

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment Committee**
held at the Gate on **Tuesday 04th July 2023 at 7.00pm**

Members of the Environment Committee summoned and present:

Councillors CM Davies, GADavies (Ex-officio), Dr WEVJ Davies, O Grant (Chairman), TMcDermott, JMiller, IThomas-Wigley. All other members of Council for information

In attendance: Press (0), Members of the public (4), Carmarthenshire County Councillor PHughes and CJones.

418. **Apologies for absence. NONE**

419. **Declarations of interest. NONE**

420. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6th June 2023. (Exchange of information only). NONE**

421. **To confirm the winners and agree the printing arrangements for the Dog fouling poster competition.** Congratulations and thank you to all the pupils who participated. A variety of wonderful designs were created by the pupils making selection a difficult decision for the judges. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated. The following winners will each receive a £10 Waterstones voucher.

Winners from Ysgol Griffith Jones

- BI 6 – Adam Lewis
- BI 6 - Laila Halrayd
- BI 6 - Tyler Evans
- BI 5 - Ffion Davies
- BI 5 - Ileana Evans
- BI 4 - Max Williams

Winner from Ysgol Bancyfelin

- BI.6 Emily Fenemore
- BI.6 Gwion James

RECOMMENDED to print x2 copies of each design from Eagle Signs on A4 for external use.

422. **To approve the application for Bee Friendly status. RECOMMENDED to approve that the Chairman of Environment committee complete the application for the Bee Friendly status as noted in the Council's Biodiversity report.**

Exclusion of Public and Press

*Action: To consider that, under the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Sec.1 (2), the public and accredited representatives of newspaper be excluded from the meeting for whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The following items of business **423, 424 and 425 were determined in the absence of the press and public** on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*

423. **To write the planting tender for the town.** Council wishes for a 50 % increase in pollinators used in the planters moving forward as per the biodiversity plan. **AGREED** that a member should walk the town to check the location of the various planters. New planters to be stored until such time they can be set up in the planned locations. **RECOMMENDED to publish the tender on the Council's website and Facebook.**
424. **To discuss the end of season maintenance requirements for the Welfare field.** The Council discussed various options such as drainage, aeration, harrow and seeding and obtaining a quality ground report. **RECOMMENDED to accept the quote from Rob Thomas for the harrowing and seeding of the Welfare field/pitch, with a request that the key areas seeded be protected (i.e., goal areas).**
425. **To write the general maintenance tender for the town.** **RECOMMENDED** that the tender be advertised as written on the Council's website and Facebook.
426. **To receive the Skate and play park reports, discuss any maintenance requirements, and consider improvements to the Play Park.** Councillors expressed concern at the poor state of the playpark and want to consider means of improving the provision. The report highlighted a few moderate and low maintenance risk recommendations to the equipment. **RECOMMENDED to address the all the moderate and low-level risk recommendations as highlighted in the report as soon as possible and prior to the school summer holidays.**
427. **Correspondence.**
- a) MRoberts (CCC) Litter Behavioural Change Campaigns. **DEFERRED**
 - b) PStopp- CADW Open door weekend 23/24 September and would St Clears Town Council be participating and opening the Gate. **DEFERRED**
 - c) Places for Nature – free garden pack applications open. **NOTED**
 - d) CDavies (Telemat) – Sensors to measure footfall and air quality etc. St Clears to receive reports as part of the pilot project. **DEFERRED**
 - e) Active (CCC) Back on your Bike Project. **RECOMMENDED to advertise for a volunteer.**
 - f) Towy Boat Club – annual day invitation to Council. **NOTED**
 - g) Carmarthen River Festival invitation to Council. **NOTED**
428. **Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only)**

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 7:50pm