

St Clears Town Council
Minutes of the St Clears Town Council Meeting
held in the Gate, Pentre Rd, St Clears
on Tuesday 16th June 2015

Present:

Councillors CM Davies, LL ap T Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, I.Price, S Lane, JSV Rees and PJ Rogers.

In the Chair – Councillor CM Davies (Town Mayor)

25.Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors P M Hughes, K A Major and D R Phillips

26. Personal Matters

The Chair extended Council's heartiest congratulations to Council's Clerk Emma, Gareth and the family on the birth of a son Iestyn Hedd on Thursday 21st May. He confirmed that together with the Mayoress he had paid the family a visit conveying's Council good wishes

27. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor JSV Rees declared an interest with an ongoing matter regarding the change of use at a property in Backe.

Councillor CM Davies declared an interest in connection with the St Clears & District Community Association .

28. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19th May 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19th May 2015 be signed as a correct record

29. Matters arising (exchange of information only)

i) - 10 iii) To fix the dates and times of ordinary meetings of the Town Council for the ensuing year

Members discussed the suitability of convening the September meetings of the Committees on the 8th and Council on 22nd with the possible difficulties that could arise in view of the lapse of time since the meeting of the Town Council in July.

RESOLVED that i) the dates of the September meetings be reaffirmed as the 8th for the meetings of committee and the 22nd Town Council and ii) the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor together with the Acting Clerk be granted delegated authority to deal with urgent matters and should it prove necessary a special meeting of Council be convened.

ii) - 12 Matters Arising Item 203

It was noted that no information had been received with regard to the property in Backe.

RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk make appropriate enquiries of the

County Council as to the present position

iii) – 12 Matters Arising Item 204

Members discussed the consequences of reducing the number of parking bays at the entrance to the Factory Shop which had left a pinchpoint but was accepted as the solution with the least objections.

iv) – 14 Clerk's Report – 3 Rebecca Gate

Arising from the above it was noted that a painter had been instructed to provide the Boar in Penpitch with a coat of preservative which should be completed very shortly.

v) – 19 Correspondence – Speeding at Maescynin, St Clears

Members noted the reply from Dyfed-Powys Police that the Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership would be liaising with the County Council with regard to an appropriate course of action at this location.

30. County Councillor's Update

The Chair informed the meeting that Councillor PM Hughes had drawn attention that officers at the County Council were pursuing an appropriate course of action relative to speeding concerns at Maes Cynin and update on progress was being awaited.

31. Clerk's Report

i) Code Of Conduct Training

Members noted the attendance at the recent sessions held at County Hall by Councillors L Lap T Davies and J S V Rees who emphasised the importance of being aware and to adhering to the code as a member of the Town Council. They concluded that it would be beneficial to meet to consider the implications of the code in the conduct of Council business.

RESOLVED that i) copies of the Acting Deputy Monitoring Officer's presentation be made available to members and ii) a special meeting be convened possibly early in the autumn to update members on the authority's code of conduct;

ii) Resource Efficient Wales

The meeting noted the advice and information available via Resource Efficient Wales a single point of contact to help people and organisations to save on energy and water to reduce and re-use waste

iii) Carmarthenshire Area Committee

Members noted that the next meeting of the Area Committee will be held on Tuesday 30th June in the Princess Gwenllian Centre Kidwelly

iv) One Voice Wales Training Events

The forthcoming events as set in the report were noted

v) St Clears Community Association

In response to a request for help with gate duties on Carnival Day Councillors L L ap T Davies, J S V Rees and P J Rogers volunteered to Assist.

vi) Support your High Street Campaign 19 – 26th September

Members noted the information from the Welsh Government detailed in the report on the campaign to engage businesses and the public in a cogent effort to support our High Streets.

vii) Statutory Guidance on Access to Information Local Government

Wales Act 2013

Members noted the update received from One Voice Wales set out in the Report that contrary to as first thought the responsibility for publishing the register of interests on-line does not now require members to register financial and other interests within 28 days of taking office.

viii) Wales Green Energy Awards

The meeting noted the timetable with regard this year's Wales Green Energy Awards.

ix) Street Naming

Members noted the receipt of confirmation that the five properties, Plots 1 - 5, Land adj to Clare Hill Cottages, Pwll Trap had been registered with Royal Mail as Nos 1 to 5 Llys Beca, St Clears, Carmarthen SA33 4AJ

32. Financial Report .

A financial statement as at 15 June was circulated to members with information relating to the expenditure to date including the total budget and variances for allocated budget headings. A Bank Reconciliation and details of current balances in the various accounts was also distributed viz.

Current Account – Community Account	£7925.01
Current Account – Business Saver A/c	<u>£25443.99</u>
Balances Total -	£33369.00
Investment Account -	£57212.41
Total Reserves -	£57212.41

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

33. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be approved

- 103661 – St Clears AFC - Community Events Chest - £350.00**
- 103662 - Cylch Meithrin/Ti a Fi Sancler - Community Events Chest - £300.**
- 103663 – HMRC – PAYE (June 2015) – £926.36**
- 103664 – Carmarthenshire CC – Room hire (Mayor Making) - £30.00**
- 103665 – Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal - £2292.91**
- 103666 – CL Hussell – Marquee Storage- £195.00**
- BACS 019 - JN Williams - Ground mtce - May 2015 - £420.00**
- BACS 020 - JN Williams - Litterpicking - £120.00**
- BACS 021 - JE Williams - Salary (June 2015) - £1317.94**
- BACS 022 - Emma Smith - Salary (June 2015) - £1258.63**

34. Reports of Council's Committees held on 2nd June 2015

a) Environment Committee

RESOLVED that i) the report of the meeting be received and the recommendations approved; ii) the Acting Clerk contact the family of the late Peter Lewis in respect of a suitable dedication ceremony to commemorate the bestowal of the bench to the community iii) clarification be sought from Carmarthenshire County Council with regard to the ownership of Peillac Way and iii) the Carmarthen Journal's News Editor be asked to clarify the procedure with regard to the inclusion of items in the St Clears News

b) Planning and Communities Committee

RESOLVED that i) the report of the meeting be received and the recommendations approved ii) with regard to planning application W/31890 that whilst no formal objections be submitted the Head of Planning be asked to consider that the 'area of play, should be located alongside the estate road and not to the rear of plots 14 to 17; the application takes no account of a 'drop off' point to the rear of the school; assurances be sought that the plans include the path from the hall to the school boundary iii) no objections be submitted in respect of planning application W/32116 iv) disposing of Council's marquees could include handing over to a suitable local organisation subject to an agreed arrangement and v) delegated authority be granted to the Planning and Communities Committee to conclude negotiations relative to the 2015 Christmas Lights display.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED that the report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be received.

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(i) Barclays Bank

The Clerk noted a letter had been received from Barclays noting that the old Mayor's account would be closed in July if there continued to be no activity on the account. **RESOLVED** that the account should be closed and the balance of £26.96 transferred to the Council's current account.

210. To receive an update on the Welfare Field.

There were no further updates on the Welfare Field since the previous meeting. Next meeting of the Welfare Field sub-committee to be held at 5pm on 7th July 2015.

211. To consider the vacant seat in the St Clears ward.

The Clerk noted that the vacancy had been advertised through the County Council and that she was expecting to hear in the next week if there had been a request for an election. If no request had been received, Council could continue to advertise in order to co-opt a member to fill the vacant seat.

212. To receive reports from representatives on meeting of outside bodies, seminars etc.

Councillor JSV Rees reported to Council about the Twinning Association's visit from Peillac. They had been welcomed by Councillor RG Edwards as outgoing Mayor and Councillor CM Davies was there to say farewell as new Mayor. Councillor Rees noted that the community had been very supportive and that the Twinning Association was very grateful for the donation from the Council's Community Events Chest.

Councillor PJ Rogers noted that 3 appointments to Ysgol Griffith Jones had been made in the last week.

213. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements and Tuesday morning drop in sessions.

The new Mayor who had been in his position for five days at the time of the meeting noted that he had attended an event on the Friday evening with the visitors from Peillac. The Mayor was also there to bid farewell to the visitors on the Saturday. On Sunday 17th May the Mayor attended the Carmarthen Mayor's Civic Service.

214. Any other business (exchange of information only)

Councillor KA Major noted that he enjoyed the gathering to dedicate a bench to the memory of the previous Clerk to Council, Lynn Bowen.

Councillor LL ap T Davies noted that the stretch of road near the chapel in Bancyfelin was dangerous. Council discussed the matter briefly and agreed to refer it to the committee meetings. **RESOLVED that road safety near the chapel in Bancyfelin be referred to the Planning & Communities committee.**

Councillor PJ Rogers updated Council regarding the Christmas lights site visit by City Illuminations which had taken place on 13th May. He informed Council that the Clerk was currently awaiting a revised quote for consideration based on the discussions at the site visit.

Councillor WEVJ Davies wished the Clerk well at her last Council meeting prior to starting maternity leave.

Councillor CM Davies informed Council that a bollard had been put up at Manordaf blocking access at the Quay, the police have been involved in the matter.

An update on the condition of the marquees was given by Councillors KA Major, PM Hughes and CM Davies who had been to see them that day as they had been set up to assess their condition and be cleaned. The 3 Councillors reported that the marquees were in poor condition and not suitable to be rented out. The Clerk agreed to cancel any upcoming bookings.

RESOLVED that any bookings for the Marquees should be cancelled due to their condition.

RESOLVED that the matter be passed to Planning & Communities Committee for discussion.

Meeting terminated at 20.38