

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, The Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 19th June 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors CM Davies, LL ap T Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies (Chair), RG Edwards, KA Major, BC Newcombe, I Price, JSV Rees, I Richards, PJ Rogers and County Councillor PM Hughes.

23. To receive a Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Deputy Mayor Elect.

Following his nomination as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 Civic Year in the May meeting of council, Councillor I Price made and signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office in front of council.

24. Apologies

Cllr T Austin-Brydon.

25. Personal Matters

None.

26. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr I Richards item 35(i).

27. To discuss planning application W/37120 – Retail Development at Tenby Rd.

The Chair brought moved this item up the agenda for the benefit of two members of the public who were in attendance at the meeting to hear the debate on this item.

Council confirmed that a report had been received from the planning consultant who had been hired to provide an objective analysis of the planning application. Council considered the report and the matters raised and agreed that the report should be forwarded to planning department as the response from the town council. **RESOLVED that the planning adviser's report be sent to the Carmarthenshire County Council as the official response from St Clears Town Council to planning application W/37120. RESOLVED that the response and report be published on the council's website.**

28. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 15th May 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 14th and 15th May be approved as a true record.

29. Matters arising (exchange of information only)

Item 12. The bins at Lon Hafren have been replaced with bigger bins but they are still full of bagged dogs' mess. The County Councillor informed council that the County Council were behind schedule with their collections.

Item 13(ii). Cllr PJ Rogers noted that the County Council's Code of Conduct training had taken place on the 14th June. There will be another opportunity to attend the training on the 26th June. Members were urged to attend.

30. To receive the County Councillor's update.

- i. Members requested an update regarding the future of the meals on wheels service. The County Councillor agreed to make enquiries.
- ii. Work will commence shortly to install the 20mph speed limit and enforcement zone outside Bancyfelin school.
- iii. Members questioned if a play area in the new development at Bancyfelin had been identified. The County Councillor would make enquiries.
- iv. Members raised a problem with vehicles being parked outside the old Barclays bank causing a blockage at the traffic lights. The County would raise the matter with the Highways Department.

31. To discuss the proposed closure of the pedestrian right of way across the A40.

The Chair moved this item up the agenda as the County Councillor needed to leave the meeting. Council discussed the e-mail from Atkins Global on behalf of SWTRA proposing the closure of the pedestrian right of way. Members considered the proposal and the alternative routes proposed. Members felt that the two alternative routes weren't viable due to distance, flooding and lighting. As such council felt unable to support the current proposal. Cllr PJ Rogers proposed that council respond to request an alternative route as a replacement in the form of a footbridge over the A40. Cllr JSV Rees seconded the proposal. **RESOLVED that council respond to request a footbridge over the A40 as an alternative route.**

32. To receive the Clerk's report.

1) Carmarthenshire County Council

(i) Planning applications. W/37380. VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 (AMENDED PLANS) OF PLANNING PERMISSION W/36293 (AMENDMENT OF ORIGINAL APPLICATION UNDER W/32747 PROPOSED STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION DEPOT) LAND OPPOSITE BLEWGYD, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4LX HDG FARM SUPPLIES LTD. **RESOLVED that no comment be made.**

(ii) As you may be aware, Carmarthenshire County Council has commenced the preparation of a **Revised (Replacement) LDP**. This Revised LDP will set out the land use strategy to guide the future development and land use for the period 2018 - 2033.

The call for Candidate Sites represents one of the first stages of the revised LDP and allows landowners and stakeholders to submit sites for inclusion in the LDP. The Candidate Sites are invited for specific uses including housing, employment, tourism, retail, leisure, waste, amenity, open space, community facilities, health provision etc. Sites may also be submitted in instances where it is hoped to exclude the site from any development. The closing date is **2:00pm on 29th August 2018.** **Any candidate sites submitted after this date will not be considered. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee.****

(iii) Carmarthenshire Scrutiny Forum wish to promote the work of **Scrutiny Committees** within Carmarthenshire and to invite greater participation from Town and Community Councils. In order to do this they would welcome Town and Community Councils to come along to meetings as observers. Town and Community

Councils can also suggest items for discussion at future Scrutiny meetings. Carmarthenshire currently has 5 Scrutiny Committees with responsibility for Policy and Resources, Communities, Education and Children, Environmental and Public Protection and Social Care and Health.

(iv) A request has been received for the **temporary road closure** of the U2050 Salem Road, St Clears from its junction with the B4299 for a total distance of 640 metres in a north-westerly direction. The closure is necessary to ensure public safety whilst Wales & West Utilities carry out new connection works from 0800 hours Tuesday 26th June, 2018 for a period of 2 days. The alternative route for south-east bound traffic will be to proceed in a north-westerly direction along the U2050 to its junction with the U2049. At the junction, turn right and continue in an easterly direction along the U2049 to its junction with the B4299. At the junction, turn right and continue in a south-westerly direction along the B4299 to return to a point south-east of the closure. Vice Versa for north-west bound traffic.

(v) LDP engagement events specifically for community and town councils in the County. **A maximum of two representatives are invited from council to attend the first engagement workshop on Monday July 30 2018 at 4.45pm (5pm start) in Llandeilo Civic Hall, Crescent Road, Llandeilo, SA19 6HW.**

RESOLVED that Cllr KA Major will attend the event.

2) **Hywel Dda University Health Board**

Additional Public Drop-in Event. 'Transforming Clinical Services' Tuesday 26th June 2018 - Pembrokeshire Archives Building, **Haverfordwest** SA61 2PE. 2pm-7pm.

3) **National Assembly for Wales.**

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is undertaking an inquiry into diversity in local government. The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its consideration of the inquiry. It would be helpful if you could use the terms of reference provided to frame your response. Submissions should arrive no later than **Friday 24 August 2018.**

4) **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Safer Dyfed-Powys Diogel charity is pleased to announce that the process for applications for funding from the charity is now open and is in a position to start making a difference in local communities, with grants of up to £1,000 made available for community groups and charities within the Dyfed-Powys area.

All applications need to be submitted by 29th June 2018. Applications must align with Safer Dyfed-Powys Diogel's objectives, namely promoting crime prevention and community safety advice, while reducing the fear of crime through provision of education and information on community safety. **Each community group and/or charity within the Dyfed-Powys area can apply for a maximum of £1,000, and projects must be linked to young people aged 25 years and under and must**

support one or more of the principles in the Police and Crime Plan. **RESOLVED** that Cllr I Richards prepare an application on behalf of council.

5) **One Voice Wales**

(i) One Voice Wales' **Innovative Practice Conference** 4 July 2018 - Hafod a Hendre Royal Welsh Showground. One Voice Wales is holding its first Innovative Practice Conference at The Royal Welsh Showground on Wednesday 4th July. Our Innovative practice sessions will cover: Addressing Pupil Road Safety, Achieving Effective Youth Engagement, Securing Major Environmental Improvements in the Community
Bronllys Wellbeing Park.

(ii) **Grants for Remembrance Day Installations** – Taking Part

Applications are now open for micro-grants of up to £500 for installations to support their Remembrance Day activities for the centenary of the First World War. This programme will allow communities to remember and commemorate by accessing our silhouettes for benches and chairs free of charge thanks to the support of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. These silhouettes can be placed within community halls, places of worship and places of education, bringing to mind those who went to war and did not return. You can apply for an award to purchase up to 10 silhouettes. You will need to hold a self-funded event to bring the community together. **RESOLVED that the e-mail be referred to the St Clears branch of the British Legion and the Community, Finance and General-Purpose committee.**

33. **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.**

34. **To approve accounts for payment.**

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

Reconciliation date:		19-Jun-2018
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	1,548.64
Current Account	Business Saver Account	37083.77
BALANCES TOTALS		38,632.41
General (Precept) Reserves		27163.00
Allocated Project Fund		30159.37
		57322.37

Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £
AEGON	Pension (June)	214.26
S Rees	Hanging basket brackets	320.00
St Clears & District Gardening Club	Community Events Chest	150.00
2nd St Clears Scouts Group	Community Events Chest	300.00
Members allowance	Members allowances (x2)	300.00
St Clears & District Comm Assoc	Community Events Chest	300.00
Emma Smith	Salary (June)	
HMRC	PAYE (June)	602.47
Jonathan Williams	Grounds Maintenance and delittering	672.00
Jonathan Williams	Welfare Field Maintenance	278.40
Jonathan Williams	Fitting hanging basket brackets	264.00
Mango Planning & Dev Ltd	Planning advice	900.00
Emma Smith	Reimbursement*	10.15
Carmarthenshire County Council	Room Hire & Refreshments (The Gate)	405.22
CCTV Wales	CCTV upgrade	7720.80
		12437.30

35. To receive the Committee reports (i) Environment Committee (ii) Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee.

- (I) Environment Committee. Cllr PJ Rogers, Chair of the Environment Committee led council through the minutes. Members were asked to help identify 5 footpaths that council could help keep open, as requested by the County Council. Members were also asked to choose the three winning posters for the dog fouling poster competition at Ysgol Griffith Jones. Cllr I Richards declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion as his daughter had entered the competition.
- (II) Community Finance and General Purpose Committee. Cllr RG Edwards, Chair of Committee led members through the minutes. Thanks were expressed to Cllr I Richards and Cllr LL ap T Davies for their work to get the businesses of the town involved in the wi-fi towns project.

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

36. To discuss Hywel Dda University Health Board's consultation for 'Transforming Clinical Services'.

The consultation document and options put forward by the Health Board were discussed by council. The Health Board had noted their preference for Proposal A. **RESOLVED that council respond to note support for the new hospital between St Clears and Narberth and note no objection to proposal A. RESOLVED that the Health Board be requested to engage with the town council regarding potential impact on St Clears in the future.**

37. To consider the new Model Standing Orders.

Council considered the new standing orders circulated by One Voice Wales.
RESOLVED that the new standing orders be adopted by council.

38. Correspondence (exchange of information only).

- (i) Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the town council's lease at the Gate. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee.**

39. To consider the vacant seat on the Council.

No applications for the vacant seat had been received.

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

Cllr JSV Rees had attended a Dementia Friends session in Whitland. The training sessions are ongoing and the group has been named as Taf Dementia Friends Action Group. Bookmarks have been produced to help raise awareness. The scheme will be launched on the 1st February 2019.

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

Since the last meeting, the Mayor had attended:

- Civic Service for the Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council
- St Clears Show, Nantyci.

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

- i. Cllr CM Davies noted that the work to renovate the telephone kiosks was ongoing and that he had advised that the bottom panels of glass should be kept in the kiosks to prevent cats and rodents from entering.
- ii. Cllr I Richards suggested that a police representative be invited to attend a council meeting on recurring basis to discuss any matters of concern.
- iii. The Clerk stated that she would be inviting officers from the County Council to attend a meeting to discuss the reopening of the railway station in St Clears.
- iv. One planter in Bancyfelin has rotted away. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Environment Committee.**
- v. Cllr Rogers informed council that the two lighting columns at the back of the Market Square had been removed for safety reasons and thanked the Clerk for dealing with the matter so quickly.

Meeting terminated 20:58