

Minutes of Meeting held at the Gate
on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors Dr WEVJ Davies, OGrant, KAMajor, TMcDermott, IPrice and PJRogers

On Zoom: Cllr RGEwards

Observing: Jonathan Miller

- 153. Apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllrs GADavies and CMDavies.
- 154. Declarations of interest**
Cllr OGrant and Jonathan Miller Item 161a, Sanclêr Shed (Men's shed).
- 155. To agree the brief for the Ten Towns grant.** Cllr PJRogers provided an update on the situation to date. **RECOMMENDED that the brief be re-circulated to all members and any comments returned to the clerk no later than noon on Monday, 12th December 2022 as the matter is to be discussed with County representatives on Tuesday, 13/12/22. Council to accept grant Terms & Conditions and return signed document within the relevant time frame.**
- 156. To receive an update on the financial modelling for the Gate asset transfer.** The Chair talked about the possible proposals and that the sub-committee were awaiting a report from an estate agent in respect of revenue & costs for the different areas (rental units, meeting rooms, library etc.) and that further discussions were to take place with CCC. Funding was assured for potentially three years with a get out clause after five years. Further work is required to balance the commercial versus the community aspect and to ensure the viability of the building without over reliance on grants.
- Action:** To consider that items under the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and accredited representations of newspapers be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. **Item 157.***
- 157. To draft Council's budget for 2022/23, including Gate, Environment and CFGP committees' budgets for the 2022/23 fiscal year.** The clerk showed members a draft budget based on 2022/23 figures. **RECOMMENDED that the document be shared with new members for consideration. Draft budget to be reviewed during the reconvened Community, Finance and General-Purpose committee meeting in January prior to approval by full council.**
- 158. To receive an update on the skate and play inspection Service Level Agreement and approve any remedial works necessary.** There is no update to the service level agreement currently. The Clerk informed the Council that the

remedial works approved had been completed. Cllr OGrant recommended that a notice could be placed in the park asking residents to contact the Council if they notice any faults. Cllr PJRogers noted that a planned programme of replacement for park equipment over time would be beneficial. **ACTION to consider and draft a planned programme of improvement and signage at reconvened Environment committee meetings.**

159. To approve a risk assessment for Council. RESOLVED to retrospectively approve the risk assessment approved by the Mayor on behalf of Council for the Christmas event held on 5th December 2022.

160. To approve request for the permanent siting of advertising signs at the Welfare field by St Clears football association. The matter was discussed at length, with consideration given to Health and Safety matters, location of signage boards, need for planning requirements and use of field for recreation by community. Cllr RGEwards proposed, and Cllr OGrant seconded the motion for the temporary siting of triangular padded signage during matches and tournaments only. **RESOLVED to approve the temporary siting of triangular padded signage during matches and tournaments only.**

161. Correspondence

- a) Proposal to establish a men's shed, Sanclêr Shed, and request for financial assistance.

Cllr OGrant and Deacon Jonathan Miller declared an interest in this item as members who had attended meetings. Cllr O Grant gave an explanation and background to the idea. In general, Men's Sheds is an internationally recognized concept for establishing community groups specifically around the needs of men, assisting with socializing and their mental health. They require a base, a place to meet. Currently Sanclêr Shed have been meeting in the Black Lion pub and Scouts Hut but this is not sustainable as they require somewhere where they can chat and undertake different tasks. They require somewhere to meet; store equipment and they would like to undertake some basic projects within the community. Cllr PJRogers suggested that the Council meet with attendees at the Sanclêr Shed to offer advice and put them in touch with the correct people. The Chair clarified that the Town Council and the Town Trust are separate entities. **RECOMMENDED to arrange a meeting between members of the Town Council and representatives of the Sanclêr Shed to guide them and put them in touch with key people.**

- b) WI use of Gate as a venue in March 2023. WI to contact Maggie James (CCC) for bookings. Noted
- c) Ty Croeso, Bethlehem, invitation to Christmas event due to be held on Saturday, 10th December. Noted
- d) 'Welcome Space' confirmation letter of receipt of signed Terms & Conditions and authority to proceed. The Chair extended a thank you and good wishes to all those involved. Noted
- e) Planning PL/03374. Cllr PJRogers read through the letter to be sent to Carmarthenshire County Council in respect of the approved planning application PL/03374. **RECOMMENDED that the letter be forwarded to CCC planning department and officers.**

162. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only)

Matters to be allocated to the relevant committee, Gate, Environment or CFGP committee meetings.

The Chair thanked Council members and the Community Association for their work and support in arranging the successful Christmas event, held at the Gate on 5th December 2022. Approximately 430 people attended the evening, with up to 70% having never been in the building previously. A remarkable success!

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:40hrs