

St Clears Town Council
Y Gât, Pentre Road, St Clears, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4AA

Minutes of the **Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee**
meeting held at Y Gât on Tuesday; 2nd April 2024 at 8.00pm

Members of the Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee present:
Councillors GADavies, RG Edwards (Chairman), JRees, PJRogers, IThomas-Wigley
All other members of Council for information

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

750. Apologies for absence. Cllr TMcDermott,

751. Declarations of interest. Item 755, Y Gât and Item 756, Ten Towns – All Councillors.

752. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the Community, Finance and General-Purpose meeting held on the 5th March 2024 (exchange of information only).
None.

753. To consider Planning Applications as notified by Carmarthenshire County Council.

RAR26614	Minor Variation. Application to amend the licence plan to show the beer garden.	Fox & Hounds, High Street, Bancyfelin, Carmarthenshire SA33 5ND	Consultation begins 25/03/24	Consultation closes after 10 working days of the consultation start date.
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754. To approve the Council's Insurance provider. RECOMMENDED to continue with the second year of Gallagher's three-year rolling programme of insurance cover with Hiscox Insurance Company Limited, commencing on 1st June 2024.

755. To receive an update on Y Gât including Waste management. Members heard that the sub-group had met with the facilitator to discuss maintenance, publicity, events, charges etc. Follow on actions agreed and next monthly meeting arranged. The Y Gât day-to-day management is progressing, with the new unit tenants and café lease pending.
RECOMMENDED to proceed with the booking system and publish a leaflet depicting what is available at the venue, and that the sub-group monthly meeting reports are shared with the CFGP committee for consideration. Members discussed the new recycling segregation of waste law and how this would impact the service provided by the Council.
RECOMMENDED to meet with CWM and CRES to discuss the distinct options available and what alternative waste provision would be required to meet the Council's need and be compliant.

756. To consider the next steps for the Ten Towns projects. RECOMMENDED to share a copy of the planned refurbishments at Y Gât with members and provide brief update reports to the Clerk for quarterly returns to Carmarthenshire County Council.

757. **To receive an update and further consider the Welfare field maintenance and waste management.** Carmarthenshire County Council has apologised for the delay in responding to the Town Council's Service Level Agreement (SLA) request as this is still pending. The field is being cut as and when required and the bins emptied regularly by the current grounds' maintenance contractor. However, a more permanent solution is sought. The council is still awaiting sight of the ground condition report approved. A letter has been received from St Clears Football Association requesting updates and a meeting. **RECOMMENDED to agree to a meeting once the required information (SLA and condition report) has been received.** Members discussed the new recycling segregation of waste law and how this would impact the service provided by the Council. This would impact on various organisations using the Welfare field area and additional costs incurred by the Council may be passed on to other users. The council considered purchasing segregated bins but were mindful of how this would be monitored. A letter received from the Leisure Centre informing the Council that they will be locking their bins so that no contamination could occur, and any bags/refuse left at the side would be classed and reported as fly-tipping. **RECOMMENDED to remove the bins until confirmation has been received from CCC in respect of waste management collection at public spaces, and to write to the football club and Scouts hut informing them of the decisions made considering the new regulations as all businesses are bound by the rules.**

PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS

758. **To receive an initial budget summary for 2023/24.**

The council received and reviewed the initial budget summary for 2023/24 and discussed elements of the Financial Regulations and the Annual Audit information received. **The Council has subscribed to Xero, a digital platform service. The clerk has contacted the Internal Auditor, Llewellyn Davies for an update on the 2022/23 internal audit report and to request support to transfer fully to the digital platform with no reply to date.**

RECOMMENDED to

- **contact Llewellyn Davies Accountants again for an update regarding the 2022/23 internal audit report and assistance to transfer fully to a single digital accounting platform (Xero).**
- **to nominate x2 Councillors to review the 2023/24 accounts with the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)**
- **to nominate x2 Councillors (Deputy of CFGP and Mayor) to undertake quarterly reviews of the 2024/25 Council finances with the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)**
- **to link the Y Gât booking system with Xero**

759. **To consider the defibrillators within the ward.** Confirmation received from NHS Wales that the defibrillator located at the Leisure Centre SA33 4BT had been monitored and updated as it was not 'rescue ready'. Correspondence received from the Leisure Centre officers informing council that they would be prepared to take over the guardianship of the defibrillator located at the site. **RECOMMENDED to accept the offer from the Leisure Centre officer to take over as primary guardian of the defibrillator located at the Centre. To confirm with NHS Wales that the named guardianship will be transferred to the Leisure Centre officer. Council to request confirmation from NHS Wales that the other three defibrillators, located in the kiosks at lower St Clears, PwllTrap and Bancyfelin are registered and monitored accordingly.**

760. To consider Y Gât launch event. DEFERRED

761. To consider attending the St Clears Show. DEFERRED

762. To consider the committee's work during the next civic year. DEFERRED

763. Correspondence.

- a) St Clears Football Association (see ITEM 757).
- b) St Clears Leisure Centre (see ITEM 757 & ITEM 759).
- c) P. Lanc, notice period and agendas for April Council Committee meetings. **NOTED.** Three days' notice required for any meeting.

764. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only). NONE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.16hrs