

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 2, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.00pm

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

193. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor CM Davies.

194. Personal Matters.

Councillor Dr WEVJ Davies congratulated Dr Siriol Chapman, originally from St Clears, now living in Cardiff, on her OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours. Council asked the Clerk to send a letter of congratulations on behalf of Council.

195. Declarations of Interest

None.

196. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20th December 2016.

Councillor RG Edwards proposed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting and was seconded by Councillor JSV Rees. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 20th December be approved as a true record.**

197. Matters Arising

Item 184(4) Councillor JSV Rees reported that she had the privilege, in her capacity of Deputy Mayor, of opening the new exhibition in the Gate, 'A Retrospective in Black and White' by Chris Rees. The photographs will be available to see at the Gate until March.

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

The Clerk informed Council that a pre-planning consultation letter had been received from Asbri Planning and Development Consultants. The consultation was in relation to the further development of the site at Cae Ffynnon, Bancyfelin. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the meeting on the 24th January.**

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

The Clerk reported that the matter of absent reports had been brought to the department's attention at the County Council. The most recent reports had been promised in the post. A letter would be sent to the County Council by the end of the working week if the reports had not arrived.

200. To discuss the Town Council's budget for 2017/18.

A discussion around the budget for 2017/18 was held and the Council's income for the year considered against the planned expenditure. **RESOLVED that the budget be finalised and the precept set in the meeting on 24th January.**

201. A report on the Community Conversation

The Clerk presented the report on the Community Conversation, held in October and November 2016 to Council. The common themes in the responses from the community were identified and discussed. It was noted that the response from the community, in terms of numbers, had been disappointing. The report could now go forward to the next Council to assist them in identifying areas for development by the Town Council, where those matters identified by the community lie within the remit of the Council.

202. To consider requests for financial assistance.

Twelve requests for Financial Assistance had been received and Council considered these applications individually. **RESOLVED that the following donations be made:**

Citizens Advice Carmarthenshire	£200
Y Cardi Bach	£100
Carmarthen & District Youth Opera	£100.

203. To receive an update on the arrangements for the end of Council's term.

Correspondence had been received from the County Council explaining the arrangements for the end of term. The Clerk confirmed that the notice of election would be displayed by the 22nd March 2017 and as such, Council would cease to meet after the second meeting in March on the 21st of that month. Details of nomination forms and closing dates for their submission were relayed to Council.

204. Correspondence

- (i) Gary Price, Area Sport and Leisure Manager. Email regarding bookings at St Clears Leisure Centre.
- (ii) WJ Tustin, Recorder, St Clears Town Trust. Response to the Town Council's letter asking for an update on the Town Trust and Town Hall. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the first meeting of Council in February.**
- (iii) Irfon Price. Application to be co-opted to Council. **RESOLVED that Mr Irfon Price be co-opted and invited to join the next meeting on the 24th January.**
- (iv) BT Payphones. Notice to complete. Confirmation of the Town Council's adoption of the telephones kiosks at High St, St Clears and Pwll Trap as of the 14th January 2017. **RESOLVED that the**

kiosks be referred to the next meeting in order to agree the way ahead.

205. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i)** Councillor JSV Rees noted an issue with subsidence on Backe Rd. Councillor PM Hughes noted that the County Council had inspected the site and he would seek an update.
- (ii)** It was observed that a number of people had been booked my Parking Enforcement Officers during the evening in St Clears between Christmas and the New Year. The County Councillor was asked to convey that it would be more useful to have Parking Enforcement Officers in attendance during the day.
- (iii)** An incident of an ambulance being unable to find Dolyfelin Home. It was requested that the sign be moved to a prominent place visible from the main road.
- (iv)** Councillor RG Edwards noted that a volunteer had cleared litter in Bancyfelin and that the same individual had volunteered to Carry out some Maintenance work on the benches in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk procied to look into the mater and check the Health & Safety requirements were covered.

Meeting terminated at 20:32