

St Clears Town Council / Cyngor Tref Sanclêr

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment Committee**
held at Y Gât/The Gate
on **Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors CM Davies, GADavies, Dr WEVJ Davies, O Grant, FLanc,
TMcDermott, JMiller, IPrice, IThomas-Wigley
Observing GEdwards, PRogers, Cllrs CJones and PHughes

260. Apologies for absence. KMajor

261. Declarations of interest. None

262. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment committee held on 7th February 2023. (Exchange of information only). None

263. To finalise the biodiversity plan. The committee read through the biodiversity plan page by page and amended/improved different statements to reflect the work done and future aspirations of Council. Council to consider a pump track and dog walk route as part of the finalised plan. **ACTION Cllr FLanc to include images and further information in relation to habitats and wildlife. Engage with local residents in particular those that use the Welfare field and other grassed areas regularly to collect their views and inform them of the purpose of amending cutting practices etc. Plan to be finalised during next meeting of Environment committee following these discussions having taken place.**

264. To draft the Council's Section6 (Biodiversity) report. A draft copy of the report has been written. When completed a copy of the report to be added to the Council's website and a copy sent to Rachel Carter, Keep Wales Tidy. **NOTED.**

265. To consider creating a Wales Community Food Distribution hub.

<https://www.communityfood.wales/>

The Council considered the idea of a Community Food Distribution hub at the Gate. The need for volunteers for approximately two hours every week was discussed. The Food Hub would use locally sourced produce and offer cooking sessions to offer ideas on what to make with the produce bought. **RECOMMENDED to create a Wales Community Distribution hub at the Gate and seek volunteers from the list offering support to the Welcome space.**

266. To consider the Play/skate park reports. Deferred

267. To consider additional planters for the town. Deferred

268. To consider practices to manage:

- 1. Dog fouling.** Council discussed what practical actions could be undertaken to resolve this ongoing issue. Cllr CJones shared the following information:

How many people have been prosecuted for not picking up dog fouls in (old) St Clears Ward over the last five years? 1

How many people have been prosecuted for not picking up dog fouls in (old) Llansteffan Ward over the last five years? 2

The 'we are watching you' illuminous poster campaign was considered too expensive. **RECOMMENDED to contact the local schools and engage the pupils in a poster competition to put up around the town.** Two posters to be selected from Bancyfelin pupils' designs and four posters from Ysgol Griffith Jones pupils. Posters to be A4 in size and the public enforcement officer to be invited to judge with the Council. Each winner to receive a £10.00 Waterstone voucher (six in total).

- 2. Fly tipping and refuse. Deferred**

- 3. Water safety. ACTION to contact the RNLI and Coastguard to promote water safety within schools and as part of the Youth club project. Cllr TMcDermott said that she would invite the Coastguard and RNLI to be a part of the Multi Agency Working Party (MAWG). Council to engage with the Local Authority officers to ask for support and input as to what would be acceptable practice.**

269. Correspondence.

- Cllr OGrant asked that the 'My tree, our forest' information be shared on the Council's website https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/wales-tree-giveaway/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA0oagBhDHARIsAI-BbgfHXmmS12oYOjVtlbewPVIrINWeRLCouVPm3AsDmpeXWPp6fOYnm_waAuhXEALw_wcB **RECOMMENDED to include on Town Council website.**
- Parks and play spaces training (March 2023)

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm