

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the St Clears Town Council held in Meeting Room 1, Y Gât/The Gate, Pentre Road, St Clears on Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Councillors: 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, P J Rogers, S J Runnett, and Mrs J S V Rees.

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

Prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting all Members signed the statutory declaration of office.

The Town Mayor Councillor C M Davies welcomed all present to the first meeting of the 2012/13 Civic Year and a new Town Council term.

1. Appointment of Town Mayor

Councillor Dr W E V J Davies proposed, Councillor R G Edwards seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor L L ap T Davies be elected Town Mayor for the 2012/13 civic year.

Councillor L Lap T Davies took the Chair and thanked members for electing him as Town Mayor.

2. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Dr W E V J Davies proposed, Councillor K A Major seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Mrs J S V Rees be elected Deputy Mayor for the 2012/13 civic year.

Councillor Mrs J S V Rees thanked Members for electing her as Deputy Mayor.

3. Review of Committee Structures and Committee Membership

It was unanimously agreed that the Committees set up at the commencement of the last Council had proved very successful.

It was noted that currently there were three vacancies on the Town Council.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that:

- i) a review of the Committee Structure be undertaken by the Steering Committee**
- ii) the new Committee Structure be in place by September 2012**
- iii) existing Committees to remain the same until the completion of the review**
- iv) Committee membership to remain the same until the completion of the review with the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Steering Committee serving as ex-officio members (please see below)**
- v) Councillor P J Rogers be appointed as Chairman of the Environment Committee**
- vi) Councillor C M Davies, outgoing Mayor, be appointed to serve on the Environment and Planning Committees and to remain on the Steering Committee as ex-officio until the review was completed.**

Environment Committee

Councillors: P J Rogers (Chairman), C M Davies and Dr W E V J Davies.

Finance Committee:

Councillors: R G Edwards (Chairman) E H Eynon and P J Rogers.

Planning Committee:

Councillors: S J Runnett (Chairman), C M Davies and Mrs J S V Rees.

Special Projects Committee

Councillors: E H Eynon (Chairman), C J Jenkins (Vice Chairman) and Mrs J S V Rees.

Steering Committee

Councillors: K A Major (Chairman), R G Edwards (Chairman Finance Committee), P J Rogers (Chairman Environment Committee), S J Runnett (Chairman Planning Committee), E H Eynon (Chairman Special Projects Committee) and C M Davies (ex officio)

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

Councillors: L L ap T Davies (Town Mayor), S J Runnett and K A Major.

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.

4. Representation on Outside Bodies

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

- i. Twinning Committee –
Councillors L L ap T Davies, R G Edwards, Mrs J S V Rees (usual practice for Town Mayor to attend as ex-officio)
- ii. Community Associations:
Bancyfelin - Councillor R G Edwards
St Clears - Councillors S J Runnett and Mrs J S V Rees
- iii. Police Consultative Committee/PACT - Councillor R G Edwards
- iv. Primary School Governing Bodies:
Ysgol Griffith Jones - B J Jenkins (Retiring Councillor until his term of office expires in November 2012)
Ysgol Bancyfelin - Councillor R G Edwards
- v. Osborne Charity – Councillor Dr W E V J Davies.
- vi. One Voice Wales (Carmarthenshire Area Committee):
Councillors K A Major, S J Runnett, and L L ap T Davies (Reserve)
- vii. Taf Myrddin Community Network – Councillor L L ap T Davies
- viii. St Clears and Laugharne Business Chamber – Town Mayor
- ix. Carmarthenshire Tourist Association – Councillor P J Rogers
- x. St Clears Partnership - Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and the Clerk
- xi. Local Health Panel - Councillors C J Jenkins, Mrs J S V Rees/ L L ap T Davies
- xii. Cultural Olympiad Project – Dyffryn Taf Area – Councillor R G Edwards

5. 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.

6. Vacancies

The Clerk reported that following the local council elections there were two vacancies in the Llanfihangel Abercowin ward and one vacancy in the St Clears ward.

RESOLVED that

i) a Notice of the Vacancies be published with applications in writing to be submitted to the Clerk by 31st May 2012.

ii) the Steering Committee discuss the criteria for co-option and report back to the Town Council prior to consideration of the applications'.

7. Schedule of Meetings

RESOLVED that ordinary meetings of the Town Council in the 2012/13 civic year be held on the following dates:

12th June, 10th July, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November,

11th December 2012, 8th January, 12th February, 12th March and 9th April 2012

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

8 Mayor Making Ceremony

RESOLVED that the Mayor Making Ceremony followed by a Civic Reception be held at Y Gât/The Gate on Tuesday 22nd May at 7.00pm

Meeting terminated at 7.45pm