

St Clears Town Council / Cyngor Tref Sanclêr

**Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held at
The Gate
on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors CM Davies, GADavies, Dr WEVJ Davies, FLanc,
TMcDermott (via Zoom), JMiller,
All other members of Council for information

- 304. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs O Grant, IPrice, IThomas-Wigley and County Councillor C Jones.
- 305. Declarations of interest.** ITEM 307, Biodiversity report - All Councillors
- 306. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment committee held on 7th March 2023. (Exchange of information only).** Cllr M Davies (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Environment minutes had been accepted and as most of items were on this month's agenda Council agreed to proceed to discuss.
- 307. To finalise the Council's Section6 Biodiversity report.** Councillors reviewed the amendments to the report. **RECOMMENDED that Cllr F Lanc forward information regarding Himalayan Balsam to the clerk for inclusions and that the report be adopted and presented to full council during the next ordinary meeting. A copy to be published on the Town Council's website and a copy forwarded to Keep Wales Tidy.**
- 308. To write the tender for the contract for the maintenance of the Welfare field.** The tender contract was reviewed with consideration given to correspondence received from the Football Association. The cost implication to Town Council of employing a grounds maintenance contractor over and above a basic maintenance cutting contractor and recouping costs from St Clears Football Association were considered. Council were reminded that the Welfare field is for the wider community and any new practices would need to align with the Biodiversity plan 2022+. **RECOMMENDED to refer matter to full council for further consideration and request that the Football club write to the Sports Council Wales and the Welsh Football Association to seek financial support.**
- 309. To consider the Play/skate park reports. RECOMMENDED to accept the monthly reports for the Play/skate park.**

- 310. To consider additional planters for the town.** The x4 new recycled planters purchased have been erected and replace the worst damaged wooden planters. **RECOMMENDED to purchase a further x4 recycled planters to replace the next worst damaged wooden planters as part of a rolling programme.**
- 311. To write the planting tender for the town.** The tender was discussed in line with the biodiversity report and consideration given for the potential gradual introduction of more pollinators. **RECOMMENDED to write to Wrenvale to request information regarding the type of compost used and the flowers planted. Council would like to involve the Gardening club. Clerk to approach them and ask if they would be interested in looking after an area near the Boar statue.**
- 312. Correspondence.**
- a) St Clears Football Association – Welfare field maintenance and condition. **RECOMMENDED to include as part of contract tender for maintenance of Welfare field.**
 - b) P. Stopp, Carmarthenshire antiquarian society. Walking well trail information to be clarified. **NOTED.**
 - c) CWM Environmental – Duty of Care (section 34) document. **ACTION document to be signed and forwarded to CWM Environmental.**
- 313. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only).**
- Wrenvale – nursery planting information (compost/flowers etc)
 - Dog bin at Boat club
 - Dog fouling – poster competition for Ysgol Griffith Jones and Bancyfelin school pupils.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.43pm