

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the St Clears Town Council held in The Carmarthenshire Centre for Crafts, Pentre Road,. St Clears on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors: T W Brown, C M Davies, Dr W E V J Davies, L L ap T Davies, R G Edwards, E H Eynon, C J Jenkins, K A Major, S J Runnett, Mrs L M Owen and Mrs J S V Rees.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor B J Jenkins.

2. Prayers

Prior to the commencement of business a prayer was offered by Canon Bryan Witt BD. Canon Witt referred to the recent death of Councillor P H Lewis and a minute's silence was observed in memory of Councillor P H Lewis.

3. Opening Remarks

The Town Mayor Councillor C M Davies welcomed all present in particular guests to the Annual Meeting.

4. Annual Report

The Town Mayor Councillor C M Davies provided a detailed account of activities during the 2010/11 civic year.

He reported on the success of the Food and Craft Markets which had been commenced during the year in partnership with the Carmarthenshire Centre for Crafts. He reported that he wished to place on record his thanks to Mrs Eleri Retallick, Carmarthenshire County Council for her assistance with the venture and her assistance in securing a grant for the purchase of the Stalls. He referred to the continuing success of the Town Council Committees and thanked the Committee Chairmen and members of the Committees for their diligence.

He referred to the launch of the new Town Council Website which was still being developed and improved, the Fireworks display and the success of the Winter Carnival .

He referred to the meeting arranged with local organisations and the strong possibility of the re-establishment of a Community Association and also the possibility of obtaining grant funding for an Events Co-Ordinator as discussed at a meeting with the County Council's Head of Leisure.

He reported that the Car Park lease had finally been completed and signed and referred to the commencement of a monthly surgery in partnership with County Councillor P M Hughes. He expressed his gratitude to members of the Town Council for their loyal support. He reported that he wished to thank in particular the Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Clerk for their support and assistance during his term of office and presented the Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers and the Clerk with a gift as a token of his appreciation. He thanked County Councillor P M Hughes and Canon Bryan Witt for their continued support and assistance and also local organisations and members of the public.

Finally he referred sympathetically to the death of Councillor P H Lewis who had served the community as a member of the Town Council and its predecessor Authorities for 42 years. He reported that Councillor Lewis would be sadly missed.

5. Appointment of Town Mayor

Councillor E H Eynon proposed and Councillor R G Edwards seconded that Councillor C M Davies be re-elected Town Mayor for the 2011/12 civic year.

The proposition on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously and the Town Mayor made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office

The Town Mayor thanked the Town Council for bestowing the honour upon him once again and the Mayoress for her continuing support.

He reported that he proposed to continue with the work in hand and complete outstanding projects.

He was looking forward to the re-establishment of a Community Association in St Clears, the employment of an Events Co-Ordinator and continuing with the joint surgeries at St Clears and Bancyfelin. He also referred to completing arrangements for the establishment of a local Flood Forum in conjunction with Welsh Water, the Environment Agency and Angela Burns AM.

6. Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor Mrs L M Owen proposed and Councillor K A Major seconded that Councillor L L ap T Davies be re-elected Deputy Town Mayor for the 2011/12 civic year.

The proposition on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously and the Deputy Mayor made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

7. Committee Membership

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees be as follows with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees being re-elected en bloc and the Town Mayor and Chairman of Policy Committee serving as ex-officio members:

Finance Committee:

Councillors: R G Edwards (Chairman), B J Jenkins (Vice Chairman) and E H Eynon.

Environment Committee

Councillors: T W Brown (Vice Chairman), W E V J Davies and Mrs L M Owen

Environment Committee to elect its own Chairman.

Planning Committee:

Councillors: S J Runnett (Chairman), L L ap T Davies (Vice Chairman) and Mrs J S V Rees.

Special Projects Committee

Councillors: E H Eynon (Chairman), C J Jenkins (Vice Chairman), T W Brown,

Mrs J S V Rees and Mrs L M Owen.

Campaign for the Re-Opening of the Railway Station Sub Committee:

Councillors: T W Brown, L L ap T Davies, B J Jenkins, S J Runnett and K A Major.

Town Mayor to Chair the Group.

Fair Trade Town Sub Committee

Councillors: L L ap T Davies (Chairman), S J Runnett (Vice Chairman), R G Edwards and

Mrs J S V Rees.

8. Representation on Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that the following represent the Town Council on the various outside bodies:

- i. St Clears Leisure Centre - left in abeyance
- ii. Twinning Committee –
Councillors L L ap T Davies, R G Edwards, Mrs L M Owen, Mrs J S V Rees and
Town Mayor as ex-officio
- iii. Community Associations:
Bancyfelin - Councillor R G Edwards
St Clears - Councillors K A Major and Mrs L M Owen
- iv. Police Consultative Committee - Councillor T W Brown
- v. PACT:- Councillor T W Brown
- vi. Primary School Governing Bodies:
Ysgol Griffith Jones - Councillor B J Jenkins
Ysgol Bancyfelin - Councillor Mrs L M Owen
- vii. Board of Trustees West Wales Craft Centre and Carmarthenshire Arts Forum –
Councillor R G Edwards
- viii. Osborne Charity – Councillors Dr W E V J Davies and Mrs L M Owen
- ix. One Voice Wales (Carmarthen):
Councillors K A Major, S J Runnett, and L L ap T Davies (Reserve)
- x. Taf Myrddin Community Network – Councillor L L ap T Davies
- xi. St Clears and Laugharne Business Chamber – Town Mayor
- xii. Carmarthenshire Tourist Association – Councillor Mrs L M Owen
- xiii. St Clears Partnership - Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and the Clerk
- xiv. Local Health Panel - Councillors C J Jenkins, Mrs J S V Rees/ L L ap T Davies
- xv. Cultural Olympics Project – Dyffryn Taf Area – Councillor R G Edwards

9. Welsh Language Scheme

The Clerk reported on a self assessment exercise relating to the monitoring of the Town Council's Welsh Language Scheme.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's annual monitoring report be accepted

10. Schedule of Meetings

RESOLVED that ordinary meetings of the Town Council in the 2011/12 civic year be held on the following dates:

14th June, 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December 2011, 10th January, 14th February, 13th March and 10th April 2012

All meetings to commence at 7.30 pm and terminated at 9.30 pm.

11 Civic Reception

The Town Mayor, Councillor C M Davies invited all present to join in the civic reception on the conclusion of the monthly meeting to follow.

Meeting terminated at 7.30 pm