

## St Clears Town Council

### Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.00pm

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

#### 128. Apologies

No apologies received.

#### 129. To discuss enforcement issues with the representative from Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Chair welcomed Elena Jones, Environmental Enforcement Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council to the meeting. Elena explained her role to Council explaining the duties undertaken and the enforcement powers she and her colleagues could use. A discussion was held about dog fouling, littering and issues with mess and items being dumped at the recycling area at the car park in St Clears. Council expressed their thanks to Elena coming to the meeting and for an informative discussion.

#### 130. Personal Matters.

Councillor JSV Rees thanked Council for the best wishes and congratulations on receipt of her Carmarthen Journal community award. The Chair informed Council that Councillor Rees would be representing the Council in her role as Deputy Mayor on an upcoming trip to Peillac.

Council stood for a minute's silence to mark the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aberfan disaster.

#### 131. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

#### 132. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Councillor RG Edwards proposed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Councillor PJ Rogers. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October be approved as a true record.**

#### 133. Matters Arising

Item 122. The Clerk informed Council that a letter had been sent to the Chair of the County's Community committee regarding the skate and play park inspections. The County Council was currently investigating the matter.

#### 134. County Councillor's Update

- i) The County Councillor reported the placement of barriers at the entrance of the car park in Pentre Rd was currently being considered.

- The matter was discussed in detail and it was agreed to refer it to the next meeting of Council in November.
- ii) Council were informed that an order had been raised by the County Council to remove the double yellow lines opposite Lewis Terrace on Station Road to provide more parking space in the area. Council will have a chance to respond when the County send correspondence regarding the matter.
  - iii) The County Councillor informed Council of a serious incident that had happened in the river along Peillac Way the day before the meeting. Council noted that correspondence had been sent to the County recently regarding further water safety measures in the area. Council requested that the Clerk contact the County again following this most recent incident.

### 135. Clerk's Report.

#### 1. Carmarthenshire County Council.

- (i) **Planning Applications. W/34510** DEED OF VARIATION TO AMENDED SECTION 106 AGREEMENT FOR W/26645 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION IN LIEU OF PLOT 35 AS AN AFFORDABLE DWELLING 35 CAE GWYRDD, ST CLEARS, SA33 4BE.  
**RESOLVED that no objections be noted.**
- (ii) Public Payphone removals by BT, an invitation by BT to "adopt" your community's red telephone boxes and remove the telephony service – Time Sensitive Public Consultation – ends 25 November 2016 Further information regarding the plan can be found at:  
[www.payphones.bt.com/adopt\\_a\\_kiosk/HTML/payphone/index.htm](http://www.payphones.bt.com/adopt_a_kiosk/HTML/payphone/index.htm).  
The Clerk informed Council that a contract had been received for the adoption of the telephones kiosk in Pwll Trap and High St, St Clears.  
**RESOLVED that the contract be signed and a cheque for £2 be added to the schedule of payments.**

#### 2. Welsh Government

(i) The Independent Remuneration Panel Wales's draft Annual Report has been published. The report can be accessed by clicking the 'Related Link' on the right hand side of this webpage:

<http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/?lang=en>

In order to meet the Measure's requirement to publish this report by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, any representations you may wish to make about this report should be received by no later than **28th November 2016**.

(iii) Welsh Treasury. First edition of the newsletter including Land transaction tax, Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA) and Landfill disposals tax.

#### 3. Planning Aid Wales

General introduction to planning, Pembrokeshire. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 – 6:30pm to 9pm - Queens Hall, High St, Narberth. This course is

designed to act either as an introductory or a refresher planning course for councillors and Clerks.

**4. Community Education Wales**

Autumn newsletter.

**136. Financial Report.**

Members were provided with information relating to the expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted by Council.**

**137. Accounts for Payment**

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

Reconciliation date:		<b>18 October 2016</b>
<b>STATEMENT BALANCES</b>		
Current Account	Community Account	3,906.68
Current Account	Business Saver Account	35005.8
<b>BALANCES TOTALS</b>		<b>38,912.48</b>
Investment Account		57248.07
<b>RESERVES TOTALS</b>		<b>57248.07</b>

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			18 October 2016	
Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT)	
103760	HMRC	PAYE (Sept)	571.32	
103761	AEGON	Pension	202.81	
103762	Cylch Meitrhin Sancler	Community Events Chest donation	50.00	
103763	St Clears Boating Club	Room hire	50.00	
103764	BT Payphones	Adoption of 2 kiosks	2.00	
BACS 133	Emma Smith	Salary	1643.37	
BACS 134	Emma Smith	Reimbursement*	8.55	
BACS 135	Jonathan Williams	Ground Maintenance	480.00	
BACS 136	Jonathan Williams	Litter picking	120.00	

**138. To discuss a Christmas event in St Clears.**

The options for the Christmas event were considered, including an option to hold the event indoors at the Gate this year. The item was referred to the penultimate item on the agenda 'dates for next meetings'.

**139. To receive an update on the Community Conversation.**

The Clerk updated Council regarding the meetings held so far of the Community Conversation summarising attendance, ideas discussed and suggestions put forward and the placement of suggestion boxes put in various locations in the community to enable further engagement. The closing date for suggestions is the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**140. Correspondence.**

- (i) Virginia Buls. Permission to use Peillac Way for Nordic Walking classes. **RESOLVED that no objection be made but that the Clerk should refer the lady to the County Council.**
- (ii) Carmarthenshire Sports Awards. **RESOLVED that the matter be considered before the next meeting and that any nominations be made at that meeting.**
- (iii) Community Resource Team re: Community Resilience. **RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.**
- (iv) Margaret Owen. Requesting that the grass verges on the slip road be cut and that more daffodils are planted. The County Councillor noted that the verges would be cut shortly.
- (v) Wales Air Ambulance. Invitation to visit new base at Dafen. **RESOLVED that Councillors take the opportunity to visit on an individual basis.**
- (vi) Simon Hart MP. Seeking funding the radar speed sign. **RESOLVED that the Clerk reply to decline funding.**

**141. To consider the three vacant seats at Council**

Further to the expression of interest received last month, the Clerk noted that she had contacted the individual who had confirmed that she wished to be co-opted to Council. The Clerk read the expression of interest and Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that the individual should be co-opted to Council, he was seconded by Councillor JSV Rees. A vote was held and the motion was carried. **RESOLVED that Ms Tracy Austin-Brydon of 2 Cae Glas, St Clears be co-opted to the St Clears Ward of Council and be invited to the next meeting.**

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

- i) Councillor JSV Rees informed Council that she had attended the Hywel Dda Let's Talk about Health roadshow on the 21<sup>st</sup> September at Ysgol Griffith Jones. Councillor Rees noted a disappointing turn out but a good quality discussion was held.

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

The Mayor noted that he had attended the Portreeve's breakfast in Laugharne.

**144. To discuss the dates of next meetings.**

**RESOLVED that the November meetings be combined into one meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November due to the Clerk's leave.** Council noted that the December meetings would be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. **RESOLVED that the January meetings be put back one week to the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January to allow for the Christmas and New Year break.** It was agreed that a meeting to discuss the arrangements would be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 4pm for all Councillors. After further consideration, it was agreed that Council would seek to hold the event at the Factory Shop

car park on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. **RESOLVED that pending permission from the Original Factory Shop, that a Christmas event be held there again this year.**

**RESOLVED that a small marquee be purchased as previously agreed in preparation for the Christmas event.** It was agreed that the help of the Council's maintenance contractor be sought to set up the event.

**145. Any Other Business**

- (i) Councillor LL ap T Davies noted that he was investigating the defibrillator at Bancyfelin.
- (ii) Councillor LL ap T Davies noted he was seeking a further meeting regarding a railway station at St Clears.
- (iii) A Christmas get together for Council was discussed and it was agreed to arrange something for the New Year.

**Meeting terminated at 21.40**