

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors LL ap T Davies (Chair), T Austin-Brydon, CM Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, KA Major, JSV Rees and PJ Rogers

The start of the meeting was delayed to 19.15 due to the previous meeting running over time.

178. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors PM Hughes and I McEwan.

179. Personal Matters.

- (i) The Clerk informed Council that Councillor DR Phillips had tendered his resignation and read the letter to Council. Council requested that Councillor DR Phillips be thanked for his contribution with best wishes for the future.
- (ii) The Chair thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor JSV Rees for her presentation of the Blue Boar Carol on behalf of Council at the Christmas in Verse event at St Mary Magdalene Church. The Chair also expressed his congratulations to the organisers of a very successful event.

180. Declarations of Interest

Councillor CM Davies for item 186, accounts for payment.

181. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 6th December 2016.

RESOLVED that in the new civic year, the minutes of the business meeting and ordinary meeting of Council should be numbered separately.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 6th December be approved as a true record.

182. Matters Arising

- (i) Item 175. The Clerk updated Council with the results of the Best Decorated Premises Competition which had been judged earlier that evening by the Mayor and Mayoress of Laugharne. Results were as follows:

Residential Category

1st: Picton Place, Station Rd, St Clears
2nd: Parc y Delyn, Station Rd, St Clears
Stores
3rd: 11 Gorsfach, Pwll Trap
Clears

Business Category

1st: St Clears Pharmacy
2nd: Bancyfelin Post Office &
Stores
3rd: Europa Hair Fashions, St
Clears

- (ii) Item 177 (iii). Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act be sent to the County Council asking the total cost of the barriers installed at the car park on Pentre Rd, St Clears. Councillor PJ Rogers seconded the proposal. **RESOLVED that a freedom of information request be sent to the County Council regarding the cost of the barriers at Pentre Rd car park.**

183. To receive the County Councillor's Update

The County Councillor had sent apologies for the meeting so no update was available.

184. To receive the Clerk's Report

1. Carmarthenshire County Council.

- (i) Street naming consultation. New Bancyfelin development.
Name suggested by the developer 'Cysgod y Llewod'.

2. Welsh Government

- (i) The Welsh Government has commenced work on the preparation of the National Development Framework (NDF). The NDF will be a national land use development plan and will replace the existing Wales Spatial Plan. It will set out the 20 year spatial framework for land use in Wales, providing a context for the provision of new infrastructure and growth and setting out how the Government's land use objectives will be taken forward at the national, regional and local levels.

Consultation event: Llanelli, Parc y Scarlets, 31 January 2017, 10.30-12.30

- (ii) Public Appointments Wales -

Member - Wales Animal Health & Welfare Framework Group

Independent Member - Public Health Wales NHS Trust

Independent Member - Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

The closing date for receipt of applications are:

Wales Animal Health & Welfare Framework Group – **6 January 2017**

Independent Members to NHS Wales – **3 January 2017**

Appointment of Members to Qualifications Wales

The closing date for receipt of applications is **20 January 2017**

www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments<<https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/>

New Members Equality and Human Rights Commission

Closing date: 12 noon 3 January 2017

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/careers/wales-committee-members>

More information available from the Clerk.

(iii) Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
Publication of 'Electoral Reviews: Policy and Practice' document for the programme to review all 22 principal council areas in good time for the 2022 local government elections. Following the Written Statement made by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government on 23 June 2016, the Commission have revised the Policy and Practice document in order to meet the obligations as set out in legislation. Copy available here:

<http://ldbc.gov.wales/reviews/electoralreviews/58417614/?lang=en>

3. Independent Remuneration Panel Wales

Invitation to a round table discussion event on its remuneration framework for community and town councils. **2nd February, 10:30 – 12:30, The Old Hall, UWTSD, Lampeter, SA48 7ED**

4. The Gate

New exhibition 'A retrospective in Black & White' photographs by Chris Rees. You are invited to the exhibition opening on the 7th January at 11am.

5. Older People's Commissioner Wales

Latest newsletter available on their website:

http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/Libraries/Uploads/Newsletter_-_AW2016_w.sflb.ashx

6. Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and UK Government Investments

Post Office network consultation. The Government provides funding to maintain a national network of post office branches that is accessible to everyone. The consultation looks at the expectations from the post office network. Responses will be used to help determine the funding provided to the post office after the existing agreement with Post Office Limited ends in 2018. We are not proposing any changes to the network through this consultation. Closing date 21st December 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/post-office-network> .

185. To receive the financial report.

Members were provided with information relating to the expenditure for the period 1st April 2016 to the 13th December 2016. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted by Council.**

186. To approve accounts for payment.

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

Reconciliation date:		20 December 2016
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	5,867.41
Current Account	Business Saver Account	24410.29
BALANCES TOTALS		30,277.70
Investment Account		57255.21
RESERVES TOTALS		57255.21

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			20 December 2016	
	Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT)
	103771	AEGON	Pension ES	202.81
	103772	S&S Entertainment	Costume hire	50.00
	BACS 144	HMRC	PAYE (Dec 16)	571.52
	BACS 145	Emma Smith	Salary (Dec 16)	1643.17
	BACS 146	Emma Smith	Reimbursement *	8.55
	BACS 147	J N Williams	Grounds maintenance contract	480.00
	BACS 148	J N Williams	De-littering	120.00
	BACS 149	J N Williams	War mem cleaning, erection of xmas trees	510.00
	BACS 150	Llwyndu Farm	4 Christmas Trees and haulage	720.00
	BACS 151	Malcolm Herbert	Extension leads, bulbs etc - purchase	131.31
	BACS 152	Malcolm Herbert	Hire of a digger	84.00
	BACS 153	Medway Builders	Fitting windows to Guide Hut	395.58

187. To consider the Town Council's response to the County Council's budget consultation.

Council considered the County's budget consultation document and reflected on the comments made in a meeting earlier that evening with St Clears Football Club and Cylch Meithrin. It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a response to the County covering the points made and circulate that draft for comment. A response to the Town Council's letter should be sought prior to the meeting of Council on the 24th January. More details about the timetable for the consultation and decision making process should also be sought from the County.

188. To discuss the Council's lease of the Guide Hut.

The Clerk updated Council regarding the discussions with the County Council about the Guide Hut at Dolyfelin used by the Town Council. The Clerk noted that work will continue in the new year to finalise the lease on the hut.

189. Correspondence.

- (i) Mr Tom Brown – regarding an overflowing bin at the end of Peillac Way near St Mary Magdalene Church.
RESOLVED that the Clerk reply to thank Mr Brown for his e-mail and to pass the matter on to the County, asking Mr Brown to send such matters directly to them in future.

190. To consider the two vacant seats at Council.

The Clerk noted that a previous member of Council had shown an interest in rejoining. RESOLVED that the individual be invited to apply for co-option to Council until the end of Council term.

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

- (i) The Chair recorded his attendance at the County Council's Town and Community Council's Liaison Forum.
- (ii) Councillor WEVJ Davies noted that the Osbourne Trust had not met.
- (iii) An update on the Town Trust and plans for the Town Hall was requested. Council asked the Clerk to contact the new Recorder for an update, including any meeting dates.

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

- 21.11.16 Mayor's Tea. Bancyfelin Senior Citizens at the Fox & Hounds.
- 25.11.16 Santa comes to St Clears.
- 27.11.16 Advent Concert, Capel Cana, Bancyfelin.
- 01.12.16 Scouts' Christmas Concert.
- 04.12.16 Christmas event, Bancyfelin.
- 09.12.16 Corran singers concert, Capel Seion. Proceeds to Friends of Dol-y-Felin.
- 11.12.16 Christmas in Verse, St Mary Magdalene Church.
- 16.12.16 Visited 6 Residential Homes with Chocolates and Biscuits for Staff and Residents.

193. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) The Clerk to request that the maintenance contractor remove the heritage panels from Peillac Way for the winter due to the high tides.
- (ii) Attention was drawn to further erosion of the river bank further along Peillac Way.
- (iii) Positive comments about the Christmas tree by the Town Hall were reported, with similar observations in Bancyfelin also reported to Council.
- (iv) Councillor CM Davies noted his concern over the lack of consultation from the County before work commenced in a couple of areas recently, noting that Council should be mindful of this.

Meeting terminated at 20:07