

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Neuadd Bancyfelin, Bancyfelin, on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7pm.

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

170. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T Austin-Brydon, CM Davies and KA Major.

171. Personal Matters

The Chair congratulated the Clerk on the successful completion of the CILCA qualification.

172. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr PJ Rogers for item 178 below.

173. To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on the 30th January and 6th February 2018.

- (i) The Clerk noted that an amendment had been requested to record that council had requested legal advice in the last meeting regarding comments made on social media.
- (ii) Item 165 – The Chair noted that the correct title is Reverend Dr Caroline Jones.

RESOLVED that the two amendments above be made to the minutes and then be signed as a true record.

174. Matters arising (exchange of information only)

Item 154. County Councillor PM Hughes noted that bins have been provided on Station Rd. Dog fouling patrols have also happened in the area with 3 or 4 people given fixed penalty notices. Patrols have also taken place on the river walk, Peillac Way. Council noted issues with insufficient bin collections resulting in overflowing bins in these areas.

Item 155. Councillor Dr WEVJ Davies commented that he had tried to contact the Community Health Council to become a volunteer, but he had difficulty getting hold of them. The Clerk would chase the matter.

175. To receive the County Councillor's update.

In addition to the matters noted in 153 (above), the County Councillor noted:

- (i) Bancyfelin. The County Councillor had visited the new development site and spoken to the developer about keeping the site clean for residents. The developer had responded positively to the request. Councillor RG Edwards raised concerns with surface water in the area which had been flooding neighbouring gardens and getting close to the people's homes. Speeding is also being monitored in the village with the increase of site traffic travelling through.
- (ii) A site meeting had been held with representatives of the local Labour party to discuss some issues on the roads in St Clears. The Clerk had

attended along with the County Councillor and officers from the Highways Department. There were numerous action points from the discussions on Gothic Corner, Ostrey Hill and the Llangynin Rd junction.

Reconciliation date:		20-Feb-2018
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	7,789.95
Current Account	Business Saver Account	30692.92
BALANCES TOTALS		38,482.87
General (Precept) Reserves		26392.00
Allocated Project Fund		30873.25
		57265.25

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			20th February 2018	
Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £	
103839	AEGON	Pension (ES - Feb)	207.98	
103840	Ysgol Dyffryn Taf	Sponsorship D&T Award	50.00	
BACS 254	Emma Smith	Salary (February)		
BACS 255	HMRC	PAYE (February)	585.14	
BACS 256	Jonathan Williams	Grounds Maintenance and delittering	672.00	
BACS 257	Jonathan Williams	Welfare Field Maintenance	278.40	
BACS 258	Jonathan Williams	Removal of Christmas Trees	192.00	
BACS 259	Emma Smith	Reimbursement*	38.50	
BACS 260	Carmarthenshire County Council	Playground Inspections	1621.20	
BACS 261	Carmarthenshire County Council	Skate Park inspections	1621.20	
BACS 262	Carmarthenshire County Council	Room Hire Awards Evening	10.00	
			5276.42	

176. To receive the Clerk's report.

1) Carmarthenshire County Council

- (i) Planning applications. W/36752. CHANGE OF USE FROM DENTAL PROCATICE TO GYM. BANK HOUSE, PENTRE ROAD, ST CLEARS. **W/36577.** VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION W/30595 (EXTENSION OF TIME BY 1 YEAR IN WHICH TO SUBMIT RESERVED MATTERS). LAND AT CAE GLAS, ST CLEARS. **W/36767** PROPOSED SUN ROOM EXTENSION TO MAIN BUILDING, KILMORE, ST CLEARS.

2) Welsh Government

- (i) The first **Welsh taxes** for almost 800 years are ready to be switched on, the UK and Welsh governments today confirmed. From 1 April 2018 Stamp Duty Land Tax and Landfill Tax will be replaced by Land Transaction Tax and Landfill Disposals Tax in Wales.
- (ii) **Women's Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme** – 'Celebrating Women in Wales'. Under the Women's Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme, we will provide grants of between £500 and £20,000 to third sector organisations, community organisations and community groups, for projects and/or events which will mark the 100th anniversary. For details about the grant

- scheme, please visit: <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/equality-diversity/centenary-grant-scheme/?lang=en>
- (iii) To view the latest advertisements for **public appointments** in Wales, please visit: <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/>. Members sought for Sports Wales, Wales Animal Health & Welfare Framework Group and National Infrastructure Commission for Wales.
- (iv) Join the Independent Review Panel in their South West Wales engagement event. As part of the planned suite of engagement events the panel for the Review of Community and Town Councils in Wales would like to invite council members, clerks and key stakeholders to the South West Wales event. Come and share your views with the panel, to help Community and Town Councils play the best role they can in their communities. **Tue 13 March 2018, 09:30am – 12:30pm** at St Peter's Civic Hall, Carmarthen.

3) Future Generations Commissioner.

The Commissioner has developed a **Future Generations Framework** for projects, in collaboration with a range of stakeholders, to support the public sector and others to deliver projects and infrastructure fit for the future. It is intended to be used by those considering the need for infrastructure projects and in planning, design and delivery.

Please share any feedback you have with
contactus@futuregenerations.wales

4) Carmarthen Town Council, Clustering Meeting

The Clerk attended the meeting on the 19th February to discuss a potential clustering of services or joint working. This first meeting assessed the scope for local councils working together to share services and expertise to make councils more effective and cost effective. Several potential avenues were identified, and further meetings will be arranged.

177. To receive the financial report.

The Clerk presented Council with the financial report detailing expenditure against budgetary areas since April 2017. **RESOLVED that the report be approved by Council.**

178. To approve accounts for payment.

Councillor PJ Rogers declared an interest in the payment to Ysgol Dyffryn Taf owing to his position as a Foundation Governor at the school. **RESOLVED that the schedules of payments and bank reconciliation noted below be approved by Council:**

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179. **To receive the Committee reports**
Welfare Field Sub-Committee. The second meeting of the year with representatives from St Clears AFC Seniors and Juniors had been held on the 6th February. Cllr I Richards had joined the committee and was present for the meeting. The Chair reported positive discussions on the whole and with Council approval a separate contract would be drawn up with the Juniors and Seniors, splitting charges for the field between them. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted as a true record. RESOLVED that separate contracts be drawn up for the junior and senior sections of the AFC.**
180. **To consider nominations for the Community Service Award and the Eric Raymond Senior and Junior Awards**
Council discussed potential nominations and individuals from within the community were considered for their contribution. Due to a lack of response from the sporting organisations and schools in the area, council decided to defer the matter to the next meeting to allow more time for nominations from the community. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the March meeting of Council.**
181. **To receive a report on the OVW meeting regarding the review of the sector.**
Councillor KA Major had prepared a report for council on a meeting hosted by One Voice Wales on the 4th December 2017 in St Clears to discuss the review of the local council sector. **RESOLVED that the report be noted, and Councillor KA Major be thanked for this work to prepare the report.**
182. **To receive an update regarding the acquirement of a defibrillator**

Councillor LL ap T Davies updated council with the details of a defibrillator he had acquired from the British Heart Foundation with the support of a grant and Cllr Davies's Mayoral fund from 2016/17. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Community Finance and General-Purpose Committee for discussion.** Council thanked Cllr LL ap T Davies for acquiring the defibrillator.

183. Correspondence (exchange of information only).

- (i) Hywel Dda Community Health Council. Confirmation that a representative will attend the council meeting in April to discuss the Health Board's 'Transforming Clinical Services' options.
- (ii) Mr & Mrs Thomas Eynon. Regarding planning issues at The Cottage, St Clears. **RESOLVED that the Clerk respond noting support for the investigation by the County Council and the Town Council will await the result of the investigations.**
- (iii) Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Notification of completion of sale – St Clears Police Station, Station Rd.
- (iv) St Clears & District Community Association. Requesting the donation of old damaged crowd control barriers from the council to the association. **RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee.**
- (v) Taf QT Club. Thanks to council for the financial assistance donation given in January 2018.

184. To consider the two vacant seats on the Council.

No formal expressions of interest received.

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

- (i) Cllr RG Edwards had attended the Governors Meeting at Ysgol Bancyfelin. The school will be approaching the new Curate to join the governing body.
- (ii) Cllr LL ap T Davies had attended a meeting hosted by Great Western Rail to discuss rail services in the area.
- (iii) Cllr JSV Rees and Cllr LL ap T Davies had been due to attend a Community Engagement training session but due to a change in arrangements, they had missed the session. The information from the session would be provided to council.

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

Since the last meeting, the Mayor had attended:

- 12th February – Hosted the Mother's Union (Llangynin) at the Gate.
- 13th February – Licensing of Father Chris, the Vicar of Laugharne.
- 16th February – Browse & Brunch / Putting on the Glitz events at the Corran. The Mayor thanked everyone for their support for the two events.

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

- (i) Meetings are due to be arranged with the two school councils (Ysgol Griffith Jones and Ysgol Bancyfelin).
- (ii) Cllr RG Edwards noted concerns from residents, particularly regarding excess water, in relation to the housing development at Bancyfelin.

Meeting terminated 20:58