

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held in the Cynin Room, Carmarthenshire Centre for Crafts, Pentre Road, St Clears on Thursday 25th August 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: T W Brown, L L ap T Davies, R G Edwards, E H Eynon, B J Jenkins, C J Jenkins, K A Major, P J Rogers and Mrs J S V Rees.

In the Chair - Councillor L L ap T Davies (Deputy Mayor).

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular Councillor P J Rogers who had recently been co-opted on to the Town Council.

The Clerk reported for information that Councillor P J Rogers had previously signed the statutory declaration of office.

57. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors C M Davies and Mrs L M Owen.

58. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

59. Finance Committee

Councillor R G Edwards reported on a special meeting of the Finance Committee held earlier in the evening.

RESOLVED that the Report of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25th August 2011 be accepted and the recommendations approved (Appendix A attached)

60. Audit of Accounts 2010/11

Members were provided with copies of the 2010/11 Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, Section 1 (Statement of Accounts), Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) and Section 3 (Internal Auditor's Report) in respect of the Annual Return together with supporting documentation.

It was noted that the Cumulative Fund Account as at 31st March 2011 amounted to £63,987.37 of which £40,000 was invested in short term Investment Bonds.

It was also noted that the invoice in the sum of £13,664 for the extension to the car park was still in dispute.

RESOLVED that

i) the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet relating to the 2010/11 financial year be approved

ii) the Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign the Annual Return for submission to the External Auditors

A discussion ensued relating to the Town Council's finances. The Chairman and members of the Finance Committee together with the Clerk responded to various points raised regarding the finances.

Following the discussion it was

RESOLVED that a copy of the monthly financial report be provided for all members at the monthly Town Council meeting.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that he wished it to be recorded his gratitude to the Clerk for the work undertaken in completing the Annual Return and supporting documentation.

61. Any Other Business

i) Proposed Bus Interchange Improvements

The Clerk reported on correspondence from the County Council relating to proposals to undertake improvements to the bus stops adjacent to Medical Hall and the Black Lion Hotel, Pentre Road, St Clears.

RESOLVED that the Town Council offer no objection to the proposals.

ii) Temporary Road Closure of the C2038 Road Junction with the TRA40 near Llangynog

It was reported that a communication had been received from the County Council relating to the temporary closure of the above road junction by South Wales Trunk Road Agency to ensure public safety whilst resurfacing works are carried out from Monday 12th September 2011 for a period of two weeks between 7.00pm and 6.00am.

iii) Carmarthenshire Draft Local Development Plan

Members were informed that following the meeting between the Planning Consultant and the Town Council's Planning Committee the responses to the Draft LDP had been finalised and had been submitted to the County Council by the due date.

iv) Gothic Corner

In response to an enquiry from Councillor C J Jenkins the Clerk reported that he had not received further information from the County Council regarding the proposed road safety improvements at Gothic Corner.

v) Parking Area at Gorsfach, Pwlltrap

In response to an enquiry from Councillor E H Eynon the Clerk reported that he had not received further details from the County Council regarding the parking area at Gorsfach.

vi) Signage

In response to an enquiry from Councillor C J Jenkins the Clerk reported that the issue relating to the provision of signage for St Clears Town Centre on the A40 and A477 trunk roads would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Environment Committee.

Meeting terminated at 9.20pm