

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors T Austin-Brydon, CM Davies, LL ap T Davies (Chair), Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, KA Major, I McEwan, JSV Rees and PJ Rogers

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the new term of Council and congratulated them on their return to Council. Prior to the meeting, all members signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor I Price.

2. To formerly appoint the Town Mayor for the civic year 2017/18.

Councillor Dr WEVJ Davies proposed that Councillor JSV Rees be nominated as the Town Mayor for 2017/18. The motion was seconded by Councillor T Austin-Brydon and Council voted all in favour of the nomination. **RESOLVED that Councillor JSV Rees be appointed as the Town Mayor for the 2017/18 Civic Year.**

3. To formally appoint the Deputy Town Mayor for the civic year 2017/18.

Councillor RG Edwards proposed that Councillor Dr WEVJ Davies be nominated as Deputy Town Mayor for the 2017/18 Civic Year. The motion was seconded by Councillor CM Davies and Council were all in favour. **RESOLVED that Councillor Dr WEVJ be appointed the Deputy Town Mayor for the 2017/18 Civic Year.**

4. Declarations of Interest.

None.

5. To appoint representatives on outside bodies.

RESOLVED that the following represent the Town Council on the various outside bodies:

- Twinning Committee – Councillors L L ap T Davies, J S V Rees (usual practice for Town Mayor to attend as ex-officio)
- Bancyfelin Community Association - Councillor R G Edwards
- St Clears & District Community Association – Councillor LL ap T Davies
- Dyfed Powys Police / Police Commissioner representative for Council – Councillors R G Edwards and I McEwan.
- Ysgol Griffith Jones Governing Body – Councillor PJ Rogers
- Ysgol Bancyfelin Governing Body - Councillor R G Edwards
- Osborne Charity – Councillor Dr W E V J Davies.
- One Voice Wales (Carmarthenshire Area Committee):
Councillors K A Major and L L ap T Davies
- St Clears and Laugharne Business Chamber – Town Mayor
- Local Health Panel - Councillors J S V Rees and I McEwan.
- Fair Trade Steering Group – Councillors L L ap T Davies and J S V Rees, and T Austin-Brydon.

- Bancyfelin Village Hall - Councillor R G Edwards
- Campaign to reopen St Clears railway station – Councillors T Austin-Brydon and LL ap T Davies.
- St Clears Town Trust – Portreeve / Mayor.

Also

- Welfare Field Committee (Council committee) – Councillors RG Edwards, JSV Rees, I McEwan and I Price.

6. To consider changes to Council meeting format and to set the dates of meetings for the year ahead.

Members discussed possible changes to the 2016/17 meeting structure of Council considering the advantages and disadvantage of reintroducing the committee structure to Council. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the meeting on the 23rd May and the Clerk prepare a paper ahead of the meeting to include all options for Council.** Dates and times of meetings would also be resolved once a decision on the meeting structure was in place.

7. To discuss the path between the Pentre Rd Car Park and the underpass to the riverside walk.

The condition of the path between the car park and the underpass of the A40 in St Clears was discussed. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with the Land Registry to try and establish how many parties were involved in terms of land ownership in the area. **RESOLVED the Clerk to update Council in the next meeting.**

8. To consider planning applications.

(i) **W/35475.** CREATION OF AN APERTURE TO SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF AN ATM AND ASSOCIATED MARKETING COLLAR. **RESOLVED that no objections be raised.**

(ii) **W/35461.** CONSTRUCTION OF 30 NO. RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED SITE INFRASTRUCTURE WORK. LAND AT THE REAR OF CAE FFYNNON, BANCYFELIN, CARMARTHEN, CARMARTHENSHIRE, SA33 5DQ. Council discussed the planning application in detail. Many concerns were raised and correspondence from residents of Bancyfelin were also put before Council. Members requested that the Clerk circulate copies of the documentation after the meeting for further consideration. **RESOLVED that responses from Councillors be collated from by the 16th May and Council's response to the application be sent by the deadline.**

9. Any Other Items of Business related to the Annual Meeting.

(i) Councillor JSV Rees asked that Council send a letter of congratulations to County Councillor PM Hughes on his election as

County Council and that Council should also thank Councillor Hughes for his time on the Town Council.

- (ii) The Clerk noted that the Bank Mandate needed to be updated to remove an individual no longer on Council and to add a Councillor in that place. Council were in agreement that Councillor Dr WEVJ Davies should be added to the mandate.

Meeting terminated at 20:30