

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in The Gate, Pentre Road, St Clears on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7pm

Present:

Councillors CM Davies, LLapT Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, M Galvin, DR Phillips, JSV Rees, PJ Rogers

In the Chair – Councillor CM Davies (Town Mayor)

73. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors RG Edwards, PM Hughes, KA Major, I Price and S Lane.

74. Personal Matters

The Acting Clerk referred to the receipt that morning by the Town Mayor of a letter of resignation as a member of the Town Council from Mrs Catherine Ingleton and also expressing her gratitude to members for their condolences during her recent bereavement.

RESOLVED that i) Mrs CM Ingleton's resignation be received with regret; ii) Council's gratitude be conveyed to Mrs Ingleton for her contribution to the authority during her time as a member and iii) appropriate steps be taken to fill the resultant vacancy.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillors KA Major and JSV Rees in hosting the 'Meet the Mayor' sessions during his recent holiday.

Councillor Dr WEVL Davies voiced the town's dismay and disappointment that for the first time in over a century that Studt's Fair would not be visiting St Clears.

RESOLVED that the Town Council's disappointment be recorded.

75. Declarations of Interest

Councillor CM Davies in respect of requests for assistance relative to the Fireworks event from the St Clears & District Community Association included in the Clerk's Report, agenda item 7.

76. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 22nd September 2015 be signed as a correct record.

77. Matters Arising

i) 62ii) Code of Conduct Training

The Acting Clerk reported on the positive reaction from neighbouring authorities with regard to the invitation but currently times and numbers interested were awaited.

ii) 63 County Councillor's Update - Proposed site visit near the Chapel at Bancyfelin

It was noted that Councillor PM Hughes was hopeful that this meeting would take place this month.

iii) 64 iii) Town & Community Council Forum

It was noted that Council's request for four members to attend the next meeting had been agreed.

iv) 66b) Planning and Communities Committee

Councillor PJ Rogers, Committee Chair updated the meeting that work was well underway in respect of the installation of the conversion kits and fourteen column mounted displays to alternate in red and gold had been ordered which should be on place by week commencing 23rd November.

v) 72. Any Other Business - i) Wall adj Pwll Trap, Bus Shelter

RESOLVED that as the reinstatement work remained outstanding the County Council be requested to again pursue their contractor.

vi) 72. Any Other Business – ii) Campaign to Reopen the Railway Station

It was noted that a date for the meeting was awaited

vii) 72. Any Other Business - ii) Macmillan Care Fundraiser

RESOLVED that the Town Council's gratitude to Mrs Sian Rogers on a particularly successful event be recorded.

viii) 72. Any Other Business - v) Pellican Crossing, Pentre Road

The Acting Clerk reported that the County Council were undertaking a programme of replacing bellisa beacon lanterns. It was now apparent that County Council Civil Enforcement Officers had the necessary powers to penalise vehicles on zig zag markings at controlled pedestrian crossing points and they could be occasionally deployed in the vicinity of thee crossing to deter parking thereon. However the agreement of the County Councillor and the Town Council was required as Parking Services had recently been accused of 'killing trade' in town and village centres when deployment had taken place.

RESOLVED that the Town Council support the deployment of Civil Enforcement Officers to deter motorists from parking on the zig zag markings near the pedestrian crossing in Pentre Road.

ix) 72. Any Other Business - vi) Town Council's November Meeting

The Acting Town Clerk reported on the reply received that The Village Hall in Bancyfelin was not available for the November meeting

RESOLVED that enquiries be made as to the availability of the hall for any meeting of the Town Council during the remainder of the civic year.

78. County Councillor's Update

In conveying his apologies Councillor PM Hughes had asked that any appropriate issues requiring action be drawn to his attention in addition he had requested the Town Council's input on certain matters.

Heol Goi

Councillor PJ Rogers drew attention to dog fouling incidents along this road and a bin was overflowing and not emptied for some time the consequent problems.

Speeding

Councillor PJ Rogers highlighted local concerns as to drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds along Heol Goi

20 mph speed limit in the vicinity of Ysgol Bancyfelin

Councillor LLapT Davies enquired as to the possibility a 20mph speed zone in the vicinity of the school in Bancyfelin.

Llangynin Road/Pwll Trap road junction

The Acting Clerk referred to a report of a near collision at this junction at the weekend and had received enquiries as to whether the existing signage was appropriate and possibly the Give Way should be replaced by a Halt sign.

RESOLVED that the above issues be referred to Councillor PM Hughes for his consideration

Cefn Maes/Street Lighting

The County Councillor had sought the views of the Town Council following an approach for street lights at the Cefn Maes housing development.

Lay-by opposite Cefn Maes

It was noted that the County Councillor had again been approached as to whether this lay-by could be designated an official Bus Stop by virtue of current indiscriminate parking.

RESOLVED that further information be obtained with regard to these requests to enable further consideration at a future meeting

Slip Road from TRA40

Councillor PJ Rogers referred to various issues with regard to the slip road including driving at too high a speed, deposit of litter, and vehicles driving in the wrong direction. Several members referred to their experience with regard to meeting motorists travelling against the direction of traffic. The Acting Clerk drew attention that Highways Officers had offered to meet together with colleagues from the Trunk Roads Agency to consider issues with regard to the slip road.

RESOLVED that the offer of a meeting with Officers from County Highways and the Trunk Road Agent be pursued.

79. Clerk's Report

i) St Clears Community Association - Fireworks

The Acting Clerk referred to the reply from the St Clears and District Community Association thanking the Town Council for its kind donation of £500 towards this year's event as well as the agreement to underwrite the event up to a further £500. The Association has also requested the use of 25/30 crowd control barriers and 4 market stalls. The Association also sought the assistance of members to act as stewards on the evening.

RESOLVED that the request for the use of barriers and market stalls be granted.

ii).Disposal of Marquees

The Acting Clerk referred to the draft public notice prepared together with the Chair of Planning and Communities Committee for inclusion in the local press and on Council's website a copy of which had been included in the written report.

“St Clears Town Council intends to dispose of two marquees (10mts x 6mts approx). Community organisations in the St Clears Town Council area are invited to apply for these. The marquees are surplus to requirement and prospective owners must satisfy themselves as to their suitability for the purpose they wish to use them for. They will be donated by the Town Council on an as seen basis as no assurance can be given as to their condition and suitability for any future use. When making the application organisations should stipulate how the acquisition of the marquees will benefit their organisation and the wider community.

All applications should be submitted to the Acting Clerk, 7 Maesdolau Idole Carmarthen SA32 8DQ clerk@stclearstowncouncil.co.uk by no later than Monday 16th November 2015”

RESOLVED that i) the public notice be approved, ii) the applications received be considered at the meeting of the Town Council to be held on 17th in order to assess their suitability.

iii). Consultation on proposal for a Public Spaces Protection Order” for Carmarthenshire

The Acting Clerk drew attention that Carmarthenshire County Council were now consulting on new orders to tackle dog fouling and the control of dogs in public places. The purpose of the Order is to allow designated officers to deal quickly and efficiently with the small minority of dog owners who behave irresponsibly. Any person who breaches the order may be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100 or fined up to level 3 (£1000) on prosecution. Members broadly welcomed the consultation and Council needed to consider as to respond thereto in advance of the 14th December next.

RESOLVED that the consultation document be referred to the Environment Committee for further consideration relative to Council’s formal response.

iv). Financial Assistance

RESOLVED that the requests for financial assistance received from Carmarthenshire YFC and Cancer Information and Support Services be referred to the February meeting of the Town Council for consideration.

80. Financial Report

The meeting proceeded to consider the financial statement as 12 October circulated with the agenda together with a bank reconciliation distributed confirming the balances in the various accounts on 18 October as follows:

Current A/c – Community A/c	£5699.20
Current A/c – Business Saver A/c	£29393.76
Investment A/c -	£57219.54

RESOLVED that the report be accepted

81. Reports of Council’s Committees held on 6th October 2015

a) Environment Committee

Councillor JSV Rees, Committee Chair reported on the meeting updating Council on various issues

RESOLVED that i) the report be received and the recommendations adopted, ii) arising therefrom an update be sought from the County Council with the regard to their proposed signage which could include Peillac Way and the Heritage Trail.

b) Planning and Communities Committee

Councillor PJ Rogers commended the report for approval

RESOLVED that i) the report be received and the recommendations adopted ii) the Disposal of Assets form be approved.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Councillor PJ Rogers presented the report on the recent meeting outlining salient points particularly on the work for committees during the November cycle of meetings.

RESOLVED that the report be received and the recommendations adopted

82. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following schedule of payments be approved

103687 – HMRC – PAYE (Oct) - £489.64

103688 – Lyn Davies – Travel expenses OVW Conference - £43.60

BACS 038 – Carmarthenshire CC – Playground Inspections - £396.00

BACS 039 – Carmarthenshire CC – Skatepark Inspections - £396.00

BACS 040 – BDO LLP – Audit Fees 2014/15 - £420.00

BACS 041 – JE Williams – Salary (Oct) - £1317.94

BACS 042 – E Smith – Salary (SMP)(Oct) - £572.00

BACS 043 – JN Williams - Ground Maintenance (Sept 15) - £420.00

BACS 044 – JN Williams – Litterpicking (Sept15) - £120.00

BACS 045 – Noel James – Stall set-up - £200.00

BACS 046 - Emma Smith – Reimbursement (phone) - £9.50

83. Correspondence

i) Hywel Dda Community Council/NHS Wales/University Health Board - New Mental Health Project Group

ii) Wales Cooperative Centre - Digital Communities Wales

iii) Carmarthenshire County Council - Seasonal decorations

iv) One Voice Wales – a) Training Course; b) Grow Wild Wales Partnership;

c) Appointment of Trustee – Heritage Lottery Fund; d) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales : Draft Annual Report;

v) Nigel Williams - Extracts from the 'Blue Books' at the National Library of Wales;

vi) Carmarthen Bar Navigation Committee - Quarterly meeting

RESOLVED that these items of correspondence be noted

84. Welfare Field

The Acting Clerk pointed out that it was anticipated that the next meeting of the Management Committee with the Leisure Centre Manager and Users was anticipated to take place on 3rd November. However it may be worthwhile that the Committee should meet in advance to consider a future strategy and review whether the anticipated improvements had been carried out on the field.

RESOLVED that the report be received

85. Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies, etc

Councillor LLapT Davies reported on a recent meeting of the St Clears and District Community Association drawing attention that the Association was prepared to assist on the evening of the Christmas celebration to be held on 27th November.

RESOLVED that the report be received

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

The Town Mayor referred to the events attended which included the most successful fund raiser organised by St Mary's Church towards Macmillan Care and congratulating Ben and Doreen Evans on their Diamond Wedding. He reiterated his thanks to colleagues in attending the 'Meet the Mayor' session while he was on holiday. Speeding on Llangynin Road had featured again at the session earlier in the day and by virtue of the apparent lack of action by Carmarthenshire County Council a petition was now been organised and the anxiety of residents referred to Angel Burns AM.

RESOLVED that the report be received

87. Any Other Business

i) Remembrance Services

Councillor JSV Rees drew attention to the various events taking place and in particular the Remembrance Sunday Service at 9.30 am followed by Service at the at the War Memorial. Members were reminded as to the Poppy Ball and the Annual Armistice Day Service at the War Memorial to take place at 11am on Wednesday 11th November.

ii) Portreeve's Lunch

Members queried whether an invitation had been received to the Portreeve's Lunch

iii) Minutes

Councillor PJ Rogers queried the position relative to the display of Council's minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the monthly meetings be displayed on the Noticeboard

iv) Glasfryn/Cae Gwyrdd Signage

Councillor LLapT Davies drew attention to the absence of a formal street in respect of Cae Gwyrdd and that the sign for Glasfryn had been defaced

RESOLVED that the a request for appropriate signs be conveyed to the County Council

v) Former Library

Councillor PJ Rogers drew attention that a sash window was open at the premises

RESOLVED that the owner be notified accordingly.

Meeting terminated at 8.50pm

