be available by the next meeting.
- (ii) Item 210(v) – The Clerk noted that Councillor Edwards had been away so it hadn't been possible to meet with the volunteer to discuss the benches. An update from the maintenance contractor would also be sought before agreeing any further work on the benches.
- (iii) Item 211(ii) – Council were informed that the lighting columns on Ostrey Hill area were being changed and new LED bulbs being installed. A reply from the County Council regarding extra columns had yet to be received.
- (iv) Item 222(iii) – A discussion regarding the Council dinner was held and the Clerk agreed to e-mail members to find the best date so that as many as possible could attend.

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

W/35024 - THE OLD BOARD SCHOOL GUEST HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ST CLEAR, SA33 4DY. PROPOSED PREP ROOM AND

STORAGE AREAS WITH EXTENSIONS TO A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM. Members considered the planning application to extend the Old Board School. **RESOLVED that no objections be made to the application.**

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

The Clerk provided an update on the reports, including the annual inspection reports, which had recently been received for the period to November 2016. Council expressed their thanks to the for her persistence to ensure receiving the reports. The Clerk agreed to request that any work that posed a risk to safety be prioritised and that the County Council as the contractor be asked to carry out the necessary repairs to the skate and play parks.

230. To consider tenders received for the 2017/18 contracts

(i) Planting

The Clerk presented the details of the one bid received for the 2017/18 planting contract. Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that the contract be awarded to the applicant and was seconded by Councillor I Price. **RESOLVED that the planting contract be awarded to the applicant who was also the Council's current provider.**

(ii) Grounds Maintenance.

Once again, one bid was received for the work. The application and costs were considered. Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that the contract be awarded to the applicant and was seconded by Councillor KA Major. **RESOLVED that the contract be awarded to the applicant.**

(iii) Welfare Field Maintenance.

Two bids were considered and costs, experience and application details were relayed to Council. Applicant 1 noted specific experience of maintaining playing fields and noted examples in his application. Councillor I Price proposed that Applicant 1 be awarded the contract and was seconded by Councillor KA Major. Council agreed. **RESOLVED that the contract be awarded to Applicant 1 for the 2017/18 financial year.**

231. To offer nominations for the Community Service Award and the Eric Raymond Senior and Junior Awards.

The Chair reminded Council that last year's recipient of the Community Award, Mrs Beti-Wyn James was yet to receive her community award and as such would be invited to receive it this year.

- (i) Community Award. Councillor KA Major proposed that Mr Chris Jenkins and Mrs Delyth Jenkins be given the award for their years of service to the community in the pharmacy and many other roles in the community over the years. Councillor WEVJ Davies seconded the proposal. **RESOLVED that the**

Community Award be given to Chris & Delyth Jenkins of St Clears Pharmacy.

- (ii) **Eric Raymond Senior Award.** Councillor PJ Rogers proposed that Mr Jeff Harries be awarded the senior award following his selection to referee the Open Golf Championship at Royal Troon in Ayrshire. Councillor Rogers was seconded by Councillor JSV Rees. **RESOLVED that Mr Jeff Harries be awarded the Eric Raymond (Senior) Award.**
- (iii) **Eric Raymond (Junior) Award.** Council requested that the Clerk contact local sporting organisations to ask that they put names forward for consideration for the award and bring the item to the meeting on the 7th March.

232. Correspondence.

- (i) Carmarthenshire Citizens' Advice. Letter of thanks for the donation made in the January meeting of Council.
- (ii) Carmarthenshire Youth Opera. Letter of thanks for the donation made in the January meeting of Council.
- (iii) South Wales Trunk Road Agency. Noting the proposed temporary speed limits & prohibition of overtaking St.Clears Carms to Llanddewi Velfrey Pembs TRA40, Spring 2017. **RESOLVED that no comments be made.**
- (iv) Mr John McEvoy, Carmarthenshire County Council. Revocation of existing prohibition of waiting at any time, Station Rd, St Clears. Council discussed this matter and considered the implications of the removal of the double yellow lines. **RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the County to note the comments made relevant to this matter three years ago, still stood.** Council also requested that the Clerk query why there had been no consultation period prior to the proposal.

233. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) It was noted that a mess at the bring site in the car park persisted.
- (ii) Concern was noted over the area outside the residential home on Station Rd, noting that further parking restrictions should be considered.

Meeting terminated at 20:19