

Cyngor Tref Sanclêr / St Clears Town Council

Minutes of monthly meeting held at the Gate on 17th May 2022 directly following the Annual meeting

Present: Cllr WEVJ Davies, KA Major, O Grant, CM Davies, PJ Rogers and County Councillor Cllr P Hughes.

10. **Personal Matters.**
RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr RG Edwards, who was out of the country at the time of the meeting, and County Councillor, Cllr Carys Jones.
Congratulations extended to Cllr WEVJ Davies on his supportive and exemplary fifty-two years' service to St Clears Town Council.
11. **Declarations of Interest**
Item 12e Correspondence – Cllr. O Grant – connection to Carmarthenshire Archers society
Item 12k Correspondence – Cllr. P Rogers – connection to St Clears WI.
12. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 15th March 2022.** Cllr WEVJ Davies proposed, and Cllr CM Davies seconded the motion that the minutes are a true record of the meeting held on the 15th March 2022. **RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 15th March 2022.**
13. **To confirm the minutes of the committee meetings held on 5th April 2022.** Cllr PJ Rogers proposed, and Cllr O Grant seconded that the minutes are a true record of the committee meetings held on the 5th April 2022. **RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record of the committee meetings held on 5th April 2022.**
14. **Matters arising (exchange of information only).**
Item 171 – Internal Audit. All relevant documents left with Llewellyn Davies, Whitland who are undertaking the internal audit of accounts.
Item 172 – Clerk to chase up meeting with Lewis and Lewis to address amendments to the Scouts Hut lease.
Moving forward in the short-term, Community and environment issues will form part of the monthly meeting.
ENV Item 126 – War memorial. All renovation works completed and area cleaned. Council extends a warm thank you to all who contributed and ensured that the work was completed.
ENV Item 127 – Boar Statue. Item to be discussed at next meeting of council.
15. **To receive the County Councillor's Update**

- i) Concerns raised regarding accessing codes to the defibrillator at Bancyfelin. Council agreed that all defibrillators in and around St Clears be checked to ensure that they are in full working order.
- ii) Support requested for the Women’s Refuge Food Collection at Bancyfelin.
- iii) St Mary Magdalene Church holding a flower festival for the community. Support sought from Council in the form of x2 hanging baskets.
RESOLVED to pursue this and if possible, to include an additional x2 baskets to the spring project.
- iv) Concerns raised with issues regarding vehicles driving on to the Welfare field. Vehicle registrations to be recorded for reporting.
- v) Dog fouling an issue on the Welfare field as more owners allow their dogs to defecate in the area causing a health hazard to children and adults who play sport on the field. Different associations must sweep the area regularly before training or playing a game. Owners need to keep their dogs on a short lead and additional signage and dog mess bins are required. Bin also required along the new path near Ffynnongain Lane.
- vi) Peillac Way – x6 oak trees available for planting along the path. Cllr P Rogers proposed that the Council consider a project to rename the path and involve the local school children. Riverbank to be discussed at next meeting of Council.
- vii) Speeding still an issue within the town. 20MPH restrictions for towns due to be imposed from 2023. **RECOMMENDED that the clerk contact the local authority for an update in respect of the traffic issues and improvements agreed.**
- viii) Jones construction prepared to explain the process in relation to how locals may purchase/access affordable housing at new West Wales Housing homes built in St Clears.

16. To receive the Clerk’s Report

I. Carmarthenshire County Council

(i). Planning/Licensing.

PL/03659 15/03/2022	Proposed lean-to garage and store at to the rear of Dre Twt	White House, High Street, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4EE	Under Consultation: 16/03/2022	Consultation Period 06/04/2022	No adverse comments
PL/03736 11/04/2022	Non-Material Amendment	Removal of condition 07 (long-term monitoring for contamination)	Former Parc Owen Industrial Estate, St Clears, SA33 4BP	Under Consultation	Consultation Period
PL/03859 13/04/2022	Removal/ Variation of a condition	Variation of Condition 2 on PL/02188 (plans)	29, Cae Gwyrdd, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4BE	Under Consultation 14/04/2022	Consultation Period 05/05/2022

PL/03868 13/04/2022	Non-Material Amendment	Non-Material Amendment to PL/02851 (The south elevation of the proposed extension is now proposed to follow the existing retaining wall as it steps out towards the lower car park. This results in the footprint of the extension 1.45m wider)	Werndale Private Hospital, High Street, Bancyfelin, Carmarthen, SA33 5NT	In Review	Awaiting Decision
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RESOLVED that there are no adverse comments to note against any of the above planning considerations.

- ii) Fire Service - Operation Dawns Glaw document circulated.
- iii) With reference to the above works, these have been completed and the Cycle Path is now fully open.

2. Keep Wales Tidy

A UK-wide project developed by Carmarthenshire Meadows Group (carmarthenshiremeadows.com), to raise awareness and interest in grasslands and to record plant species has been announced. The Big Meadow Search species list is derived from National Plant Monitoring Scheme lowland grassland indicator species, plus additional interesting meadow plant species. Any species-rich grassland types can be searched including meadows, woodland rides, churchyards, road verges, wild amenity grasslands. All you need to do is:

- Select your grassland
- Record the location name, grid reference and date
- Amble along and make a note of all the plant species you see
- If you are not sure on a species, take photographs from multiple angles of the flower heads, basal and stem leaves, upper and lower leaf surface, leaf base shape and either post on our social media or email to us and we will try and help to identify
 - Send your results to Meadow Group who will forward their BMS analysis, to your local environmental record centre (LERC). For species accounts visit Facebook page: Big Meadow Search, or Twitter account, @bigmeadowsearch or get in touch via bigmeadowsearch@gmail.com.

ii) **Nature and Us-Have your say on the future of nature in Wales!** www.natureandus.wales are asking for people to get involved with the conversation and spread the word in your communities. They are keen to capture the views of **young people**, and **seldom heard voices**. Please ask in your communities if there are any volunteers that would be willing to host a conversation with a **local youth group** for example? Share with the **local community arts projects** to capture the voices of the community about what they love about nature, and what they would want to see protected for the future? The support of the Community and Town councils so far throughout this process and helping to make Nature and Us a success is much appreciated.

Link to survey: [Nature and Us - What future do we want for our natural environment? - Natural Resources Wales Citizen Space - Citizen Space \(cyfoethnaturiol.cymru\)](#)

3. Welsh & UK Government

Sophie Howe - Future Generations Commissioner for Wales has published the [Manifesto for the Future: Our local elections](#), a series of recommendations to political parties as they

develop their political programmes ahead of the 2022 local elections in May. Please find a copy of the manifesto [here](#).

ii) Welsh Government have awarded Victim Support, funding to deliver the Wales Hate Support Centre between 2022-25. Join them on Wednesday 11th May 1pm to 3pm where they will share details of the new service and have an opportunity to take questions. Join them as they share what the new service looks like. **Booking is via Eventbrite only, the link to book is here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lansio-canolfan-cymorth-casineb-cymru-wales-hate-support-centre-launch-tickets-310028763377>

4. **Training & Conferences.** One Voice Wales training for May circulated. Council training plan to be created and published by November 2022.

5. **Other**

At Transport for Wales, the safety of our communities remains a top priority. As part of their commitment to making the Wales and Borders network the safest in the UK, they are in the process of installing up to 200 life-saving defibrillators (defibs) at approximately 176 stations, each of which will be accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

17. **To receive the financial report.**

31-Mar-22

BALANCES							
Current	Invest.506						Total
773.12	57,546.22						58,319.34

Receipts to date

PRECEPT	Event Income	Welfare Field Hire	INTEREST	SLA	Grants	Other
33,635.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Budget	100,960.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Payments to date

Current v. Budget		Current sub-category totals					
	Total	Salary	Ni ee	Ni ers	Tax	Staff Review	Other
F & R Com - General Admin (Personnel)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Budget	Pension					
	35,126.08	0.00					
Var. + (under) - (over)	35,126.08						
	Total	Subscrip-tions	Prof fees	Insurance	Bank charges	Conf/Fees	Conf/Exp
F & R Com - General Admin (Fees, Ins. & Subs)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Budget						
	5,270.00						
Var. + (under) - (over)	5,270.00						

F & R Com - Civic, Election & Donations	Total	Mayors Allow., Rec, Civic Exp	Election Expenses	Grants/D onations	Members Allowance s	s137	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Budget						
	6,800.00						
Var. + (under) - (over)	6,800.00						
F & R Com - General Admin (Office) & Premises	Total	Travel	Advert/Pri	Postage	Stationery	Printing	Copier
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Budget	Website	Welfare Field	Phone bill	Rent/Roo m Hire	IT Equipment	Other plus HWA
	12,660.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Var. + (under) - (over)	12,660.00						
Planning & Communities Com	Total	Local Plan	LDP	Christma s Lights	CCTV Maint	Supporting Com Activities	Community Events Chest
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Budget	Exhibition Costs	Equip	Guide Hut	Town Wifi	Council Events	
	23,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Var. + (under) - (over)	23,250.00						
Environment Com	Total	Public Lighting	Gen. Maint	Bus Shelter rent	Bus Shelter cleaning	Ground Maint Contract	Floral Display Contract
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Budget	Play/Skate Inspect & Maint	Best Kept Garden Comp	Notice Board & Benches (Capital)	War memorial maint	Delittering	
	25,437.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Var. + (under) - (over)	25,437.00						

The Council thanked the Town Clerk for her diligent work during the year and her grasp and completion of the financial documents. **RESOLVED** to accept the financial report for the new fiscal year.

18. To approve accounts for payment and VAT return.

Bank Reconciliation & Schedule of Payment ST CLEARS TOWN COUNCIL Financial Year ending: 2022/23			
Prepared by: Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins Date: 17/05/2022...			
Approved by: Date:			
Bank statement date: 29/04/22			
Reconciliation date:		17th May 2022	
STATEMENT BALANCES			
Current Accour Community Account		773.12	
Current Accour Business Saver Account 821		71431.83	
BALANCES TOTALS		72,204.95	
General (Precept) Reserves 506		30598.29	
Allocated Project Fund		26947.93	
TOTAL		57546.22	
on	statement		
1	Trotts		
2			
3			
Sub-total			
Un-presented cheques:			
Cheque number	Payee	Details	Cost
103372	Ysgol Bancyfelin	150th Anniversary mayor's donation	100.00
103373	SC Brownies	Mayor's donation	50.00
TOTAL			150.00

- d) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru Sir Gaerfyrddin 2023 – letter requesting financial assistance. **RESOLVED to donate the same amount as in previous years.**
- e) Three Counties Archers – letter requesting financial assistance. **RESOLVED to donate £50**
- f) Senior Citizens of Bancyfelin (AGM – Monday, 25th April 2022). Deputy Mayor attended. Thank you, letter, received for donation.
- g) Notice of pending reappointment of Cllr P Rogers on Carmarthenshire County Council Standards Committee. Noted no objection from St Clears Town Council.
- h) RBL – events list of Jubilee activities and others.
- i) St Clears Community Association - Re: Cancelled carnival event and request for representative from Town Council to attend future meetings.
- j) Pryor & Rickett Silviculture – Re: Woodland
- k) Helen Evans – concerns as to the lack of hall facilities and garden, seating areas within the town.
- l) St Clears WI centenary anniversary strawberry tea invitation – Tuesday, 5th July 2022
- m) C Strange, Llanstephan - Questionnaire on Climate Change.
- n) The Artfulcarver – offer to carve new boar for the town. Town clerk to contact for further details and costs.

22. **Any other business (exchange of information only). None**

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36pm