

## **St Clears Town Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in The Gate, Pentre Road, St Clears on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7pm**

#### **Present:**

Councillors CM Davies, LLapT Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, M Galvin, PM Hughes, JSV Rees, PJ Rogers

In the Chair – Councillor CM Davies (Town Mayor)

#### **88. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Price, KA Major and S Lane.

#### **89. Personal Matters**

The Town Mayor referred to the town's close links with Peillac, Brittany and to the atrocities of recent days in Paris and asked for minute of silence as a mark of solidarity. The tribute was extended to include the confirmation that day that the Russian Airbus 321 had been blown up by Islamic State bombers and to the fallen of all conflicts remembered annually at services and events during early November.

#### **90. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations formally recorded

#### **91. Minutes**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20th October 2015 be signed as a correct record.**

#### **92. Matters Arising**

##### i) 77. Matters Arising - viii) Pellican Crossing, Pentre Road

The Acting Clerk reported that during a recent meeting with the Head of Highways attended by the Town Mayor and the County Councillor, the Head of Highways had confirmed that the County Council were undertaking a programme of replacing bellisa beacon lanterns. He intended to seek information from colleagues if the bellisa beacon in Pentre Road was included in this programme of work; however if this was not the case he would ensure that monies were available to enable replacement. Members reiterated their frustration at the abuse of the zig zag markings near the crossing and hoped that occasional deployment of Civil Enforcement Officers would deter motorists from parking thereat.

**RESOLVED that the report be received**

##### ii) 81 a) Environment Committee – Llangynin/Pwll Trap Road Junction

Town Council received a report on a recent meeting with the Head of Highways, Carmarthenshire County Council attended by the Town Mayor, Councillor Mark Davies, PM Hughes as County Councillor and the Acting Clerk. Members noted that the Head of Highways had agreed to provide a new Give Way sign and to renew the road markings in place. In addition he would be taking up with the Welsh Government with regard to the possibility of junction becoming a Halt as opposed to a Give Way. It had also been confirmed that discussions were ongoing with regard to reducing existing speed limits on the St Clears to Pwll Trap Road.

### **93. County Councillor's Update**

Councillor PM Hughes drew attention to some of the issues requiring attention at the present time. With recent stormy weather conditions the meeting noted that there were several incidents of flooding particularly in recent days. He continued with reference to the lay-by opposite Cefn Maes and the problem encountered by residents with regular indiscriminate parking thereat which made it dangerous for buses on that route to pick up passengers. As a result it was proposed that the layby be marked out as a bus stop which should eliminate this practice and enable enforcement should it prove necessary.

**RESOLVED that the Town Council offer no objection to the proposal**

### **94. Clerk's Report**

#### i) Carmarthenshire Local Service Board

**RESOLVED that the invitation to attend the Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire on 1 December be noted**

#### ii). Disposal of Marquees

The Acting Clerk updated the meeting that at the closing time for applications whilst there had been enquiries, no formal applications had been received.

**RESOLVED that i) the opportunity for local community organisations to apply be extended with any responses received to be considered at the December meeting and ii) the Chair of the Planning and Communities Committee and the Acting Clerk be authorised to review the public notice and make any necessary arrangements with regard thereto.**

#### iii). Change in Language Category for Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Myrddin

**RESOLVED that the consultative document produced by Carmarthenshire County Council on its proposals to change the language category for Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Myrddin from September 2016 be noted.**

#### iv). Financial Assistance

The meeting noted the requests for financial assistance received from Wales Air Ambulance – Airbase Appeal and Marie Curie Nurses in Carmarthenshire.

**RESOLVED that the requests be referred to the February meeting of Council**

#### v). Planning Applications

The meeting noted the receipt of consultation letters on the following applications :  
W/32940 – Planning application for extension to existing slurry lagoon and construction of second slurry lagoon (retrospective); Parc yr Abbot, St Clears  
W/32491 – Change of use application from agricultural storage (B8) to garage repairs (B2) and cafe (A3); Hafren Stores, Station Road, St Clears

**RESOLVED that Council has no objections to these planning applications.**

#### vi) Carwyn Connect

The meeting noted that the First Minister would be visiting Carmarthen on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Council was invited to attend the meeting at St Peter's Civic Hall between 5.50 and 7.30pm

**RESOLVED that Councillor LLapT Davies be nominated to attend**

vii). Guidance for Allotments and Community Led Gardening Projects

Members noted the consultation event in Carmarthen on Friday 4 December

viii). Age Cymru AGM

**RESOLVED that the invitation to the AGM on 1 December be noted**

iv) Use of Council's Sleigh

The Acting Clerk reported on the request for the use of the Council's sleigh in connection with an event in Haverfordwest on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December towards children's charities.

**RESOLVED that i) the request be acceded to, subject to the checks prior to use at St Clears and Bancyfelin not highlighting any faults and ii) the Chair of the Planning and Communities Committee and the Acting Clerk to prepare a disclaimer for the use of Council**

**95. Financial Report**

The meeting proceeded to consider the financial statement confirming the position as at 12 November having been circulated with the agenda together with a bank reconciliation distributed at the meeting confirming the balances in the various accounts on 16 November being as follows:

Current A/c – Community A/c	£7414.52
Current A/c – Business Saver A/c	£22893.76
Investment A/c -	£57219.54

**RESOLVED that the reports be accepted**

**96. Reports of Council's Committees**

**a) Environment Committee**

Councillor JSV Rees, Committee Chair reported on the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November updating Council on various issues.

**RESOLVED that i) the report be received and the recommendations adopted, ii) the Environment Committee resolve at its next meeting why the town clock is an hour ahead; following the end of British Summer Time.**

**b) Planning and Communities Committee**

Councillor PJ Rogers, Committee Chair commended the reports of the committee meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November i) at 9am and ii) at 7.35pm. It was noted that the minutes of the latter meeting would serve as the basis for further consideration on Council's Christmas Celebration at the meeting of the Committee to be take place on the conclusion of Council.

**RESOLVED that i) the reports be received and the recommendations adopted**

**c) Finance and General Purposes Committee**

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair Councillor RG Edwards presented the report of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> November focusing on the principal issues. .

**RESOLVED that the report be received and the recommendations adopted**

## **97. Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED** that the following schedule of payments be approved

**103693 – HMRC – PAYE (November) - £493.64**

**103694 – CL Hussell – Marquee Storage Aug – Oct 15 - £195.00**

**103691 – Proprint – Flyers/Posters Christmas Celebrations - £49.00**

**103692 - Lyn Davies – Supplementary payment to 103688 (trav exp) £5.45**

**BACS 047 – JE Williams – Salary (Nov) - £1317.94**

**BACS 048 – Emma Smith – Salary (SMP)(Nov) - £587.94**

**BACS 049 – Carmarthenshire CC – Christmas Light Column Boxes - £3360.00**

**BACS 050 – Eagle Signs – Christmas Celebration Banners - £216.00**

**BACS 051 – N James – Stall set-up (Nov 5) - £90.00**

**BACS 052 – JN Williams - Ground Maintenance (Oct 15) - £420.00**

**BACS 053 – JN Williams – Litter picking (Oct15) - £120.00**

**BACS 054 – W3 Web Designs – Annual hosting & CMS - £99.00**

**BACS 055 – Emma Smith – Reimbursement (phone) - £9.50**

## **98. Correspondence**

A correspondence schedule was circulated to members which included the following items for consideration :

i) Hywel Dda University Health Board - Transforming Health Services Group

ii) Welsh Government - Draft Public Services Ombudsman ( Wales) Bill

iii) Carmarthenshire County Council - Play Sufficiency Assessment March 2016

iv) One Voice Wales a) Training Course – Devolution of Services; Carmarthen 24<sup>th</sup> Nov; b) Grow Wild Wales Partnership; c) Public Appointments; d) Revue of Revenue Grant Funding to Community and Town Councils; e) Updating of database; f) Community and Town Council News

**RESOLVED** that i) **Councillor LLapT Davies attend the Training Course on Devolution of Services organised by One Voice Wales and the registration fee of £35.00 paid and ii ) the remaining items be noted**

## **99. Casual Vacancy – Llanfihangel Abercowin Ward**

The Acting Clerk reported that confirmation was now to hand that as no request had been received for an election to fill the casual vacancy on the Llanfihangel Abercowin Ward, it was now open to Council to co-opt a replacement member following the required public notice.

**RESOLVED** that the required public notice be given to enable co-option to be considered at the December meeting of Council.

## **100. Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** that **Councillor M Galvin be appointed to fill the current vacancy on the Environment Committee**

## **101. Reports from Representatives on Meetings of Outside Bodies, etc**

Councillor JSV Rees presented a comprehensive report on the Consultation Event on Health Care Services in Wales held in Carmarthen on 12<sup>th</sup> November also attended by Councillor LLapT Davies. Councillor LLapT Davies reported on the recent Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice AGM.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be received

### **102. Town Mayor's Report on Engagements and the 'Drop In Session'**

The Town Mayor reported on a busy month with attendance at numerous St Clears British Legion events including the Poppy Ball, Remembrance Sunday Services and Lunch and at The War Memorial at 11am on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

He had also attended at the opening of 'Just Cake' and the Christmas Craft Fayre launch at The Gate.

### **103. Any Other Business**

#### Forthcoming Meetings

Councillor LLapT Davies queried whether dates and times had been received with regard to the proposed meetings with the County Council in respect of the Campaign to Reopen the Railway Station in St Clears and on site near the Chapel at Bancyfelin. It was noted that arrangements in respect of both meetings were awaited.

Meeting terminated at 8.pm