

***St Clears Town Council/Cyngor Tref Sanclêr***

Minutes of the **Environment Committee**  
held at Y Gât/TheGate  
**on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors, Dr WEVJ Davies, O Grant, TMcDermott, JMiller, IPrice

224. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs CM Davies, GADavies,

225. **Declarations of interest.** Item 227, committee's work during civic year 2023/24 - all councillors.

226. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. (Exchange of information only).** None

227. **To consider the committee's work during the Civic year 2023/2024.** The clerk shared the document and Council discussed the committee's role and work for the civic year 2023/24. **RECOMMENDED to adopt the document (see appendix i – Environment committee's role & work during the Civic year 2023/2024).**

228. **To further consider budget proposals for various projects.** The budget has been approved. Council approved a phased replacement of deteriorating planter. Council approved £100 for the Gate history/information plaque. Council discussed funding for the additional plaques for the Carmarthen Antiquarian project. **RECOMMENDED to add these as part of the Ten Towns grant application.**

229. **To review the biodiversity plan and draft the Council's report.** The clerk shared the updated Biodiversity plan and Council discussed the document. **RECOMMENDED to defer until a later meeting of Council to finalise the document and prepare Council's report.**

230. **To consider practices to manage the following:**

1. **Dog fouling** – Council discussed and shared ideas on how to address this socially unacceptable behaviour. Ideas included.
  - competition for school children to create posters to be used around the town.
  - Report incidents to dog warden (date/time) and how to encourage residents to report all those seen allowing their pets to foul.
  - Consider green eyes, 'we are watching you posters.
2. **Fly tipping and refuse** - deferred.
3. **Water safety**- deferred.

231. **Correspondence.** None

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

- a) Grounds maintenance contract inc. Welfare field
- b) Biodiversity plan and report

**The chairman closed the meeting at 7.48pm**

## **Appendix i**

Environment Committee's role and work for the civic year 2023/24.

### **Role of Committee**

The key objectives for the Environment Committee for 2023 -2024 are: -

- to improve the environment throughout the St Clears Town Council's area of responsibility so that residents and visitors can enjoy all the local environment has to offer.
- to promote the rich culture and heritage of the locality and help preserve it for future generations to enjoy.
- to make the local environment attractive to residents and visitors to contribute to their sense of well-being and encourage them to take pride in their community.
- to work in partnership with other groups and agencies to conserve wildlife and preserve the rich natural environment of St Clears and the surrounding district;
- to engage with external agencies to ensure that the local environment is clean and safe for all who use it.

The Environment Committee has overall management of the following on an ongoing basis: -

- Areas of responsibility in the Town include the Old Market Square, the War Memorial and Flags, the Skate Park, the Children's play area in the Welfare Field, public seating, the Town Clock, the Water Pumps and Council Notice Boards, adopted PRowS.
- Liaison with other agencies to address concerns related to the local environment. These include Dog Fouling, Traffic Calming, cleaning of Bus Shelters, De-Littering and preserving and protecting the local environment in the St Clears Council area.
- Maintaining Links with Outside agencies including SWTRA, Natural Resources Wales, the County Council Rangers, County Council Highway Authority and Dyfed Powys Police. In addition, links will be maintained with St Clears Town Trust, Community Association, Local Schools, Youth Groups and Voluntary Organisations.

## **Current Committee Projects**

**The Environment Committee has prioritised the following key areas for 2023-24:**

- Maintenance of the War Memorial at Pentre Rd St Clears. Repainting of fences and benches
- Seek improvements to the town side entrance to the riverside path in conjunction with responsible parties to address the silt deposits creating a slip hazard.
- Maintenance, and possible further adoption of PRow's within the SCTC remit. Promotion of heritage and other walking routes to increase town footfall and to encourage physical activity by residents.
- To develop a cycle path between St Clears and Bancyfelin by seeking funding opportunities and working with interested parties to complete the work. The achievement of this objective would better connect the two communities of the Council area and improve the cycle path network in West Wales.
- To develop and improve the Council's play and skate park areas.
- To develop a strategy for dealing with dog fouling in the area in conjunction with Carmarthenshire County Council.
- Promote the area as a tourist destination with the assistance of an improved interactive website and SMART boards within the Town Centre. Create QR codes on posters for local businesses that link to the town website, maximising exposure to further businesses withing the SCTC remit.
- Improve the appearance of the town by continuing the provision of native pollinator friendly floral displays, painting benches, bins, and lampposts when looking tired and encouraging owners to maintain their properties (through an annual award).
- As part of Carmarthenshire's push for a circular economy, create a book exchange box (possible Menshed project, school children to design the decoration) for St Clears and Bancyfelin
- Encourage local businesses to adopt more green practices.
- Create a community growing space.

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