

Minutes of the **Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee**  
meeting held **via Zoom on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 8.00pm**

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**Members of the Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee present:**

Councillors GADavies, RG Edwards (Chairman), TMcDermott,  
JRees, PJRogers, IThomas-Wigley  
All other members of Council for information

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

710. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr JRees

711. **Declarations of interest.** Item 713 Y Gât - All members  
Item 714 Ten Towns Project – All members  
Item 715 Ten Towns Event Grant – Cllr TMcDermott

712. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the Community, Finance and General-Purpose meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (exchange of information only).**  
NONE.

713. **To receive an update on Y Gât.** A productive steering group meeting involving Cllr GADavies, Cllr GREdwards, Cllr OGrant, JDavies (CCC), EDGriffiths (Y Gât facilities coordinator) and the Clerk was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Items discussed included:

- Sharing of the calendar of varied community events taking place including a successful St David's Day celebration and Croeso Cynnes
- Planned future activities/events
- Update on developments in relation to the café
- Local Authority Facebook to be deleted and new page created
- Rebranding exercise underway
- Electrical, Plumbing and Painting quotes sought
- Removal of furniture not required (e.g. remaining shop fittings & furniture etc.)
- The refurbishment work to the building was due to start soon, which would cause some disruption.

The Y Gât steering group have agreed to meet with the Local Authority officer every six months. The next meeting is planned for October 2024. As the units and café are let it is envisaged that the steering group will include a representative from one/two of the tenants, as well as a business and community representative.

The council was informed that the Terry Thomas letting agent were waiting on two clients to sign the underlease for their units. The agent wanted to know if there was any negotiation to be had in respect of the café lease rent as potential clients had asked the question. **Cllr PJRogers proposed and Cllr IThomas-Wigley seconded the RECOMMENDATION that the first-year café rent would be negotiable as the potential tenant is commencing blind in respect of footfall/sales etc. This would be reviewed after 12 months and may increase at that time. All interested parties to be informed.**

**RECOMMENDED that the Council representatives of the Steering Group (Mayor, Vice Mayor and Chair of CFGP) meet with the Y Gât facilities coordinator to discuss the**

**framework for managing the day-to-day activities/events held.**

714. **To consider the next steps for the Ten Towns projects.** Y Gat refurbishment works will proceed. Council to work closely with the builders to manage the works and keep any disruption to a minimal so that activities/events may continue at the venue. Arts project and youth projects proceeding. Monitoring meeting with CCC due to take place next week (12/3/24). Rebranding exercise meeting arranged with Llais Cymru.

**RECOMMENDED that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the website developments.**

715. **To consider the Ten Towns Event Fund application.** Cllr TMcDermott requested that the Town Council make an application for a community event with Skatepark Rats, a company that specializes in skateboarding, who provide professional demonstrations and teaching. The event will be held during the summer. Local businesses to be informed, Youth provision to support, could link in with other events with various stall holders welcome. The event will cost in the region of £3725 and a 20% match funding is required from the Town Council. Cllr PJRogers proposed and Cllr IThomas-Wigley seconded the motion to approve the submission of the application as it is time sensitive and approve the 20% match funding up to £750.

**RECOMMENDED to approve the submission of the application as it is time sensitive and approve the 20% match funding up to £750.**

716. **To consider the financial tool kit (part C – Community engagements & partnerships).**

Part C - Community engagements & partnerships of the Financial Toolkit were completed.

**RECOMMENDED** actions include drafting Community Engagement Strategy, Social media policy & publishing audited accounts for 2022/23 when received from Auditor.

717. **Correspondence.**

- a. We Care Cleaning – informing us of rising costs due to increases in wages, cost of products etc. **RECOMMENDED accepting the increase in costs and continuing with the service.**
- b. Ploughing Championships – request for support, donation/sponsorship. **DEFERRED to meeting of next Full Council.**
- c. **Wi-Fi report**



**RECOMMENDED** that all correspondence be dealt with at Full Council as part of the clerk's report and only then if correspondence request requires further discussion it be included as an item on the relevant committee's agenda.

**703. Planning as noted by Carmarthenshire County Council.** APPROVED to discuss this agenda item as passed from the Environment Committee. **NONE**

**718. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only).**  
Welfare field.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.14hrs**