

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Full Council (FC) held at the Gate, Pentre Road, St Clears on Tuesday, 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm*

Members Present: Cllrs Dr WEVJDavies, GADavies (Mayor), RGEwards, TMcDermott, IPrice, JRees, PJRogers,

In attendance: Press (0), Members of the public (0), Carmarthenshire County Councillors (1)

684. Apologies. RESOLVED to accept apologies form Cllrs CMDavies, OGrant, FLanc, JMiller, IThomas-Wigley. Apologies also received from newly co-opted member Richard Davies.

685. Personal Matters. NONE

686. Declarations of Interest.

Item 690, New development at High Street – Cllr Dr EVDJ Davies

Item 691, Ten Towns project – All members

Item 696i, Skatepark Rats event – Cllr TMcDermott

687. To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Town Council (FC) held on 23rd January 2024. Cllr Dr WEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr JRees seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Town Council held on 23rd January 2024 is a true record of proceedings, with the correction that Croeso Cynnes held on Thursdays finishes at 2pm. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Town Council (FC) held on 23rd January 2024 is a true record with the correction, Croeso Cynnes held on Thursdays finishes at 2pm.**

688. Matters arising (exchange of information only). NONE

689. To receive the County Councillor's Update. Town Council welcomed Cllr CJones, County Councillor back following a brief absence. Carmarthenshire county Council's Local budget increase set at 7.5%. A good response to CCC's budget consultation has resulted in some amendments being made to the budget. Hence, the importance of responding to consultations. Further consultations include Rising 4's admission to schools and Modernising Education Programme.

690. To consider planning and discharge of conditions at development at High Street, St Clears. Discharge of conditions on planning at development site at High Street – Investigation team involved. If a developer breaches any conditions imposed, then the breach must be removed and/or rectified with a new planning application submitted. Reported concerns over trees cut down is under investigation. Currently x2 enforcements in place. Name of site, 'Priory fields' not acceptable as may be confusing as area within town already with this name. Town Council procedure is to involve the school children in

naming of new sites. **RESOLVED to ask school pupils to come up with various bilingual site names and submit to CCC and developer for selection by the time deadline.** Council requested clarification if the site plans included Solar, Air pump heating and electric charging points provision.

691. To receive an update on the Ten Towns Grant. Council RESOLVED that during the next update, the grant will be referred to as the Ten Towns project.

Revenue includes funding for Youth provision, website, street/farmers market, rebranding of Y Gât (including painting), community art project (x11 utility service boxes – permissions sought. Images to include wildlife, moths, trout, otters etc. which will be painted by the artist).

Capital funding 1st phase – awaiting outcome.

2nd phase – digital screens, advertising consent etc.

Town Council congratulated the sub-group for their work and success on obtaining the funding.

692. To consider a programme for the consultation evening on 29th February 2024. Council will hold a consultation evening on Thursday, 29th February 2024 between 6 and 7pm. Cllr TMcDermott presented the Skate & Play Park PowerPoint presentation for approval. Cllr OGrant will present a PowerPoint regarding the Community Garden project. **RESOLVED that presentations may be used, and the event publicised via website and social media. Presentations to be shared with members.**

693. To approve the sub-committee reports

a) **Environment committee.** Cllr PJRogers proposed, and Cllr GEdwards seconded the motion that the Environment Committee report be approved.

b) **Community, Finance and General-Purpose committee.**

Cllr DrWEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr GADavies seconded the motion that the CFGP Committee report be approved. Council approved to amend the composition of committee members as current members had experience of both committees. New members, however, would sit on both committees for at least six months. Reinstate procedure to hold the April Ordinary (FC) meeting in Bancyfelin Hall and alternate the times for the monthly committee meetings e.g. Environment 7pm CFGP 8pm then the following month the CFGP 7pm and Environment 8pm. **RESOLVED to accept the Environment and CFGP committees reports and commence the new committee composition, procedures and times following the Annual meeting in May.**

694. To receive the Clerk's Report

I. Carmarthenshire County Council

(i). Planning/Licensing.

ii) Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan 2018-2033. Further consultation on the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal & Habitats Regulation Assessment. As you may be aware, we are preparing a Revised Local Development Plan (LDP) and, as part of this process, we are required to assess its potential impacts upon people, the environment, and

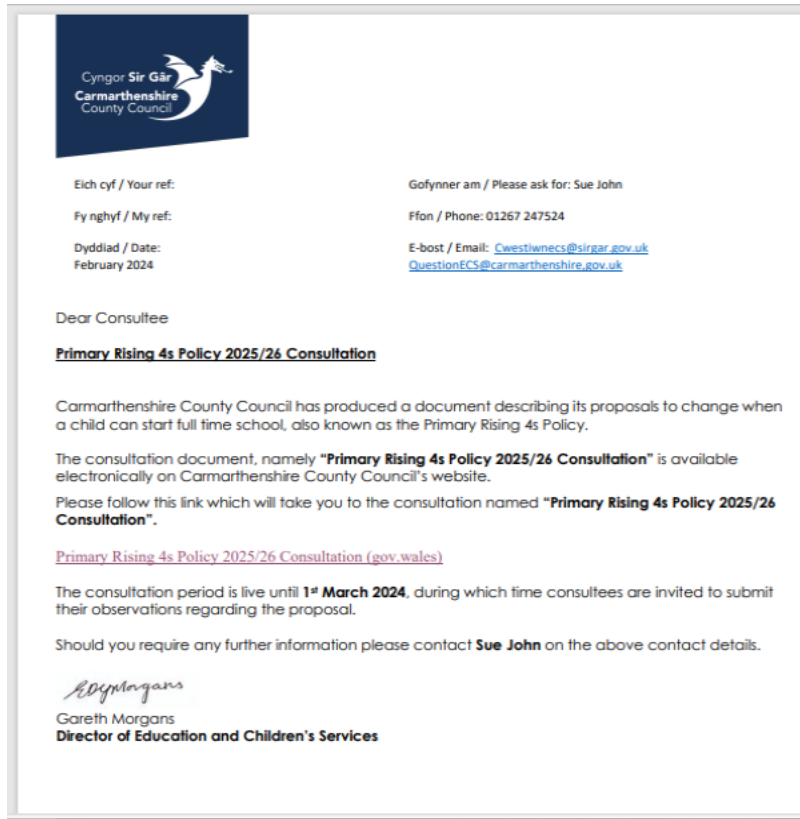
PL/07173	Conversion of agricultural barn to residential accommodation, with formation of vehicular access	Cartrefle, Salem Road, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4DD	Dyddiad Dechrau Ymgynghori: 06/02/2024	Dyddiad Gorffen Ymgynghori: 27/02/2024
PL/07161 06/02/2024	Approval of details reserved by a condition. Discharge of Condition 16 on PL/03374 (detailed engineering scheme for the proposed footpath widening and stone retaining element fronting 'Brynheulog')	Land to the west of High Street, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4ER	Under Consultation	Consultation Period
PL/07173 06/02/2024	Full planning permission. Conversion of agricultural barn to residential accommodation, with formation of vehicular access	Cartrefle, Salem Road, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4DD	Under Consultation	Consultation Period
PL/07249	Retrospective change of use of stone building to domestic dwelling	Hen Capel Mair, Sawmills Lane, off Bridge Street, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4EN	Dyddiad Dechrau Ymgynghori: 20/02/2024	Dyddiad Gorffen Ymgynghori: 12/03/2024
SNN/01853	Development of a new site with 64 new addresses and 1 new street name	Land to the west of High Street, St Clears, Carmarthen	Dylai unrhyw sylwadau / awgrymiadau gael eu gwneud erbyn 11/03/2024	

the economy, amongst other issues. Therefore, I would like to inform you that we have published the following assessments for consultation:

- Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Copies are available on our website and in person at Hwb Centres and public libraries (during opening hours). Consultation will take place for 6 weeks and starts on **19th February 2024**. Comments should be submitted preferably online, and by no later than **5pm on 3rd April 2024**. Further guidance is available on our website. However, should you have any queries or wish to submit your comments in an alternative format, then please contact us by telephone on 01267 228 818 or via email forward.planning@carmarthenshire.gov.uk **Please note that this consultation relates only to the assessments above and not the 2nd Deposit Revised LDP. Only comments submitted on the above assessments will be considered at this time.**

(iii)



iv) The Local Authority are currently undertaking its review of the Modernising Education Programme (MEP), in line with the requirement to submit a strategic outline programme for the new rolling programme to Welsh Government. Consequently, a new draft MEP Strategy has been developed to direct the future delivery of the new MEP. It is guided by a set of strategic objectives and underpinned by the department's purpose pieces and educational principles to ensure cohesion with the 8 Education Priorities for 2022-2025 and the Education Sir Gar 2022-2032 strategy. The draft MEP strategy includes a set of viability and investment criteria to ensure an appropriate and transparent method of developing school organisation and investment proposals. As such, the Local Authority are seeking the views of stakeholders on the draft strategy. A consultation period will be held from 13 February 2024 to 12 March 2024. To view the draft MEP Strategy and submit your views please follow the link below:

[Draft Modernising Education Programme Strategy Consultation](#)

If you have any queries or require any further information please contact Sara Griffiths, Modernisation Team Manager via MEPConsultations@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

2. **One Voice Wales**

i) On Monday 26th February [@RuralAssetsUK](#) will be running an online event called '**Community Assets: Policy and Practice in Wales - what's next?**' Which will bring together community members, practitioners and policymakers to discuss community asset transfer processes in Wales, share best practice from other nations, and discuss what is next for policy and practice.

The event is run in collaboration with Building Communities Trust (BCT), the Green

Valleys, and the Institute of Welsh Affairs (IWA). The event is hosted by a team of researchers from Universities across the UK as part of the 'Rural Assets' project, funded by the British Academy and Nuffield Foundation. For more information and to register for this event, please visit:

['Community Assets: Policy and Practice in Wales - what's next? Tickets, Mon 26 Feb 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

ii)



FREE WEBINAR WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
SUSTAINABLE FOOD PARTNERSHIPS IN WALES
17.00 - 18.00

Cadwch keep
gymru'n wales
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Join our Sustainable Food Partnerships In Wales webinar
17.00-18.00, Wednesday 14 February

In the face of a food poverty crisis, new 'sustainable food partnerships' are emerging across Wales.

Public bodies, charities, businesses, farmers, and other organisations are coming together to improve access to healthy, affordable food.



We'll be joined by Pearl, Rhiannon and Chloe at Food Sense Wales who will talk about the work they are doing to connect people and projects, and make sure that food is produced and consumed in a way that is good for communities and the environment.

The online session, delivered in English, is taking place from 17.00-18.00 on Wednesday 14 February.

Go to our website to book your place:
<https://keepwalestidy.cymru/events/sustainable-food-partnerships-in-wales/>

iii) Online workshop on innovative funding sources for public projects with further courses if this is a success, information on following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/801516205547?aff=oddtcreator>

iv) BBC investigation into public abuse, harassment and intimidation You may have seen the BBC news coverage recently about public abuse, harassment and intimidation of local government councillors and staff across all tiers. We collaborated with the BBC's investigation into this and very much welcome their research, which found that as well as these behaviours affecting the wellbeing of individuals and their families, they undermine the effectiveness and governance of councils and impact local communities and frontline services. We have recognised this worrying trend for some time, and in response we founded the Civility and Respect Project together with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), representatives of County Associations and One Voice Wales (OVW). One of the ways you can demonstrate a commitment to standing up to poor behaviour and help foster a positive change, is to sign up to our Civility and Respect Pledge. By signing the Pledge, your council agrees that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public and of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles, in

turn highlighting to the public how seriously your council takes behavioural responsibilities. Over the last year, more than 1,400 councils have signed up to the Pledge.

[Read the full BBC story here](#)

[Watch the episode on Newsnight here](#)

[Click here to find out more about the Civility and Respect Project](#)

RESOLVED to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

v) We are using Linked In to facilitate getting CEIC alumni (Public Services 2020 to 23) and current & future CEIC Participants (Private and 3rd Sector businesses 2024 onwards) networking. Please **"Follow" the CEIC Wales** channel from your Linked In account.

https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/all/?fetchDeterministicClustersOnly=true&heroEntityKey=urn%3Ali%3Aorganization%3A71765569&keywords=ceic%20wales&origin=RICH_QUERY_SUGGESTION&position=0&searchId=45a4186d-f359-4313-bd81-eda739bfb575&sid=BrY&spellCorrectionEnabled=false

vi) JOINT EVENT ONE VOICE WALES AND PLANNING AID WALES – THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 2.30PM (REMOTE)

One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales have once again teamed up to provide Councils with a joint event that will enable councillors and Clerks to be at the forefront of current thinking in relation to the challenges faced by our communities and towns in addressing sustainability and achieving success as we focus our efforts on the best outcomes for people in Wales.

They are all working hard to create a sustainable future for the next generations. How can our Welsh communities play a greater role in this difficult challenge? Welsh Government keynote speakers will provide information on the Just Transition movement which is not only about addressing climate change but also about building a more inclusive and prosperous future for all communities.

We also have speakers from One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru who will be looking at Biodiversity issues and Climate Change toolkits. Planning Aid Wales will provide information about the new regime of Strategic Development Plans that will impact our communities in terms of future sustainable development. We will also have the opportunity to focus on a few case-studies where we can learn from those working in local communities with an interest in renewable energy, allotments and growing and Place Plan projects. All these communities are dealing with their own climate change challenges, and we can learn from their innovative approaches.

This will be an interesting event for all with an interest in Planning, Climate Change and Biodiversity. There will be an opportunity for open discussion between all delegates and speakers. Overall, the event promises to be a highly informative and positive experience for community leaders in Wales enabling them to reflect on their own personal experience of life in their towns and communities and to assess with their councils after the event how action at the local level can be so important in helping their own community develop fresh opportunities designed to create a better future for all.

The cost per delegate will be £50 and bookings can be made directly with Planning Aid Wales using the following web-link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/planning-for-future-generations-registration-810059408497?aff=oddtcreator>

3). Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service The work to install new public access defibrillators (PAD) at 23 of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's (MAWWFRS) Fire Stations has now been completed – which now means that all our fire stations are

located within 500 metres of a PAD. This has been made possible through a partnership with Save a Life Cymru (SALC) and the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST), which identified 23 MAWWFRS Fire Stations that were not near a PAD. The partnership was officially launched at MAWWFRS's Headquarters Open Day in September 2023, with the **unveiling of the first unit funded through the partnership at Carmarthen Fire Station**. As well as increasing the number of PADs across Wales, SALC has been providing sessions to teach and familiarise communities with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and using a PAD.

4). Welsh & UK Government

a). Invitation to upcoming event, **The National Suicide Prevention Conference** running on the 25th of April 2024 online. To secure your places [click here](#) and enter the discount code 'S20' upon checkout.

b). **Free Portrait of His Majesty The King for Community, Town and City Councils in Wales**. The accession of His Majesty The King marked a new chapter in our national story. A new Reign means new national symbols as the face on our stamps, coins and banknotes gradually changes from Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III. Portraits of our past Monarchs also hang in public buildings across the United Kingdom as they are a visible reminder of the institutions that tie our United Kingdom together. To celebrate the new reign of His Majesty The King, the Cabinet Office announced a government funded voluntary scheme throughout the United Kingdom to allow public authorities to apply for a free, framed portrait. The scheme launched on 14th November 2023 and is now open for applications from Community, Town and City Councils. **Your council falls within scope for this voluntary scheme**. You can view the image and apply for one free framed portrait per council using the link below: [His Majesty The King's Portrait Scheme URL for Community, Town and City Councils](#) Once your registration has been accepted you can place an order and provide delivery details. **RESOLVED to apply for a free, framed portrait.**

695. To approve accounts for payment.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS		20 February 2024			
Cheque/B	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £	Gate	VAT £
BACS 940	JN Williams	Rubbish Collection at Welfare Field	963.00		160.50
BACS 941	JN Williams	Grounds Maintenance and delittering	432.00		72.00
	BACS Staff	Reimbursement & Salary	3268.07		2.60
BACS 943	Wembley Storage	Storage Container Dec.	110.00		
BACS 945	Glasdon	Phoneix benches	1404.00		234.00
BACS 946	Bowen & Weaving	Printer drum & cartridges	485.40		80.90
BACS 947	CCC	Youth provision use of Leisure Centre	131.32		
BACS 948	W3Designs	Website amendments	20.00		
BACS 949	Annalyn Davies	Croeso Cynnes		196.20	
BACS 950	CRES	Recycling		119.05	
BACS 951	EDF	Energy Supply		1486.50	247.75
BACS 952	We Care Cleaning Services	Gate Jan/Feb clean		136.00	
	BACS Y Gât	Staffing		810.27	
Cheque 104024	CCC	Planning dept Re: Ten Towns	230.00		
	DD Xero	Digital Accounting	36.00		6.00
	DD CWM	Refuse collection	159.74		26.62
	DD Three	Mobile phone	6.00		1.00
	DD CCC	Recharges for 2year prepaid SIM for lift		431.88	71.98
	DD CCC	Gate Rates £6733.88 01/07/23 31/03/24 monthly fee		962.00	
	DD Welsh Water	Water Rates Oct		60.00	
			451.74	4201.90	670.85

Cllr PJRogers proposed, and Cllr Dr WEVJDavies seconded the motion that the

accounts be approved for payment. **RESOLVED to approve accounts for payment.**

696. Correspondence.

- i) Skate Park Rats event. **RESOLVED to support request and event application and ensure remedial works to skate park is completed prior to the event.**
- ii) Ysgol Griffith Jones PTA – The PTFA requests use of Welfare field free of charge during the summer to hold a summer fete. **RESOLVED to approve request use of Welfare field free of charge but specify that field must be left clear of litter and refuse upon completion.**
- iii) St Clears 2nd Scout group – request to use main carpark to hold a car boot sale to raise funds for Scout group with Town Council making application to CCC for free use of car park. **RESOLVED to find out if this is permitted prior to providing an answer.**
- iv) Marie Curie – Donation request. **REFER to CFGP committee.**
- v) Y Gât pop up market request. **RESOLVED to approve trial for a Food and Arts market event after Eastertide.**
- vi) Rachel Carter – is holding an information meeting in March as part of the One Voice Wales Pethau Bychain green network. The meetings are being held on: 19.3.24 @11am & 20.3.24 @6.30pm. It would be great if someone from your Council could attend one of the dates above to join in the discussion with other councils who may be considering starting the process themselves. Please could you let me know who would like to attend so I can send them the information and joining link. **NOTED**
- vii) Y Cardi Bach – thank you letter for kind donation of £200. **NOTED**
- viii) Carmarthen Youth Opera – thank you letter for kind donation of £50. **NOTED**
- ix) Wales Air Ambulance – thank you letter for kind donation of £100. **NOTED**
- x) Bancyfelin Play area – **RESOLVED to arrange a meeting between the distinct groups, CCC representatives, Bancyfelin Park group and St Clears Town Council to discuss the next steps.**

697. To receive reports from representatives on meeting of outside bodies, seminars etc. NONE

698. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements etc.
Attended a meeting of Merched y Wawr and 60plus at Bancyfelin to inform attendees of the Town Council's work and events/developments at Y Gât.
Attended Brownies and Rainbows evening to discuss Council's role and provide leaflets and information regarding developments.

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

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:16hrs.