

St Clears Town Council

Minutes of the St Clears Town Council Mayor Making Ceremony held in Y Gat/The Gate, Pentre Road,. St Clears on Tuesday 22nd May 2012 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Councillors: C M Davies, L L ap T Davies, Dr W E V J 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 (Outgoing Mayor).

Prior to the commencement of the Ceremony an invocation was offered by Rt Rev Dr Carwyn Davies B.A, B.D, PhD

26. Opening Remarks

The Outgoing Mayor, Councillor C M Davies welcomed all present in particular guests to the Ceremony.

27. Annual Report

The Retiring Town Mayor Councillor C M Davies provided a detailed account of activities during the 2011/12 civic year.

He referred to the co-option of Councillor P J Rogers, establishment of the P R Sub-Committee, the progress being made to gain Fair Trade Town Status, the revision of the Town Council's Standing Orders, completion of the Website and the introduction of Drop In Sessions prior to Town Council meetings as a more effective means of community engagement.

He referred to the installation of traffic calming measures at Gothic Corner, plaque on the Town Clock to commemorate the late Councillor Peter Lewis, the siting of Pendine Blocks, donated by QinetiQ, as seating at the Skateboarding area, landscaping of the verges on the slip road off the A40 and the proposed picnic area on riverside land to the rear of the car park.

He reported that an RDP bid had been submitted to fund a Projects and Events Development Co-ordinator post and that arrangements were well in hand to submit a bid for RDP funding for a proposed Heritage Trail in St Clears. The Town Council was also pursuing issues raised by residents relating to parking in Bridge Street/High Street and Pentre Road and also on-going problems regarding dog fouling.

He reported on the ongoing success of the Fireworks Display and Winter Carnival and the efforts to improve the Food and Craft Market.

He also reported that the Town Council had managed not to increase council tax for the fourth consecutive year.

He referred to the close working relationships with County Councillor P M Hughes, County Council and their Officers, SWTRA, local Business Chamber and local organisations. He thanked County Councillor P M Hughes for his assistance in the provision of new bus shelters at Glasfryn and Wembley Gardens turning area.

He reported that during the 2011/12 civic year he had attended 78 meetings of the Council and 56 civic engagements.

He expressed his gratitude to members of the Town Council for their support and thanked the three retiring members for their dedication. 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 also Mrs C Davies and S Raymond for their assistance in providing refreshments for events. He presented the Clerk with a gift as a token of his appreciation.

He reported that £2,900 had been raised for the Mayor's Charities during the 2011/12 civic year.

£1,000 was being donated to the Alzheimer's Society, £1,000 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the local Rapid Response team with the remainder being donated to Ty Hafan, Air Ambulance and Kidney Research.

28. Formal Appointment of Town Mayor

Councillor Dr W E V J Davies proposed and Councillor R G Edwards seconded that Councillor

L L ap T Davies be elected Town Mayor for the 2012/13 civic year. The proposition on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Town Mayor made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Chain of Office. Mrs Anlyn Davies, Mayoress, received her chain of office from the retiring Mayoress Mrs Helen Davies

The Town Mayor thanked the Town Council for the honour and privilege bestowed upon him.

He thanked the retiring Town Mayor for his hard work during his term of office and presented gifts to the retiring Town Mayor and Mayoress.

He referred to the need to communicate effectively and efficiently with each strata of the community and reported that he was fortunate in inheriting very committed, able and preserving body of Council. He thanked the three retiring members for their enthusiasm and dedication to the community over many years. He expressed his disappointment that not all 13 seats were filled at the Election and looked forward to the co-option of committed members intent on contributing constructively and positively.

He stated that his aim for 2012/13 civic year was to build on the successes of the past. In addition he was hoping that further progress could be made to achieve Fairtrade Town status, to progress the campaign for the re-opening of the railway station at St Clears, to commence work on formally providing a forum for the local youth and to instigate a community wide review and co-ordination of all activities associated with the celebration of St Davids Day

He reported that he was looking forward to working together with the County Council and local County Councillor as well as the other agencies, partnerships and organisations not only for the benefit of the Town but also to make it a more pleasant, vibrant and successful community.

29. Formal Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor Dr W E V J Davies proposed and Councillor K A Major seconded that Councillor

Mrs J S V Rees be re-elected Deputy Town Mayor for the 2012/13 civic year. The proposition on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Deputy Mayor made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Insignia of Office by the Town Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Members for appointing her as Deputy Mayor.

She congratulated the Town Mayor on his appointment and stated that she was offering the Town Mayor her full support.

She also thanked the retiring Mayor and Mayoress for their hard work during their term

of office.

30 Civic Reception

Following the Ceremony the Town Mayor, Councillor L L ap T Davies invited all present to join in the civic reception.

Ceremony terminated at 8.00 pm