

Minutes of the **Environment Committee** meeting held at the Gate on
Tuesday 09th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Members of the Environment Committee summoned and present: Councillors
GADavies (Ex-officio), Dr WEVJ Davies, FLanc, O Grant (Chairman), TMcDermott,
JMiller, JRees, IThomas-Wigley.
All other members of Council for information

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

630. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs CM Davies, IPrice,

631. **Declarations of interest.** None

632. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the
Environment Committee held on 5th December 2023. (Exchange of
information only).**

Item 586, Benches - following an update by Cllr GADavies in respect of
Carmarthenshire County Council's 'Tackling Towns' programme, it was
RECOMMENDED to amend the order and purchase x2 NBB recycled plastic
benches for Bancyfelin but not purchase the x1 picnic bench with disability
provision for the riverside as this will be replaced as part of the programme.
Item 590, Tree planting - reminder of the dates 18th and 20th January between
9am and 12 midday at the Riverside walk. All welcome.

Cllr GREdwards joined the meeting.

633. **To draft the committee's budget for 2024/25.**

The Council discussed key areas of the Environment budget which includes
the following areas:

- public lighting - £7350
- general maintenance - £3675
- bus shelters & cleaning - £150
- grounds maintenance contracts & delittering - £10000
- floral displays - £2625
- Play and skatepark maintenance & inspections - £3150
- Noticeboard, benches & signage - £3000
- War memorial maintenance - £500
- Garden competitions - £300

RECOMMENDED to increase the budget with an uplift of 5% in certain areas as seen in the above figures to cover the rising costs in services and energy etc).

634. **To consider future projects and create a community questionnaire.**
 Following discussion, Council **RECOMMENDED** that current and future projects would include Y Gât, Ten Towns, Play Park (at St Clears and Bancyfelin), Bee friendly status initiatives, Youth provision, Community Woodland, Tree planting (St Clears and Bancyfelin/Local places for Nature), Plastic free St Clears and Safer routes to Schools.
 Although not a project, the Council agreed to monitor any River pollution and report all concerns to Rivers Authority Wales.
 Community questionnaire - DEFERRED.
635. **Correspondence.**
 a). Riverwalk footfall information (see appendix i)
636. **Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only)**
- Garden competitions.
 - Safer Routes to Schools
 - Bottle bank area at carpark.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:56hrs.

Appendices
Appendix i

St Clears: River Walk: F156 Footfall Report / Adroddiad am nifer yr ymwelwyr

Period/Cyfnod: 01-12-2023 - 31-12-2023

Date/Dyddiad	< 07	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	> 19	Total/Cyfanswm
Fri/Gwe 01-12-2023	-	-	2	5	4	3	4	-	2	5	3	2	1	1	2	34
Sat/Sad 02-12-2023	-	1	4	5	5	5	9	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	2	36
Sun/Sul 03-12-2023	-	-	4	-	4	-	7	2	5	6	2	-	1	-	1	32
Mon/Lun 04-12-2023	-	1	1	1	3	4	2	2	4	5	4	1	1	-	1	30
Tue/Mawr 05-12-2023	1	-	1	1	9	4	6	2	3	1	6	1	1	2	1	39
Wed/Mer 06-12-2023	-	2	3	-	2	-	3	1	16	7	1	1	-	-	1	37
Thu/Thu 07-12-2023	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Fri/Gwe 08-12-2023	1	-	1	-	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	-	1	-	1	19
Sat/Sad 09-12-2023	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	1	7	5	1	-	1	-	21
Sun/Sul 10-12-2023	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	6	6	6	3	2	-	-	-	28
Mon/Lun 11-12-2023	-	-	-	2	4	6	3	5	6	3	-	-	1	1	1	32
Tue/Mawr 12-12-2023	1	-	1	3	3	-	-	3	7	2	-	1	1	1	1	24
Wed/Mer 13-12-2023	-	-	3	2	16	6	8	1	5	1	5	3	3	-	3	56
Thu/Thu 14-12-2023	1	-	1	2	4	-	2	2	4	2	4	2	2	6	3	35
Fri/Gwe 15-12-2023	-	1	2	2	3	3	4	7	10	3	2	-	-	-	1	38
Sat/Sad 16-12-2023	-	1	3	2	1	5	3	5	3	8	1	1	-	-	1	34
Sun/Sul 17-12-2023	-	-	1	2	3	6	4	5	3	2	4	3	1	-	1	35
Mon/Lun 18-12-2023	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	1	3	2	4	-	-	-	3	20
Tue/Mawr 19-12-2023	1	-	1	2	-	2	3	3	4	8	6	-	3	1	1	35
Wed/Mer 20-12-2023	-	-	1	1	8	4	7	2	4	3	3	1	-	1	1	36
Thu/Thu 21-12-2023	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	2	3	5	6	2	1	1	1	34
Fri/Gwe 22-12-2023	1	-	2	1	3	2	4	3	2	3	9	1	-	-	2	33
Sat/Sad 23-12-2023	-	-	2	2	5	9	13	9	9	11	8	1	-	1	2	72
Sun/Sul 24-12-2023	-	-	3	2	1	4	3	3	5	5	7	-	1	-	-	34
Mon/Lun 25-12-2023	-	-	3	-	4	5	1	-	-	30	-	1	-	-	-	24
Tue/Mawr 26-12-2023	-	-	1	2	4	14	12	7	10	10	5	2	-	-	-	67
Wed/Mer 27-12-2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Thu/Thu 28-12-2023	-	-	-	2	3	2	1	1	6	5	2	2	-	-	1	25
Fri/Gwe 29-12-2023	-	-	-	-	2	9	5	6	9	15	9	3	-	3	4	65
Sat/Sad 30-12-2023	-	-	3	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Sun/Sul 31-12-2023	-	-	-	1	4	3	6	1	3	4	2	1	1	-	1	27
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