

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Cynin Room,
Carmarthenshire Centre for Crafts, Pentre Road, St Clears
on Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors: C M Davies, L L ap T Davies, W E V J Davies, E H Eynon, B J Jenkins, K A Major, Mrs L M Owen and Mrs J S V Rees.

In the Chair - Councillor C M Davies (Town Mayor).

197. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors T W Brown, R G Edwards, C J Jenkins and S J Runnett.

County Councillor P M Hughes had also tendered his apologies.

198. Personal Matters

The Town Mayor referred to the death of the Clerk's mother and offered condolences to the Clerk and his family. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs Bowen.

The Clerk thanked the Town Mayor and members of the Council for all messages and expressions of sympathy and for the Town Council's support during this period.

Councillor B J Jenkins thanked the Town Mayor and members of the Town Council for the flowers presented to him and Mrs Jenkins on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Town Mayor thanked members for their support during the civic year and members reciprocated in thanking the Town Mayor for his support.

199. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded at this stage.

200. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 23rd and 31st March 2011 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

The Clerk thanked Councillor Mrs L M Owen for taking the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March as he was unable to attend for personal reasons.

201. Matters Arising

195. Election of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2011/12 Civic Year

The Clerk confirmed that there was nothing in the Town Council's standing orders that precluded the re-election of the Town Mayor for a further term of office.

202. Clerk's Report

i) Welsh Assembly Government – St Clears Pembroke Dock Trunk Road (A477) (St Clears to Red Roses Improvement and De-Trunking) Order - Public Local Inquiry

Copy of the Welsh Assembly Government's Outline Statement of Case.

ii) Carmarthenshire County Council

a) St Clears Car Park – Proposed Pay and Display Car Park Traffic Order

Information relating to the Order together with an invitation for the Town Council to comment on the proposal.

Comments to be submitted by Monday 2nd May 2011

RESOLVED that the Town Council

i) request that concessions be made for people attending the Coach and Horses Surgery in particular the aged and infirm

ii) request information regarding parking charges.

b) Armed Forces Day – Saturday 25th June 2011

Information regarding the above together with a copy of a letter from General Sir David Richards, Chief of the Defence Staff inviting local councils to arrange their own supporting celebrations during the week 20th to 25th June 2011 and in particular on Armed Forces Day.

Councillor B J Jenkins advised that the Royal British Legion – St Clears Branch would be arranging an event on Sunday 26th June 2011.

Councillor E H Eynon proposed that Town Council members make every effort to support the event.

iii) One Voice Wales

a) Carmarthenshire Area Committee

Notice of Meeting and Agenda relating to the meeting to be held on 19th April 2011 together with minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st January 2011.

b) 2011 AGM and Conference

Notice of 2011 AGM and Conference to be held at Pontrhydfendigaid on Saturday 8th October 2011.

Member Councils are also invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM. The motions must be submitted by no later than 27th May 2011.

RESOLVED that Councillors K A Major and S J Runnett be nominated to attend.

c) Training

Information that places were available for Module 7 - The Planning Process – to be held in Kidwelly on 3rd May 2011.

iv) Society of Local Council Clerks

Training and Events Guide April to July 2011

v) Carmarthen Shopmobility Caerfyrddin

Information relating to the above.

vi) Carmarthenshire Tourist Association

Newsheets and an invitation to Carmarthenshire Tourism Summit at Llanelli on Tuesday 10th May 2011

viii) Welsh Game Fair – 18th and 19th June, Gelli Aur, Llandeilo

Newsletter

203. Planning Committee

Councillor L L ap T Davies reported on a meeting of the Planning Committee held earlier in the evening.

RESOLVED that the Report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th April 2011 be accepted and the recommendations approved. (Appendix A attached).

204. Payments

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:

- 102909 One Voice Wales - £321.00 – Membership renewal (as agreed at the Town Council meeting held on 23rd March 2011)
- 102910 Keith Jenkins – £177.90
(£71.16 – De-littering Car Park etc April 2011.
£106.74 – De-littering Skateboarding Area and Children’s Play Area March 2011)
- 102911 Lynn Bowen - £886.18 – Clerk’s Salary April 2011.
- 102912 Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes - £864.00 – Maintenance and complete replanting of flower/shrubs at Old Market Square.
- 102913 Carmarthenshire County Council - £2610.63 – Footway lighting charges 1.12.10 to 31.3.11
- 102914 Keith Jenkins - £130.00 – Erection and Collection of Market Stalls
- 102915 N and J James - £150.00 – Erection and Collection of Market Stalls

205. Town Council Website

Councillor E H Eynon provided members with an update regarding the development of the website.

He reported that the facility to ‘Ask a Question’ on line was now up and running, however there had been no response to date.

Following a discussion it was agreed:

- that local organisations be provided with a handout relating to the facility available to them on the website
- that viewing statistics be acquired
- that Councillor K A Major be included in the Day to Day Website Management Group.

206. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that a thank you letter had been received from Y Cardi Bach for financial assistance.

207. Town Mayor’s Report

The Town Mayor reported on civic events and engagements undertaken since the last meeting including a joint Surgery with County Councillor P M Hughes on 9th April 2011.

208. Provision of Bill Board at St Clears

RESOLVED that the matter be referred for consideration by the Environment Committee.

209 Eric Raymond Memorial Shield

RESOLVED that nominations for the Eric Raymond Memorial Shield be deferred to the next meeting.

210. Any Other Business

i) Food and Craft Market

Members were informed that the next Food and Craft Market would be held on Saturday 23rd April 2011.

ii) Grass Cutting

It was reported that the Contractor had not cut the grass in certain areas.

In response the Clerk reported that the Contractor's attention had been drawn to the matter

iii) Working Groups

Councillor L L ap T Davies requested that arrangements be made to hold meetings of the Working Group established to progress the Campaign for the Re-Opening of the Railway Station at St Clears and the Fair Trade Town Status Working Group.

iv) The Town Mayor reported that he had received a complaint regarding the deposit of litter on the sliproad coming off the A40.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the County Council.

Councillor Mrs L M Owen expressed her concerns regarding the need to make the banks on the sliproad more attractive.

RESOLVED that the matter be discussed again with the South Wales Trunk Road Agency and referred to the Environment Committee.

v) The Town Mayor reminded members that the Mayor's Ball would be held on Saturday evening, 30th April 2011 and that two tables were still available.

vi) The Town Mayor reported for information that he had received a further complaint from a resident that the Town Council were not arranging a Street Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

vii) Councillor E H Eynon proposed that every effort be made to complete outstanding projects/issues during the final year of the present Town Council.

He referred to the successful meeting held recently with local Organisations and the need to keep up momentum as it would soon be time to commence arrangements for the November events.

Meeting terminated at 8.55pm

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Mayor's Parlour
Carmarthenshire Centre for Crafts, Pentre Road, St Clears
on Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: L L ap T Davies, K A Major, Mrs J S V Rees and C M Davies (Town Mayor).

In the Chair Councillor L L ap T Davies.

Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor S J Runnett.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Planning Applications

New Applications:

The Committee received details of the following planning applications submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council as part of the consultation process:

- W/24520 Full Planning – Replacement Dwelling – Maes y Felin, Meidrim Road, St Clears – Mrs M A Thomas
- W/24529 Outline consent for one dwelling house – Neuadd Deg, Salem Road, St Clears – Mr and Mrs D Thomas

It was agreed to recommend that the Town Council offer no adverse comments regarding both Planning Applications.

With regard to Planning Application Ref: W/24529 it was assumed that as Outline Planning permission had been granted previously that the Highways Division are satisfied with the proposed access to the development.

Gorsfach, Pwlltrap

It was agreed to recommend that the Town Council request an update relating to the provision of a car park for residents at Gorsfach.

Meeting terminated at 7.25pm