

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, The Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors LL ap T Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies (Chair), KA Major, JSV Rees, I Richards.

43. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr T Austin-Brydon, CM Davies, RG Edwards, BC Newcombe, I Price and PJ Rogers

44. Personal Matters

None.

45. Declarations of Interest.

None.

46. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 19th June 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 19th June be approved as a true record.

47. Matters arising (exchange of information only)

Item 30(i). It was confirmed that the meals on wheels service in the town had come to an end. Council requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Beti Thomas for her years of service as co-ordinator since 1999 and in her role with the service previous to that date.

Item 35(i). It was noted that a meeting would be held at the school tomorrow to launch the anti-dog fouling campaign.

48. To receive the County Councillor's update.

The County Councillor was not at the meeting to provide an update.

49. To receive the Clerk's report.

1) Carmarthenshire County Council

- (i) A request has been placed for the implementation of a prohibition of waiting at any time at Clos Y Pentre, ST Clears as illustrated on the attached plan. The locations falls within a 30 mph speed limit, with limited off street parking available.

2) Hywel Dda Community Health Council

A&E patient experience review. Copy available from the Clerk.

3) One Voice Wales

- (i) One Voice Wales' Conference and AGM will be held on Saturday 29th September this year at the Royal Welsh Showground. With important changes facing our sector we will hear from the Minister Alun Davies AM on his vision for Community and Town Councils. Please note there is a discount if bookings are received by 31st August.

- (ii) Offering the 10th edition of the Charles Arnold Baker publication at a cost of just £53 + £7 postage. This is a 50% reduction on the actual cost, thus giving a very good saving.

4) **Woodland Trust**

Is there an amazing tree in your community that you would like to put on the map? Could it use some 'Tree-L-C' in terms of a £1,000 tree care grant? You may have seen in the media that the Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) is currently organising a Wales Tree of the Year competition. Nominations are currently open, until 6 August, and there will be a public vote in the autumn.

Is there a tree in your community you would like to nominate? Anyone can do so at woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeoftheyear. On this page, you'll also see more information about the competition.

5) **Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg**

Cymdeithas yr Iaith invites you to send representatives to a Public Forum at 10am Saturday 15th September at Carmarthen Library to discuss "Work to sustain the language". There will be a discussion about the sort of economic initiatives which could be available to young people within easy reach so that they would have a viable opportunity to continue to live in their communities. The pressing need is to reduce the outflow of young people from Carmarthenshire which is devastating our communities both culturally and economically.

6) **Wi-fi Towns**

The installation of the wi-fi is now complete and due to go live shortly. Business will soon be invited to be stakeholders and the service advertised around the town centre.

50. **To receive the financial report.**

The Clerk presented Council with the financial summary detailing expenditure against budgetary areas since April 2018. **RESOLVED that the report be approved by Council.**

51. **To approve accounts for payment.**

RESOLVED that the schedules of payments and bank reconciliation noted below be approved by Council:

Reconciliation date:		17th July 2018
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	6,612.44
Current Account	Business Saver Account	19183.77
BALANCES TOTALS		25,796.21
General (Precept) Reserves		27163.00
Allocated Project Fund		30159.37
		57322.37

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS		17th July 2018	
Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £
103864	AEGON	Pension (July)	214.26
103865	Wrenvale Nurseries	Summer planting	906.00
103866	Wrenvale Nurseries	Fertilizer	84.00
103687	ProPrint	Dog fouling posters	29.52
BACS 299	Emma Smith	Salary (July)	
BACS 300	HMRC	PAYE (July)	602.67
BACS 301	Jonathan Williams	Grounds Maintenance and delittering	672.00
BACS 302	Jonathan Williams	Welfare Field Maintenance	278.40
BACS 303	Emma Smith	Reimbursement*	124.14
BACS 304	DG Williams	Painting telephone kiosks	835.00

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS		28 August 2018	
Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £
103867	AEGON	Pension (Aug)	214.26
103868	HI Bowen	Internal audit fees (approx)	372.00
BACS 305	Emma Smith	Salary (Aug)	
BACS 306	HMRC	PAYE (Aug)	602.67
BACS 307	Jonathan Williams	Grounds Maintenance and delittering	672.00
BACS 308	Jonathan Williams	Welfare Field Maintenance	278.40
BACS 309	Emma Smith	Reimbursement*	10.15
BACS 310	Carmarthenshire County Council	Wi-Fi Towns 1st installment (2018/19)	2736.00

52. To receive the Committee reports (i) Environment Committee (ii) Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee. (iii) Welfare Field Sub-Committee.

- (I) Environment Committee. (i) The five footpaths nominated for maintenance by the Town Council should be amended to include the footpath in Backe rather than the Bancyfelin Circular Walk. (ii) The Best Garden Competition would be judged on Tuesday 24th July. (iii) New planters can now go in at Backe and Bancyfelin, the Clerk will contact the maintenance contractor. (iv) Amend wording of Any Other Business to refer to the Chamber of Trade having responsibility for the noted sign, rather than the Town Trust.

RESOLVED that with the noted amendments, the report be accepted and recommendations approved.

- (II) Community Finance and General Purpose Committee. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted and recommendations approved. RESOLVED that a cheque for £100 be added to the July schedule of payments for the approved Community Events Chest donation to Cylch Meithrin Sanclêr.**

- (III) Welfare Field Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED that the committee report be accepted, and the recommendations approved.

53. To receive a report on the discussions with the football club regarding the Welfare Field and discuss the way forward.

The Clerk updated members regarding the discussions at the meeting. The two sections of the football club (Seniors and Juniors) would be presented with revised contracts for the 2018/19 year. Discussions for the following year would be held towards the end of 2018.

54. To consider candidate sites for Carmarthenshire LDP.

RESOLVED that the nominated sites of:

- Land adjacent to the railway line to allow for the railway station to be reopened if the bid were to be successful.
- Land alongside the A40 to support the council's project to connect St Clears alongside the dual carriageway by creating a cycle track / walkway and improve the cycle network.
- Request that due consideration to pedestrian access be given to any development.

be approved and put forward to the LDP.

55. Correspondence (exchange of information only).

- (i) St Clears Scouts. Request for marked parking bays and a disabled parking bay at the scout hut. **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Welfare Field Sub-Committee.

56. To consider the vacant seat on the Council.

No applications for the vacant seat had been received.

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

- (i) Cllr JSV Rees had attended a meeting of the St Clears Branch of the Royal British Legion. Representatives were due to travel to Ypres to present a wreath ahead of the centenary of the Battle of Amiens with photos and messages from three schools in the area. The Mayor would meet the representatives ahead of their departure.
- (ii) Cllr LL ap T Davies had attended a meeting of the St Clears & District Community Association ahead of the planned carnival. Cllr Davies had raised £440 in sponsorship for the event and manned the gate at the carnival for four hours.

58. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements etc.

Since the last meeting, the Mayor had attended:

- Bancyfelin Carnival
- Teddy Bear Parachute Jump – St Mary Magdalene Church.
- Open Day Gardens at Cwmbach.
- Meeting DT Davies OBE for his 100th Birthday Celebrations at Dryslwyn.

59. Any Other Business (exchange of information only).

- i. Cllr KA Major noted his disappointment that the cash machine had been removed from the old Natwest building.
- ii. Cllr Dr WEVJ Davies noted that discussions would be held at the Town Trust regarding its future and further information would be brought to the attention of the Town Council in due course.
- iii. Cllr JSV Rees noted that a further meeting of the Continuing the Conversation group would be held on Thursday 19th of July to

discuss the Chamber of Trade, a drop-in centre / hub and a newsletter amongst other matters.

- iv. Members were reminded that council would be in recess during August. The next meeting of full council would be on Tuesday 18th September.

Meeting terminated 20:28