

St Clears Town Council / Cyngor Tref Sanclêr

**Minutes of Meeting of the Environment Committee held at the Gate
on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Councillors CM Davies, Dr WEVJ Davies, O Grant, TMcDermott, JMiller, PJ Rogers and County Councillor CJones

Observing: Cllr G Edwards

185. **To elect a i) Chairman and ii) Vice Chairman for the Environment Committee.** i) Cllr PRogers nominated Cllr OGrant for the role of Chairman and Cllr MDavies seconded. ii) Cllr Dr WEVJ Davies nominated and Cllr PRogers seconded Cllr MDavies for the role of vice chairman. **RESOLVED to elect Cllr OGrant as chairman and Cllr MDavies as vice chairman for the Environment Committee.**
186. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs GADavies, KAMajor, IPrice
187. **Declarations of interest.** Item 192 – Community Garden, Cllr OGrant.
188. **To consider the committee's work during the Civic year until March 2024.** The clerk shared the 2017-22 role of committee document, which was briefly reviewed. **ACTION, clerk to circulate a copy to all members. The document to be reviewed at a later meeting of Environment committee**
189. **To receive an initial end of year summary for 2022/23 and draft the Committee's budget for 2023/24.** The clerk shared the budget document with members. Consideration was given to general cost increases (inflation, electricity etc.) as well as tasks the Council would like to undertake during the next financial year. It was noted that the Council may potentially be responsible for additional projects (i.e., Footpaths), which may be curtailed by the County Council. Consideration was also given to the correspondence received from Peter Stopp to include a QR code plaque at the Gate to link and promote the footpaths. Cllr PRogers proposed, and Cllr JMiller seconded that this be approved to the value of £100. Cllr PRogers proposed and Cllr MDavies seconded that the budget be increased by 7.5%. **RECOMMENDED that the budget be increased by 7.5% and reviewed during the monthly meeting. The proposal from Peter Stopp for a plaque at the Gate be approved to a value of £100 and considered further as part of the Environment committee's planned works and included as part of the wider Ten Towns grant application.**
190. **To consider the placement of replacement 'planters' in around St Clears.** Confirmation of the number of planters readily available discussed as was the additional smaller planters. Eight in total. **RECOMMENDED to replace the four most deteriorated planters with the new eco planters prior to spring planting, plus budgeting for and considering purchasing an additional**

four, as part of a rolling programme, as well as locating the smaller planters around the town prior to spring planting.

191. **To receive an update regarding the bench for the area around the War Memorial.** Works completed. Thank you to all involved.

192. **To review the community garden project.** The community garden has been well received and has been recommended for an award. Residents from Fronhaul, the Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, and Guides all make use of the area, but it is open to the wider community. Some items have been taken from the garden, e.g., water butt and wood. Further funding is sought to purchase a bench and shelving to present the vegetables for sharing, and CCTV to monitor the area. The RSVPB is interested in creating a video about the community garden area.

193. **To review the biodiversity plan and draft the Council's report.** Deferred

194. **Correspondence.** None

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

- Dog fouling
- Water Safety (along Peillac way)
- Budget proposals
- Biodiversity (plan and report)
- Fly tipping and refuse
- Litter picking

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.30hrs