

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 July 2016 at 7.00pm

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

67. Apologies

No apologies were received.

68. Personal Matters

None.

69. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

70. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 5th July 2016.

Item 66 - last paragraph to be amended to note that Cllr PJ Rogers drew attention to the charity cycle ride. **RESOLVED that with the amendment noted that the minutes of 5th July 2016 be signed as a true record.**

71. Matters Arising

Item 65. The Clerk noted that an e-mail from County noted that patrols would continue to try and deal with dog fouling on Peillac Way.

72. County Councillor's Update

- i) The County Councillor noted that fixed penalties had been issued in relation to dog fouling as a result of recent interventions. The dog warden had also approached individuals and carried out leaflet drops. **RESOLVED that the Clerk would request information regarding the number of fixed penalty notices issued in the area in the last 6 months.**
- ii) A query was raised about the reduced speed limit on Ostrey Hill and speeding on Llangynin Rd. The County Councillor noted that changes were pending awaiting completion of necessary processes within the County Council. **RESOLVED that Mr J McEvoy be invited to attend a meeting with Councillors.**
- iii) The mess at the recycling site in St Clears car park was also raised as bags of clothes are continually left outside the containers and a lot of broken glass can be seen around the glass recycling bin. Councillor Hughes agreed to contact the relevant department so that these matters would receive attention.
- iv) Costs being passed on to schools by the County Council were also discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the leader of the County to seek his observations on this matter after a previous commitment had been made not to pass costs on. **RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Leader of the County Council.**

73. Clerk's Report.

1. Carmarthenshire County Council.

- (i) Planning Applications. (a) **Licence application:** Application Type:- Application For Premise Licence, St Clears Rfc, Parc Griffith Jones, Station Road, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4BT. Supply of Alcohol Monday to Friday 18:00-00:30, Saturday 12:00-00:30, Sunday 12:00-22:00, New Years Eve 18:00-02:00. (b) **W/34069** LAND AT THE VICARAGE, BRIDGE STREET, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4EE. DISCHARGE OF CONDITION'S 3 AND 5 OF W/33364 (LANDSCAPING) (Discharge granted 8th July 2016). (c) **W/34117** - Full Planning. CONSTRUCTION OF A SLURRY LAGOON, PARC YR ABBOT, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4NB.

(ii) A number of consultation events that are due to take place over the next few weeks within key market towns in the County. Grŵp Cefn Gwlad, the administrative body of the RDP LEADER programme for Carmarthenshire, has commissioned a study to investigate the potential of '**pop-up shop**' initiatives within key market towns in rural Carmarthenshire. Date for St Clears consultation event TBC.

2. One Voice Wales

'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 13th March 2017.

3. Welsh Government

- (i) Collection and management arrangements for **Welsh devolved taxes** from April 2018.
- (ii) **Appointment of Vice-Chairs and Independent Members to NHS Wales.** The closing date for receipt of applications is **5 August 2016.**
- (iii) Consultation on new planning advice for the historic environment contained in a draft Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24.
<http://gov.wales/consultations/planning/proposed-technical-advice-note-24-the-historic-environment/?lang=en> Closing date **3 October 2016.**
- (iv) The draft Local Government (Wales) Bill consultation ran between 24 November 2015 and 15 February 2016. All the responses have been considered and have been summarised in a report.
[http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/draft-local-government-\(wales\)-bill-consultation/?lang=en](http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/draft-local-government-(wales)-bill-consultation/?lang=en)

4. Wales Audit Office

Redesigning public services: The strategic importance of digital
Tuesday 13 September 2016, 9am- 1pm, Swalec Stadium, Cardiff, CF11 9XR

5. Public Services Staff Commission

The Public Services Staff Commission has published its first Annual Report. A copy of the report can be downloaded here:
<http://publicservicesstaffcommission.gov.wales/guidance-and-reports/annual-report-2016?lang=en>

6. Carmarthen Bar Navigation Committee

- (i) A copy of this year's survey for boat clubs and committee members.
- (ii) The annual Meeting of the Court of Admiralty will be held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, 1 Nott Square, Carmarthen, **on Friday, 22 July 2016, at 6.00 pm.**

7. **Eiriol**

Quarterly newsletter.

8. **SLCC West Wales Branch**

A meeting of the West Wales branch of the SLCC was held on Wednesday 13th June in Carmarthen. Valuable information was shared regarding audit themes and procedures and the latest development in the reform of local government.

74. **Financial Report**

Members were provided with information relating to the expenditure for the period 1st April 2016 to 19th July 2016. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted by Council.**

75. **Accounts for Payment**

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

| | | |
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| Reconciliation date: | | 19 July 2016 |
| STATEMENT BALANCES | | |
| Current Account | Community Account | 5,425.61 |
| Current Account | Business Saver Account | 20654.4 |
| BALANCES TOTALS | | 26,080.01 |
| Investment Account | | 57240.93 |
| RESERVES TOTALS | | 57240.93 |

| SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS | | | 19 July 2016 | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | Cheque/ BACS no. | Payee | Details | Cost (inc VAT) |
| | 103746 | Wrenvale Nurseries | Planting summer 2016 | 990.00 |
| | 103747 | HMRC | PAYE (July 16) | 571.32 |
| | 103748 | AEGON | Pension ES (July 16) | 202.81 |
| | BACS 117 | Jonathan Williams | Delittering (June 16) | 240.00 |
| | BACS 118 | Jonathan Williams | Grounds Maintenance (June 16) | 480.00 |
| | BACS 119 | Emma Smith | Salary | 1643.37 |
| | BACS 120 | Emma Smith | Reimbursement* | 9.50 |

76. **To discuss a declaration of compliance to the Pensions Regulator.**

The Clerk explained that the deadline for a declaration of compliance to the Pensions Regulator was approaching (31st August 2016). The necessary information had been sought and all arrangements were in place. As such the declaration would be made in good time.

77. **To consider revised model financial regulations.**

The revised model financial regulations circulated by One Voice Wales were circulated to Council for consideration. **RESOLVED that the revised model be considered in a separate meeting between the Clerk with Councillor KA Major and RG Edwards and report back to Council.**

78. To discuss the footpath from the car park to the underpass of the A40.

The matter was discussed and the various responsible parties for the land in the area were considered. It was agreed that a site meeting needed to be held in order to move the matter forward. The Clerk would press ahead to arrange a meeting with all involved parties.

79. Correspondence

- i) Mr Fowler. Regarding the maintenance of hedges and grassed areas around new developments in Pwll Trap. **RESOLVED that the Clerk explain the County Council arrangements.**
- ii) Mr Osgood. Regarding the footpath from Ostrey Hill to railway bridge at Llangynin Road. **RESOLVED that the correspondence be referred to the County Council.**

80. To discuss the arrangements for Council during the August recess. RESOLVED that the delegation of powers to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be operational during August to allow for the Council summer recess with Councillors KA Major and RG Edwards authorising necessary payments.

81. To consider the three vacant seats at Council

No expressions of interest had been received.

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

- i) Councillor WEVJ Davies questioned the current status of the Osbourne Committee as a meeting hadn't been held for quite some time. **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Reverend Canon Bryan Witt to enquire about the status of the committee.
- ii) Councillor KA Major reported that he and the Chair of Council had attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting. Councillor Major noted he would provide a further update when the minutes were available as a change to the structure of One Voice Wales was being considered.
- iii) Councillor JSV Rees informed Council that there would be a meeting of the Twinning Association on 9th August where final payments for the trip to Peillac in October would be taken.

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

The Town Mayor reported on his attendance at events since May.

| Date | Event | Donation |
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| 14.05.16 | Carmarthenshire YFC Rally | £50 |
| 14.05.16 | Bore Coffi Capel Bancyfelin Coffee Morning | £50 |
| 15.05.16 | Carmarthen Town Council Civic Service | X |

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| 21.05.16 | St Clears YFC Show | £50 |
| 08.06.16 | Coleridge Festival in Wales Walk and reception | |
| 17.06.16 | Party in the Park St Clears | |
| 25.06.16 | WWI Commemorative Garden, Whitland | |
| 25.06.16 | St Clears RFC 30 th Anniversary dinner | |
| 26.06.16 | Reception for Honourable French Consulate | |
| 26.06.16 | Armed Forces Day Service | |
| 02.07.16 | Bancyfelin Carnival | |
| 08.07.16 | Ras yr Iaith 2016. St Clears. | £50 |

Councillor JSV Rees reported that in her capacity as Deputy Mayor she had presented a wreath from St Clears Town Council on a recent visit to Mametz Woods, with the Royal British Legion – St Clears branch.

84. Any Other Business

Councillor PJ Rogers informed Council of the discussions that had taken place in a meeting earlier that evening to hold a community survey. There would be four public meetings held during October which would be open to the general public and community groups would be invited to attend.

Councillor PM Hughes noted that the damaged lamppost outside the Gate would be replaced.

Meeting terminated at 20.30