

Cyngor Tref Sanclêr – St Clears Town Council

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of St Clears Town Council
held at the Gate on 21st March 2023 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs CMDavies, Dr WEVJDavies, RGEwards, GADavies, OGrant, KMajor, TMcDermott, I Price, PJRogers and County Cllr PHughes.

288. **Apologies for absence. RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs FLanc, JMiller, IThomas-Wigley and County Cllr CJones.**
289. **Personal Matters. None**
290. **Declarations of Interest. None**
291. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21st February 2023.** Cllr Dr WEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr GEwards seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21st February are a true record. **RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21st February 2023 as a true record of proceedings.**
292. **Matters arising (exchange of information only)**
Planning matters. Each application considered independently, and different conditions imposed on merit of each application.
293. **To receive the County Councillors' Update.**
County Councillor P Hughes informed members
- a) **that the Oswald charity map is safely stored at the church.**
 - b) **20MPH works are underway at Bancyfelin. Members wanted to know if electronic speed activated boards were going to be installed? NOTED.**
 - c) **there is some delay with the instalment of the CCTV cameras at the leisure centre but the works will go ahead. Council will be kept informed of the developments. Members questioned if it would be possible to facilitate more staff at the Leisure centre in order to arrange more activities in order to draw in a greater footfall.**
 - d) **Ten Towns meeting pending to be held at the Leisure Centre. Prosperity fund and others available for discussion.**
 - e) **Are there areas within the town that the Council could utilise that belong to the County Council? NOTED. Cllr PHughes to liaise with clerk and property service to view what's available.**

294. To receive the Clerk's Report.

I. Carmarthenshire County Council

(i). Planning/Licensing.

PL/05505 02/03/23	Fodder Store	Parc Yr Abbot, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4NB	Dyddiad Dechrau Ymgynghori: 02/03/2023	Dyddiad Gorffen Ymgynghori: 23/03/2023
PL/05581 10/03/23	Garden Pavilion	Parc Yr Abbot, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4NB	Dyddiad Dechrau Ymgynghori: 10/03/2023	Dyddiad Gorffen Ymgynghori: 31/03/2023

ii) Link to the new Guide to Planning Enforcement in Carmarthenshire. This is a very useful guide to reporting and obtaining updates on enforcement processes in our areas – in particular see APPENDIX 1 – The Enforcement Powers, which may be very useful for councillors.

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/breach-of-planning/planning-enforcement-statement/>

2. One Voice Wales

- a. **New Survey to Measure Economic and Social Value of Adventure in Wales.** There are two surveys – the first is a survey for those that offer adventure activities in Wales, (business survey) and the second is a survey to those who have been on adventures in Wales (participant survey). Here are the links to both:

Business Survey:

- English – <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OATBusiness/>
- Welsh - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BusnesTGAA/>

Participant / Visitor Survey:

- English - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OATSurveyEnglish/>
- Welsh - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OATCymraeg/>

- b. **International Play Association Cymru Wales** membership is now open and is available to those living or working in Wales. A range of membership levels for individuals and organisations are offered.
IPA Cymru Wales wish members to join to support an international movement working to protect, preserve and promote the child's right to play. The work, values and principles of IPA Cymru Wales are underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and in particular Article 31: [Join IPA Cymru Wales](#)
- c. The National Lottery Heritage Fund is launching '**Heritage 2033 - a strategy for the National Lottery Heritage Fund's next ten years**'. Input from thousands of stakeholders and the public shaped this strategy, resulting in a clear and simple approach for collaborative delivery and sustained impact.
- d. **OPEN SPACES AND PATHS: A NEW GUIDE TO PROTECTION**

Introducing a new guide to help local councils protect precious green spaces and paths. *The Open Spaces Society is a registered charity (no 1144840) and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales (no 7846516).*

[Want to learn more about open spaces and their protection?](#)

Sign up for our online training course on Protecting Commons, Greens and Open Spaces

3. Keep Wales Tidy

- a) **Wildflower seed harvesting.** During 22/23 the Brecon Beacons Local Nature Partnership has carried out some wildflower seed harvesting activities in the Brecon Beacons National Park. This has been part of a pilot project and has included carrying out a Feasibility Study which will be launching on 19th April at the Penpont Estate just outside of Brecon. The event will showcase the Feasibility Study into developing a network for the sharing of locally sourced, native wildflower seed which can be used to create, restore, or enhance grassland habitats within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

There will also be an interactive session and presentations by organisations who already carry out seed harvesting in areas across Wales and England.

Whilst this free event is designed for an "in-person" audience they also welcome attendees to join the morning presentations online. For those who do attend in person there will be a site visit after lunch (bring your own please). Ensure you have suitable footwear and clothing for the afternoon. Car sharing will be encouraged. Full details and bookings here:

[Harvesting Wildflower Seeds in the Brecon Beacons Tickets, Wed 19 Apr 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

4. Welsh & UK Government

- a) As of today the Deputy Minister for Climate Change has [announced](#) they are publishing a [white paper on the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle \(Wales\) Bill](#). The 12-week consultation will continue until Thursday 1 June (appendix 2).
- b) **Neil Hemington Chief Planner, Planning Directorate** want your views on the targeted policy changes to [Planning Policy Wales on net benefit for biodiversity and ecosystems resilience](#) (incorporating changes to strengthen policy on Sites of Special Scientific Interest, trees and woodlands and green infrastructure).

295. To consider purchasing gifts to commemorate the King's coronation to distribute to different groups within the town. Consideration was given to purchasing mugs or coins. **RESOLVED to purchase coronation mugs for the primary and nursery pupils of St Clears ward.**

296. To receive the financial report. RESOLVED to accept the financial report.

297. To approve Llewellyn Davies Accountants as the Internal Auditor for Council for 2022/23. RESOLVED to approve Llewellyn Davies Accountants as the Internal Auditor for Council for 2022/23.

298. To approve accounts for payment. **RESOLVED** to approve accounts for payment.

ST CLEARS TOWN COUNCIL -
Inc_Exp\LLLLLL1202022_23 - Reconciliation & Shed Payments

Reconciliation date:		21-Mar-2023
STATEMENT BALANCES		
Current Account	Community Account	5,977.87
Current Account	Business Saver Account 828	66713.75
BALANCES TOTALS		72,691.62
General (Precept) Reserves 506		30652.47
Allocated Project Fund		28947.93
TOTAL		57600.40
Deposits not on statement		
1		
2		
3		
Sub-total		

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS		TOTAL		0.00
		March 2022		
Cheque/BACS/DD	Pagee	Details	Cost (inc VAT)	VAT £
BACS 814/819/820	Staff	Salary & Reimbursement (March)	2658.85	21.09
BACS 815	JN Williams	Grounds maintenance at Welfare field	300.00	50.00
BACS 816	JN Williams	Grounds maintenance for St Clears	700.00	16.67
BACS 817	Carmarthen Antiquarium Society	Donation for route QR codes	100.00	
BACS 818	One Voice Wales	Membership 2023/24	573.00	
BACS 821	Bookers Cash & Carry	Poverty Fund provisions	87.93	
BACS 822	Landsker	Initial Report	1959.60	326.60
Cheque 100	Ysgol Bancyfelin	Community Events Chest	250.00	
BACS 823	CCC	Recharge for Community Elections	323.32	
BACS 824	GADawies	Poverty Fund	194.00	
BACS 825	Fox & Hounds	Welsh Cakes for Warm Space	120.00	
	DD Three	Mobile phone	6.00	1.00
	DD NEST	Pension	385.52	
			7658.22	415.36
NOTES		Reimbursement:		
Receipts since last meeting date :				
Pagee	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT		
CCC				
Barolays				
ST Clears Seniors AFC	Use of Welfare field	200.00		
St Clears Junior AFC		£600.00	OUTSTANDING	
Total		£800.00		
Monies transferred since last meeting		7,000		

299. To receive the Committee reports

- i) **Environment Committee.** Cllr OGrant led on this and briefly went through the minutes. The biodiversity report was highlighted as was approval to try and establish a food distribution hub at the Gate, pending volunteers.
- ii) **Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee.** Cllr GEdwards led on this. The various tender documents had been reviewed.

ITEM 283 – staff appraisal 2022/23. RESOLVED to approve the recommended increment point following a successful appraisal. The clerk was thanked for her work.

Costs sought for the purchase of a storage container (20ft x8ft) as access to the Guides Hut had been denied from Carmarthenshire County Council due to asbestos.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes with the correction of the following omission. **Item 286g - Correspondence.** Request for funding from

Bancyfelin School PTA. Cllr G Edwards declared an interest and as such Cllr PRogers led on this matter. Following discussion and review of the finances it was agreed to award £250 towards their application to improve outdoor provision (climbing wall) at the school. **RESOLVED to contribute £250 to Bancyfelin PTA towards purchasing outdoor provision at the school.**

300. Correspondence.

- a) Liz Murcroft, Coach and Horses surgery. Request to place 'Fire Assembly Point self-adhesive sign (40x30cm) on metal bike shed in the car park opposite the surgery. **ACTION -information to be shared with CCC as they own the bike shed.**
- b) Cllr TMcDermott request permission to apply for grant on behalf of Council. **RESOLVED to approve permission as long as the application is made with the support of the Clerk.**
- c) Philip Lanc. Letter requesting sight of invoices. **NOTED.** There is no right to view the invoices and in accordance with financial regulations the Council comply as the information requested is visible and published in the monthly ordinary meetings minutes, 'schedule of payments'.

301. To receive reports from representatives on meeting of outside bodies, seminars etc.

- Cllr OGrant is awaiting confirmation of his appointment as Additional Community Governor at Ysgol Griffith Jones.
- Cllr ADavies informed Council of the continued success of the warm space. Games had been purchased for future use and a flower arranging and origami session had been arranged. The potential closure on 30/3/23 was a disappointment to many. **NOTED,** Council would consider continuing the activity within the facility for a short-extended period.

302. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements etc. - None

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

- i) Fence at community garden
- ii) Removal of temporary fencing at top of A40 slip road.
- iii) Continuation of Warm space.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Appendices

Appendix 1

Invitation to PCC Here for You events

As Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys, I am to hold six events across the four local authorities to brief community representatives on key messages, developments and changes within Dyfed-Powys Police.

The aim of these events is to brief you, as representatives of local communities, on recent changes and developments within the Police, so that you have a better understanding of what to expect from your local policing service and support us in communicating and sharing information locally. It is also an opportunity to develop your understanding of other services available within CPD which are in addition to local response units and the Neighbourhood Policing Team, e.g. School Beat Team, Countryside Crime, Fraud and Cyber Team.

These events are also an opportunity for you to seek clarity about the level of service to expect from their local policing service, and what support service is available. By attending these events, and gaining a better understanding, my hope is that you will be able to support us in communicating and sharing the information more widely to your local communities.

Here is the agenda for each of the six events:

09:45 - 10:00 Registration and refreshments
10:00 - 10:15 Welcome from PCC
10:15 - 10:45 Local Response – Superintendent
10:45 - 11:15 Making the right call - input on developments within the Force Communication Centre - Gareth Scanlon
11:15 - 11:45 Model NPT - Ch.Insp. Louise Harris
11:45 - 12:30 A Partnership Approach to YGG and Problem Solving – John Rankin-Hill & Jessica Thomas
12:30 - 13:30 Meet your team - An opportunity to engage with your local representatives - NPT, Rural Crime Team, School Beat team, Cadets, Lighthouse, SCHTh Volunteering Groups.

Click on the link below to secure your place at your chosen event location.

Date	Location	Ticket Link
Wednesday 29 th March	Halliwel Centre, Carmarthen	https://tocyn.cymru/event/de140c9d-3abf-41d9-a808-8b429ab95e02/s
Thursday 30 th March	Theatr y Ffwrnes, Llanelli	https://tocyn.cymru/event/f3e1d70a-52c4-479f-a300-a5d9df28ff0c/s
Wednesday 5 th April	Theatr Hafren, Newtown	https://tocyn.cymru/event/98e4c91c-d069-45a6-b926-38f9d18579fc/s
Thursday 6 th April	Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon	https://tocyn.cymru/event/bb8cc79d-af6d-4e14-be49-739b57627079/s
Wednesday 19 th April	Pembrokeshire College, Haverfordwest	https://tocyn.cymru/event/cb2070c6-1815-4e9c-8c00-e991689cb27b/s
Wednesday 26 th April	Lloyd Thomas Centre, Lampeter	https://tocyn.cymru/event/f32f17e4-c518-42be-b11f-319fd799cfb0/s

If you have any questions, please contact us by email at opc.communication@dyfed-powys.police.uk

I look forward to welcoming you to one of the above events.

Thank you,



Dafydd Llywelyn
Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner

Appendix 2

<p>Hello,</p> <p>Mae'r Dirprwy Weinidog Newid Hinsawdd wedi cyhoeddi ein bod heddiw yn cyhoeddi papur gwyn ar y Bil Tacsis a Cherbydau Hurio Preifat (Cymru). Bydd yr ymgynghoriad 12 wythnos yn parhau tan ddydd Iau 1 Mehefin.</p> <p>Rydym yn croesawu barn gynwyr, ein partneriaid cymdeithasol, y diwydiant ehangach a phawb sydd am weld sector tacsis a cherbydau hurio preifat sy'n ffynnu, yn ddiogel ac yn ddibynadwy yng Nghymru. Mae cyfarwyddiadau ar sut i ymateb i'w gweld yn y papur gwyn. Gobeithiwn y byddwch yn rhannu'r papur gwyn â'ch rhydwethiau fel y galliant hwythau ymateb i'r cynigion.</p> <p>Os hoffech sgwrs â ni am y papur gwyn, rhowch wybod i ni.</p> <p>Cysylltwch â ni ar unwaith os oes gennych unrhyw sylwadau neu gwestiynau drwy anfon e-bost i YmgynghoriadBilTacsis@llyw.cymru</p> <p>Cofion</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>The Deputy Minister for Climate Change has announced that today we are publishing a white paper on the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle (Wales) Bill. The 12 week consultation will continue until Thursday 1 June.</p> <p>We welcome views from drivers, our social partners, the wider industry and all of those who want to see a thriving, safe and reliable taxi and PHV sector in Wales. Instructions on how to respond can be found in the white paper. We hope you will share the white paper with your networks so that they too can respond to the proposals.</p> <p>If you would like a conversation with us about the white paper please let us know.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to contact us with any comments or questions at taxibillconsultation@gov.wales</p> <p>Regards</p>
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