

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Neuadd Bancyfelin Village Hall, on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm

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

263. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors T Austin-Brydon and KA Major.

264. Personal Matters.

The Chair welcomed Councillor I McEwan back to Council after a break due to surgery.

265. Declarations of Interest

Councillor CM Davies in Item 269 (2(ii)) regarding planning application **W/35243**.

266. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 7th March 2017.

Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Councillor JSV Rees. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on the 7th March be approved as a true record.**

267. Matters Arising

- (i) Item 261(ii) A site meeting was held on Ostrey Hill St Clears on the 15th March with officers from the County Council to discuss the placement of speed counters on the road in the area. The County Councillor confirmed that the speed counters would be installed on the road in the near future.
- (ii) Item 262 (iii). It was noted that the car was still parked in the layby opposite the school in Bancyfelin.
- (iii) Item 262 (i). Members discussed the lighting columns on Ostrey Hill and noted a gap before Ostrey Bank (when approaching from Pwll Trap). It was noted that there was an older style column on the opposite side of the road but that the light from this column maybe not be as effective as the other columns.
- (iv) Item 261 (iii) & (iv). It was agreed that the Deputy Mayor for 2016/17 should receive the invitation / tickets to attend the events.

268. To receive the County Councillor's update.

- (i) Councillor PM Hughes noted that plans had been submitted for the development of housing at the site near Cae Ffynnon in

Bancyfelin. At the time of the meeting the plans were back with the developer for further information.

269. To receive the Clerk's report.

1. Welsh Government

Consultation on a draft circular for the planning of gypsy, traveller and show people sites and you are invited to comment. The closing date for responses is **22 May 2017**.

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/draft-circular-planning-gypsy-traveller-and-showpeople-sites>

2. Carmarthenshire County Council

(i) Emergency Road Closures will take place on the junctions of: TR A40 with B4298 Meidrim, TR A40 with U2121 Bragdy, TR A40 with C2042 Bancyfelin and TR A40 with C2039 Newchurch from **Friday 17th March, 2017 to Tuesday 4th April, 2017**, between 19:00 hrs to 06:00 hrs only (Overnight). Junctions will be closed on separate nights. The emergency closure is due for emergency repairs to be carried out by the South Wales Trunk Road Agency.

(ii) Planning Applications. **W/35242** - Overhead Line. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT EXTENSION WORKS, IT IS NECESSARY TO DIVERT THE EXISTING 11KV OVERHEAD LINE. LAND AT PLASYRHELYG, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4JR. WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION - ESTATES DEPARTMENT, LLANFIHANGEL AR ARTH, PENCADER, CARMS, SA39 9HT. **RESOLVED that the matter be noted.**
W/35243 - Full Planning. INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS. THE COTTAGE, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4LX. MR & MRS EYNON, THE COTTAGE, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4LX. Councillor CM Davies declared an interest in this matter. **RESOLVED that no objections be made.**

W/35245 - Full Planning. TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE, 51 CAE GWYRDD, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4BE, BLUNDELL AND THOMAS, 51 CAE GWYRDD, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4BE. **RESOLVED that no objections be made.**

3. Independent Remuneration Panel

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Annual Report for 2017/18 has now been published. Section 13 relates to Community and Town Councils.

<http://gov.wales/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/170223-annual-report-en.pdf>

4. Carmarthenshire Federation of YFCs

2 tickets to the annual rally on Saturday 13th May.

5. **Compassionate Communities Carmarthenshire.**

The launch of Compassionate Communities Carmarthenshire will be held on **Friday 31st March 2017** at the National Botanical Gardens, 10.30 am – 3.30pm.

This project across Carmarthenshire, is about engaging communities building intergenerational links and supporting older and vulnerable members and signing up compassionate community champions..

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/compassionate-communities-carmarthenshire-launch-event-tickets-32285484754?utm_term=eventurl_text

270. **To receive the financial report.**

Members were provided with information relating to the expenditure for the period 1st April 2016 to the 20th March 2017. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted by Council.**

271. **To approve accounts for payment. (i) March 2017 (ii) April 2017. RESOLVED that the schedules of payments and bank reconciliation noted below be approved by Council:**

Reconciliation date:		20 March 2017
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	13,629.26
Current Account	Business Saver Account	17508.62
BALANCES TOTALS		31,137.88
Investment Account		57255.21
RESERVES TOTALS		57255.21

(i)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			20 March 2017	
Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details		Cost (inc VAT)
103790	AEGON	Pension (Mar)		202.81
103791	Bowen & Weaving	Paper		19.18
BACS 171	Emma Smith	Salary		1643.13
BACS 172	Emma Smith	Reimbursement*		8.55
BACS 173	JN Williams	Grounds Maintenance		480.00
BACS 174	JN Williams	Delittering		120.00
BACS 175	JN Williams	Hanging of Mayor's board		116.40
BACS 176	JN Williams	Work to benches		730.80
BACS 177	Carmarthenshire County Council	Footway lighting		8115.12
BACS 178	HMRC	paye (March)		571.51
BACS 179	SLCC	Membership 2017		225.00
BACS 180	Carmarthenshire County Council	Rent (The Gate)		750.00

(ii) Due to the upcoming election in May 2017, there would be no meeting of Council during April 2017. As such, members approved the following schedule of payments for April:

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			28 April 2017	
Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT)	
103792	AEGON	Pension	207.98	
BACS 179	Emma Smith	Salary (Apr)	1678.46	
BACS 180	JN Williams	Grounds Maintenance	480.00	
BACS 181	JN Williams	Delittering	120.00	
BACS 182	One Voice Wales	Membership 17/18	405.00	
BACS 183	HMRC	PAYE (Apr)	595.05	

The April payments includes a salary increase for the Clerk up to point 42 on the NJC salary scale. **RESOLVED that the increase to the Clerk's salary to point 42 on the scale be approved.**

272. To discuss the current provision of CCTV

The meeting with the CCTV had been postponed and as such no further discussions had been held since the last meeting of Council. **RESOLVED that CCTV be referred to the next Council.**

273. To consider a publication schedule for Council.

Members had been provided with a copy of the publication schedule prior to the meeting. Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that the publication schedule be adopted and was seconded by Councillor RG Edwards. **RESOLVED that the publication schedule be approved and added to the Model Publication Scheme.** Members also moved that attendance at meeting was also added to the publication schedule, the motion was proposed by Councillor WEVJ Davies and seconded by RG Edwards. **RESOLVED that members' attendance be added to the schedule.**

274. To consider the Town Council's response to the consultation documents:

- a. **White Paper *Reforming Local Government - Resilient and Renewed***
- b. **Boundary Commission Wales**

- (a) The draft response had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members were happy with the contents. **RESOLVED that the response to the consultation be sent as drafted.**
- (b) The Clerk advised Council that upon detailed consideration of the document, she felt that a response from Council wasn't required. Council were happy to take the Clerk's advice on this matter.

275. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence for consideration.

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

Nothing to report.

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

The Mayor had attended the St Clears & District Choral Society's Sapphire Birthday celebrations at the Gate, St Clears. The Mayor opened the event which took place on the 9th March.

278. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i)** Councillor RG Edwards thanked Council for once again holding a meeting in Bancyfelin, noting its importance to the community.
- (ii)** Members were reminded of the upcoming dinner to mark the end of Council term on the 4th April in Elaichi at 7pm.
- (iii)** The Chair informed Council that the awards evening would be held on the 11th April at the Gate at 7pm.
- (iv)** The Chair informed Council that he had sponsored a rugby ball for St Clears RFC.
- (v)** Councillor RG Edwards distributed leaflets advertising the concert by Côr Bois y Felin in Llangynog on the 8th April.

Meeting terminated at 19:54