

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in The Gate, Pentre Road, St Clears on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 7pm

Present:

Councillors CM Davies, LLapT Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, M Galvin, CM Ingleton, KA Major, I Price, JSV Rees, PJ Rogers

In the Chair – Councillor CM Davies (Town Mayor)

58. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors PM Hughes and DR Phillips.

59. Personal Matters

The Town Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillor Melonie Galvin who was attending her first meeting of the Town Council.

60. Declarations of Interest

Councillor CM Davies in respect of the application considered by the Planning and Communities Committee from the St Clears & District Community Association for a donation from the Community Events Chest; agenda item 10 ii)

61. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21st July 2015 be signed as a correct record.

62. Matters Arising

i) 46ii) Code of Conduct Training

The Acting Clerk enquired as to arrangements for the invitation to neighbouring authorities to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain code of conduct training and chairing skills conducted by the County Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED that an invitation be extended to adjoining Council's in the Taf Area Joint Council Working Group at a nominal charge of £5 per participant on a date suitable to the Deputy Monitoring Officer; with the venue to be arranged

ii) 48 i) Bancyfelin School Governing Body

Councillor RG Edwards reported that he had received confirmation with regard to a further term on the above Governing Body.

iii) Mayor's Board

The Acting Clerk reported on various discussions with regard to the new Mayors Board and in particular the suggestions put forward by the signwriter that it would be advisable to conclude the present board with the names of Town Mayors and Clerks

and start afresh on the new board with the headings in Welsh as opposed to bilingual to provide a better balance with English titles on the board in place.

RESOLVED that the advice be accepted with a quotation awaited

63. County Councillor's Update

In noting Councillor PM Hughes apologies for absence, members referred to various issues that required his assistance thereon.

Proposed site visit near the Chapel at Bancyfelin

Councillor LLapT Davies asked if a date and time been agreed for this site visit?

Speeding Issues in Pwll Trap

Councillor KA Major drew attention that following on from housing developments in the area and the consequent increase in the volume of traffic, serious consideration now needs to be given to reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph

Litter

Councillor PJ Rogers asked as to the present position on County Council's litterpicking regime with litter a blight on Pentre Road particularly on a Sunday morning. Councillor LLapT Davies reiterated his enquiry as to visits by the 'dedicated litter picker' to Bancyfelin.

'Pinchpoint' Pentre Road

Councillor I Price drew attention to the pinch point created which required further consideration to ensure the safety of road users.

64. Clerk's Report

i) Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum

RESOLVED that Councillor M Galvin attend the Humanitarian Assistance & Community Resilience Conference in Carmarthen on 15 October

ii) Carmarthenshire Tourism Awards

The meeting noted the opportunity to nominate people, businesses and events in Carmarthenshire

iii) Town & Community Council County Forum

The Acting Clerk referred to the forthcoming meeting of the Town & Community County Forum to be held in County Hall Carmarthen on 8th December on setting the Council's budget and to representation at these meetings

RESOLVED that the names of interested members, Councillors CM Davies, LLapT Davies, RG Edwards and KA Major be forwarded to the coordinator.

iv) One Voice Wales – Annual General Meetings - Motions

Copies of the motions for debate were distributed for the benefit of members

RESOLVED that voting on the various motions be left to the discretion of Council's delegates

65. Financial Report

The meeting proceeded to consider the financial statement as 14 September circulated with the agenda together with a bank reconciliation distributed confirming the balances in the various accounts on 21 September as follows:

Current A/c – Community A/c	£9244.56
Current A/c – Business Saver A/c	£33393.76
Investment A/c -	£57219.54

RESOLVED that the report be accepted

66. Reports of Council's Committees held on 8th September 2015

a) Environment Committee

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

RESOLVED that i) the report be received and the recommendations adopted, ii) when considering acquiring replacement planters consideration be given to the Town Mayor's suggestion on the innovative planters in Lydstep and iii) Council's thanks to Councillor I Price in sourcing various dog fouling leaflets and posters be recorded.

b) Planning and Communities Committee

Councillor PJ Rogers reported on the September meeting focusing on the key issues together with subsequent discussion on the provision of the necessary conversion kits to accommodate individual post mounted decorations. It was noted that the display would no longer include strings of lights along Pentre Road and with separate time clocks on each light column the traditional formal 'Switch On' was no longer feasible. The Acting Clerk updated Council on the current position in respect of the relevant quotations to hand and that the cost of the conversion kits would £175 for each of the 15 columns.

RESOLVED that i) the report be received and the recommendations adopted; ii) the County Council be requested to install 15 conversion kits at a total cost of £2625 + VAT; iii) City Illuminations provide this year's display at cost of £7200 and iv) delegated authority be granted to the Chair, Vice Chairman in conjunction with the Acting Clerk to revise the arrangements in between meetings should it prove necessary.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor KA M Major presented the report on the recent meeting outlining salient points.

RESOLVED that i) the report be received and the recommendations adopted ii) whilst Council had no objections to the request from the Boar Riders - the

newly formed St Clears Cycling Club - with regard to the crest; it was a matter for the St Clears Town Trust and that they be advised accordingly.

67. Correspondence

RESOLVED that the items of correspondence included on the schedule circulated for the information of members be noted with the requests for financial assistance to be considered during the Town Council's February meeting.

68. Welfare Field

The Town Mayor together with the Acting Clerk updated the meeting on various issues appertaining to the Welfare Field in particular to the opportunity provided to members to view the area earlier in the month as well as the informal meeting with representatives of St Clears AFC. Councillor RG Edwards stressed the need to adhere to the protocol that all operational matters must be channelled via staff at the St Clears Leisure Centre and it was not appropriate for organisations and individuals to refer their grievances to individual members or to the Town Council. The Acting Clerk drew attention to the request received from St Clears AFC to erect a shed for storage purposes on a concrete base in place between an existing shed and the dugout and to suggestions that using a container might be a better option.

RESOLVED that i) consideration of the request to erect a shed be referred to the next meeting with Leisure Centre Management and users to establish the request in detail and to examine the feasibility of other possible options ii) Councillors CM Davies, RG Edwards and JSV Rees be appointed to serve on the Council's Welfare Field Management Committee and iv) to meet at an early agreed date.

69. Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies, etc

Planning Aid Wales – Seminar

Councillor LLapT Davies circulated a written report on the recent training workshop held in Carmarthen attended in the company of the Town Mayor

Town and Community Council Forum

Councillor RG Edwards reported to the recent meeting attended together with Councillor LLapT Davies and outlined the subject matter and in particular to the moving presentation by Marcia Vale on Dementia Friendly Communities

Ysgol Bancyfelin

Councillor RG Edwards referred to the outstanding results of the recent inspection carried out by Estyn at the end of the summer term

RESOLVED that i) the reports be received ii) the Town Mayor as Dementia Care is one of the featured charities during his term in office to liaise with the Coordinator for South West Wales with regard to a presentation or event within the community and iii) the Town Council's congratulations be conveyed to the Head and staff at Ysgol Bancyfelin.

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

The Town Mayor referred to the events attended which had ensured that recent weeks had been rewarding including: Mark Oriol 's return following his round Britain cycle run for charity; the WI centenary; TROTS Fun Run; the Gardening Club awards and the recent opening a new jewellery making unit at The Gate.

In addition there was regular attendance at the 'Meet the Mayor' sessions with speeding on Llangynin Road and littering continuing to be prominent issues of concern to residents.

RESOLVED that the report be received

71. Any Other Business

i) Wall adj Pwll Trap, Bus Shelter

Councillor KA Major drew attention that repairs to the damaged wall adjoining the bus shelter remained outstanding

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the County Council

ii) Campaign to Reopen the Railway Station

Councillors LLapT Davies and I Price queried the position relative to an early meeting to assess where the campaign currently stands.

RESOLVED that a request for an early meeting be taken up with County Council

iii) Macmillan Care Fundraiser

Members noted information from Councillor PJ Rogers on the event taking place on Saturday 26th September at the Boat Club

iv) Mametz Wood Centenary Visit

Councillor JSV Rees referred to the open invitation from the St Clears Royal British Legion Branch with regard to the proposed to Mametz Wood from 8th to 12th July 2016 and minimum of 30 to make the trip viable.

v) Pelican Crossing, Pentre Road

Councillor S Lane referred to the all too often lack of respect by road users for pedestrians when trying to cross at the Pelican Crossing in Pentre Road.

RESOLVED that Council's concerns be referred to the County Council

vi) Town Council's November Meeting

The Town Mayor indicated that he would wish to see the Town Council's November meeting in The Village Hall in Bancyfelin.

RESOLVED that subject to availability the Town Council's scheduled meeting on 17th November be held at The Village Hall, Bancyfelin

vii) Forum

Councillor KA Major drew attention that Angela Burns AM would be holding an open forum at the White Hart on Thursday 5th November.

Meeting terminated at 9pm