

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 2, the Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Prior to the commencement of business, Irfon Price signed the declaration of office before Council.

206. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor I McEwan.

207. Personal Matters.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Irfon Price to Council.

208. Declarations of Interest

None.

209. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 10th January 2017.

Councillor WEVJ Davies noted an error in paragraph 194 noting that Dr Siriol David now lives in St Clears, this should be corrected to Cardiff. With exception to the matter above, Councillor JSV Rees proposed that that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting and was seconded by Councillor RG Edwards.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 10th January be approved as a true record.

210. Matters Arising

- (i) Item 203 Councillor WEVJ Davies proposed that the March meeting be held a day earlier due to the Clerk's leave. Council agreed. **RESOLVED that the second Council meeting of March be held on Monday 20th March at 7pm.**
- (ii) Councillor PM Hughes stated that he had spoken to the County about the sign for the Dol-y-Felin home being in a more prominent position and visible from the main road. The Clerk agreed to write to the Ambulance Service and Fire Service to assess any issues experienced by them when trying to find it.
- (iii) Councillor JSV Rees noted that the flood warning signs had been erected in the Backe.
- (iv) Item 205(ii) Councillor Irfon Price noted that parking enforcement officers had regular evening shifts in various towns throughout the County and St Clears is included in the rotation.
- (v) Item 205(iv) a progress report regarding the painting of benches in Bancyfelin was requested. The Clerk noted that she and

Councillor RG Edwards would meet the volunteer to check what was required before he commenced work.

211. To receive the County Councillor's update.

In addition to the matters covered in Matters Arising (above), the County Councillor offered to take any questions from Council.

- (i) An update on the status of the Leisure Centre was requested. The County Councillor noted that the Leisure Centre had been revoked from the draft budget consultation and as such there would be no need for further public meetings. Councillor Hughes would also chase a response to the Town Council's letter in response to the budget consultation.
- (ii) Footway lighting on Ostrey Hill. A request for street lighting on Ostrey Hill by a resident of the area has been refused by the County and referred to the Town Council. The Clerk agreed to seek clarity on this matter ahead of the next meeting.

212. To receive the Clerk's report.

1. Carmarthenshire County Council.

Notice of Certification and Order copy for a Public Path Order, as part of a statutory consultation process. Please note that consultation has previously been carried out in this matter, which concerns a path through a housing development, and was commenced in 2005. The Certification confirms that all necessary works have been completed, and brings the Order into force. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert Public Footpath 63/26, Glasfryn, St. Clears, as shown on the Order map.

2. Welsh Government

- (i) Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government has announced an agenda for action to help build resilience and renewal in community and town councils. A leaflet has also been provided to support council in efforts to raise awareness and encourage participation in the local government elections in May 2017.
- (ii) Appointments to the Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia National Park Authorities. The closing date for receipt of applications is **30 January 2017.**
www.wales.gov.uk/publicappointments
- (iii) The [Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee](#) is undertaking an inquiry into the general principles of the [Trade Union \(Wales\) Bill](#). Further details about the Bill and the accompanying [Explanatory Memorandum](#) can be found on the [Bill page](#). **Submissions should arrive by 17 February 2017.**
<http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=16591>

213. To receive the financial report.

Members were provided with information relating to the expenditure for the period 1st April 2016 to the 17th January 2017. **RESOLVED that the report be accepted by Council.**

214. To approve accounts for payment.

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

Reconciliation date:		24 January 2017
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	16,384.02
Current Account	Business Saver Account	34758.62
BALANCES TOTALS		51,142.64
Investment Account		57255.21
RESERVES TOTALS		57255.21

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			24 January 2017	
	Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT)
	103773	AEGON	Pension ES	202.81
	103774	Cash	Petty cash	122.20
	103775	Sophie & Stuart East	Best decorated premises prize	30.00
	103776	Mr & Mrs Griffiths	Best decorated premises prize	20.00
	103777	Mr & Mrs Chadwick	Best decorated premises prize	10.00
	103778	St Clears Pharmacy	Best decorated premises prize	30.00
	103779	Bancyfelin Post Office & Stores	Best decorated premises prize	20.00
	103780	Europa Hair Fashions	Best decorated premises prize	10.00
	103781	Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice	Donation (Financial Asst)	200.00
	103782	Y Cardi Bach	Donation (Financial Asst)	100.00
	103783	Carmarthen & Dist Youth Opera	Donation (Financial Asst)	100.00
	103784	Neuadd Pentref Bancyfelin	Hall hire (Oct 16)	24.00
	BACS 154	HMRC	PAYE (Jan 17)	571.32
	BACS 155	Emma Smith	Salary (Jan 17)	1643.37
	BACS 156	Emma Smith	Reimbursement *	40.09
	BACS 157	J N Williams	Grounds maintenance contract	480.00
	BACS 158	J N Williams	De-littering	120.00
	BACS 159	City Illuminations	Christmas lights 2016	11778.00
	BACS 160	MI Wright	Costumes (replaces cheque 103772)	50.00
	BACS 161	Wales Audit Office	Audit fees	186.75
	BACS 162	Eagle Signs	Banners - Christmas event	24.00

215. To finalise the Council's budget and set the precept for 2017/18.

Further consideration was given to the budget for 2017/18 and the figures presented by the Clerk were considered and the setting of the precept was discussed. **RESOLVED that the budget be set as shown in Annex 1 and the precept for 2017/18 be set at £79176.**

Also discussed was the need for a five year plan for Council in order to strategically plan Council finances and budgeting, which could be taken on board by the new Council in May.

216. To discuss the pre-planning consultation for the development at Cae Ffynnon, Bancyfelin.

Members considered the pre-planning application for the extended development at Cae Ffynnon Bancyfelin. **RESOLVED that a reply be sent to the planning agent to note that have previously been consulted about a development in this area and the comments made then still stand. Any further response will be made in response to a County Council planning consultation.**

217. To discuss the current provision of CCTV.

The current condition of the CCTV was considered and costs received for replacing the cameras in 2014 considered. The Clerk agreed to get revised costs and relocation of camera costs to further inform the discussion.

218. To discuss ideas for the newly adopted telephone kiosks.

Council considered various ideas for the use of the telephone kiosks and the possible responsibilities / liabilities of each. It was agreed that ideas should be sought from the community, particularly from the schools.

219. Correspondence

- (i) Mr Elfyn Williams, note of thanks for birthday card.
- (ii) Mr Kevin Pett, Carmarthenshire County Council expressing thanks to Council for the response to the budget consultation.
- (iii) Ruth Mullen, Director of Environment, Carmarthenshire County Council. Response to queries about the barriers at the car park on Pentre Rd, St Clears.

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

Councillor JSV Rees noted that the AGM of the St Clears & District Twinning Association would be held next Tuesday in the White Lion.

A quiz will be held on Friday 27th January in the Santa Clara, proceeds to St Mary Magdalene Church.

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

Nothing to report.

222. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) Nominations for the Community Service Award and the Eric Raymond Senior and Junior Awards would be sought in the next meeting on 7th February.
- (ii) The Clerk noted she would send a list if Councillors and the wards they represent to Council for information.
- (iii) A dinner for the end of Council's term would be held on the 15th March at Elaichi, St Clears.

Meeting terminated at 20:16