

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, The Gate, St Clears, on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors LL ap T Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, RG Edwards, KA Major, I McEwan, JSV Rees (Chair), I Richards, PJ Rogers.

206. To discuss the Health Boards 'Transforming Clinical Services' options with a representative from Hywel Community Health Council.

Mr Ken Jones and Mr Sam Dentten from Hywel Community Health Council spoke to council about the current consultation being held by Hywel Dda University Health Board. The consultation 'Transforming Clinical Services' looks at the future provision of health care in the area, most notably the current hospitals and options for change. The changes will be the largest seen for many years and the consultation runs until the middle of July. It is estimated that the changes will come into effect in approximately eight to ten years' time. The representatives noted their willingness to continue discussions with council and this meeting was an introduction to the changes. Council thanked Mr Jones and Mr Dentten for their time and the useful information they had provided.

207. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors CM Davies, RG Edwards and I Price.

208. Personal Matters

The Chair thanked council for their support to each other and co-operation during a testing time.

209. Declarations of Interest.

None.

210. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 20th March 2018.

- (i) 197(ii). Remove the Declaration of Interest as the family in receipt of the donation is not an acquaintance of the named councillor.
- (ii) Any Other Business. The minute should be amended to read 'Diocesan Registrar'.

RESOLVED that with the amendment above, the minutes should be signed as a true record.

211. Matters arising (exchange of information only)

Item 194(3)(ii). Cllr LL ap T Davies suggested that a motion could be offered to the One Voice Wales AGM to move that the changes to the Health Boards should be planned on an all Wales level. The Chair requested that Cllr Davies draw a form of words for a motion if he wished to propose a motion in the next meeting of council.

Item 200. The arrangements for the upcoming awards evening were confirmed as May 2nd at 7pm in Ysgol Griffith Jones.

212. To receive the County Councillor's update.

The County Councillor wasn't present at the meeting to provide an update. Cllr PJ Rogers requested clarification regarding the plans of the County to cease the meals on wheels provision from August, would there be an alternative provided? The Clerk would make enquiries with the County Councillor.

213. To receive the Clerk's report.

1) Carmarthenshire County Council

- (i) Planning applications. W/37120. DEVELOPMENT OF SITE WITH THE ERECTION OF BOTH A FREESTANDING RESTAURANT AND A FREESTANDING COFFEE SHOP, BOTH WITH ASSOCIATED DRIVE THROUGH FACILITY. INSTALLATION OF ACCESS ROAD, ASSOCIATED CAR PARK, PATIO AREAS, EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT AND WIDER ASSOCIATED WORKS TO THE SITE. LAND AT ST CLEARS ROUNDABOUT, OLD TENBY ROAD, ST CLEARS, CARMARTHEN, SA33 4JW.

(ii) Carmarthenshire Events Support Fund

"We recognise the importance of events in supporting our communities and towns and the contribution they can make to the local economy and in reinforcing Carmarthenshire's profile to potential visitors. As well as offering an event organiser toolkit with ideas and suggestions on how to plan and deliver effective events, we also offer financial support to eligible events.

Direct and indirect (in-kind communication support) funding is open to all applicants who currently organise or who wish to organise events or festivals in Carmarthenshire and our support is designed to help a range of events that are at varying levels and stages. We welcome applications from private or public sectors and fully constituted voluntary organisations whose events fulfil the criteria.

2) Hywel Dda University Health Board

"Hywel Dda - Our Big NHS Change" was officially launched at a meeting of the health board on Thursday 19 April 2018, marking the start of a 12-week public consultation aimed at making provision of local health and care better for our communities. There are a series of public drop in events across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

These are informal Drop In Events. Please come along at any time between 2pm and 7pm to find out more.

8 May 2018 St Peter's Civic Hall, Carmarthen
11 May 2018 Regency Hall, Saundersfoot

3) One Voice Wales

- (i) One Voice Wales and the SLCC are arranging the sixth Joint Event to be held on 16 May 2018 in the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod. Bookings will need to be made by accessing the following web-link www.slcc.co.uk/ovw.

The event focuses on key topic areas such as the review of local councils being undertaken by the Independent Review Panel; financial

governance and accountability; devolution of services and general data protection regulations/cyber security It is open for Councillors and Clerks to attend.

- (ii) One Voice Wales response to the Community and Town Council Review, circulated on e-mail to all member councils and forwarded by the Clerk. Hard copy available on request.
- (iii) Carmarthenshire Area Committee will be held on Wednesday 9th May.
- (iv) Please find below details of training sessions that are schedules to take place at Carmarthen. 6:30pm until 9:00pm.
 Tuesday 8th May - Module 8 - Introduction to Community Engagement
 Tuesday 22nd May - Module 9 - Code of Conduct
 Tuesday 19th June - Module 10 - Chairing Skills
 Tuesday 31st July - Module 21 - Local Government Finance -
 ADVANCED

4) **CCTV Upgrade**

The work to install the new CCTV system is due to be completed the week commencing the 14th May.

214. To receive the end of year financial summary.

The Clerk presented Council with the financial summary detailing expenditure against budgetary areas since April 2017. **RESOLVED that the report be approved by Council.**

215. To approve accounts for payment.

Members discussed the invoices for payment, specifically an invoice from the County Council for a repair to the play area. **RESOLVED that the invoice should not be paid until a response to the queries about the maintenance contract made in advance of the meeting is received.**
RESOLVED that the schedules of payments and bank reconciliation noted below be approved by Council:

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| Reconciliation date: | | 24-Apr-2018 |
| STATEMENT BALANCES | | |
| Current Account | Community Account | 7,027.12 |
| Current Account | Business Saver Account | 11510.94 |
| BALANCES TOTALS | | 18,538.06 |
| General (Precept) Reserves | | 26392.00 |
| Allocated Project Fund | | 30901.80 |
| | | 57293.80 |

218. To consider the Independent Remuneration Panel's annual report and determinations for council.

Members discussed the new determinations and agreed that the decision could be delayed to allow more members to be present for the discussion.

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the annual meeting of council.

219. To nominate the Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 Civic Year

No nominations were forthcoming for a Deputy Mayor. The matter was deferred until the after the annual meeting.

RESOLVED that council seek to nominate a Deputy Mayor in the May meeting of council.

220. To arrange a meeting with the school councils.

The Mayor confirmed that she would be meeting the Ysgol Bancyfelin school council on the 26th April and the Ysgol Griffith Jones school council on the 14th May.

221. Correspondence (exchange of information only).

- (i) Carmarthenshire County Council. Dates for Code of Conduct Training, June 2018.
- (ii) Query regarding the safe keeping of school archives for the production of Oliver. The Clerk would refer the enquirer to Ysgol Dyffryn Taf.
- (iii) Mr C Warren. Noting his intention to step down from the Community Conversation group.

222. To consider the two vacant seats on the Council.

An application from a Mr B Newcombe had been received to join council. The Clerk read the application which noted Mr Newcombe's background and reasons for wanting to join council. Council were pleased to be able to accept the application. **RESOLVED that Mr B Newcombe be co-opted to council and invited to attend the Mayor Making and the full meeting of council in May.**

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

- (i) Cllr PJ Rogers informed council that Mr Julian Kennedy had been appointed as the new head of Ysgol Dyffryn Taf. Council agreed that a letter of thanks to Mr Newsome be sent in the next couple of months.

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

Since the last meeting, the Mayor had attended:

- Cylch Meithrin Sanclêr's Easter Eggstravaganza.
- Community Conversation meeting 9th April.
- Senior Citizens St Clears 65th birthday celebrations.
- Service at Gibeon chapel.
- Senior Citizens Bancyfelin meeting.
- Portreeve's Ball (Laugharne).

And the Deputy Mayor had met descendants of St Clears' famous son Ira Jones on the 19th April while they were visiting the town.

225. Any Other Business (exchange of information only).

No other business.

Meeting terminated 21:53