

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held  
at Y Gât on  
Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm**

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**Members of the Environment Committee present:**

Councillors CM Davies, GADavies, RDavies, OGrant (Chairman), J Miller.

All other members of Council for information.

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr FLanc, Dr WEVJDavies
2. **Declarations of interest.** None.
3. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. (Exchange of information only).**  
Item 741 - GBSports approached for a quote to repair playpark.  
Item 742 – Posters published, and named individuals approached and asked if interested in judging the various competitions.  
Item 743 – Trees at War Memorial area cut and pruned.  
Item 745 – CCC Highways approached regarding moving bench at Bancyfelin.
4. **To elect a chairman for the committee for the civic year 2024-25.** Cllr CMDavies proposed Cllr OGrant for the role of chairman of the Environment committee and Cllr RDavies seconded the motion. **RECOMMENDED that Cllr OGrant be elected as chairman of the environment committee for the civic year 2024-25.**
5. **To elect a vice-chairman for the committee for the civic year 2024-25.** In her absence Cllr JMiller proposed Cllr FLanc as vice-chairman of the Environment committee and Cllr GADavies seconded the motion. **RECOMMENDED that Cllr FLanc be elected as vice-chairman of the environment committee for the civic year 2024-25.**
6. **To receive the latest playpark and skate park reports from Carmarthenshire County Council.** Reports received. **Noted.**
7. **To discuss repairs to the playpark and skatepark.** Council reviewed the playpark report and **RECOMMENDED that the contractor be contacted and asked to clean the park.** Cllr TMcDermott has sought costs for a replacement play park and Council wish to form a community group to apply for a Lottery grant due to the high costs involved to replace/improve the park. This does not include the skate park. Minor repairs to the skate park will be considered when discussing the Ten Town event due to be held in August.

8. **To receive an update on the panels for the Heritage trails.** Following discussion, it was **RECOMMENDED** that a price for composite backboards be sought from CLH Trailers for the x3 damaged boards.
9. **To discuss the condition of the footpaths within the town.** Due to poor weather the previously arranged footpath walks due to be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 had to be postponed. **RECOMMENDED** that members meet on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at 10am. Meet at Y Gât to undertake the footpath walk.**
10. **To consider the committee's work during the next civic year.**  
The council reviewed the committee's five-year plan 2023-28, responsibilities and work for the civic year 2024-25. Following some amendments the committee **RECOMMENDED** the plan be approved (*see Appendix i*).
11. **Correspondence.**  
**One Voice Wales**

**Wales Nature Week**

**29<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

As part of this Wales wide 9-day event, a special tour of the **Celtic Wildflowers nursery** for local Community & Town Councils has been arranged for.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**11am - 12:30pm**

**\*\*Important\*\***

If your Council would like to attend, please could you [register your interest here:](https://forms.office.com/e/1uQYuB6gWc)

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12. **Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only).**  
Community Woodland.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 20:00 hrs.*

**Appendix i**

**Role of Committee**

**The key objectives for the Environment Committee for 2023 -2028 are: -**

- to improve the environment throughout the St Clears Town Council's area of responsibility so that residents and visitors can enjoy all the local environment has to offer.
- to promote the rich culture and heritage of the locality and help preserve it for future generations to enjoy.
- to make the local environment attractive to residents and visitors to contribute to their sense of well-being and encourage them to take pride in their community.
- to work in partnership with other groups and agencies to conserve wildlife and preserve the rich natural environment of St Clears and the surrounding district.
- to engage with external agencies to ensure that the local environment is clean and safe for all who use it.

**The Environment Committee has overall management of the following on an ongoing basis: -**

- Areas of responsibility in the Town include the Old Market Square, the War Memorial (obelisk), the Skate Park, the Community Garden and Children's play area in the Welfare Field, public seating and planters, the Town Clock, Council Notice Boards and adopted PRowS.
- Liaison with other agencies to address concerns related to the local environment. These include Dog Fouling, Traffic Calming, cleaning of Bus Shelters, De-Littering and preserving and protecting the local environment in the St Clears Council area.
- Maintaining Links with Outside agencies including SWTRA, Natural Resources Wales, the County Council Rangers, County Council Highway Authority and Dyfed Powys Police. In addition, links will be maintained with St Clears Town Trust, Community Association, Local Schools, Youth Groups and Voluntary Organisations.

**Current Committee Projects**

**The Environment Committee has prioritised the following key areas for 2024-25:**

- Maintenance of the War Memorial Obelisk at Pentre Rd St Clears.
- Tackling Towns projects to include repainting of fences and replacing benches
- Seek improvements to the town side entrance to the riverside path in conjunction with responsible parties to address the silt deposits creating a slip hazard.
- Maintenance, and possible further adoption of PRowS within the SCTC remit. Promotion of heritage and other walking routes to increase town footfall and to encourage physical activity by residents.
- to consider planning applications received from Carmarthenshire County Council as part of the consultation process and to make recommendations thereon to full Council.
- to consider responses to documentation/consultation documents referring to planning and development issues and to make recommendations thereon to full Council.
- Continue to support the development of a cycle path between St Clears and Bancyfelin by working with all interested parties as this objective would better connect the two communities of the Council area and improve the cycle path network in West Wales.
- To maintain and improve the Council's play and skate park areas.
- To continue to strive to improve the issue of dog fouling in the area in conjunction with Carmarthenshire County Council.
- Promote the area as a tourist destination with the assistance of an improved interactive website and SMART boards within the Town Centre. Make use of QR codes on posters for

local businesses that link to the town website, maximising exposure to further businesses within the SCTC remit.

- Improve the appearance of the town by continuing the provision of native pollinator friendly floral displays, painting benches, bins, and lampposts when looking tired and encouraging owners to maintain their properties (through an annual Eco Garden award).
- As part of Carmarthenshire's push for a circular economy, create a book exchange box (possible Men's shed project, with school children to design decoration), for both St Clears and Bancyfelin
- Encourage local businesses to adopt more green practices.
- Create a community growing space.
- Work towards developing a community woodland.

**St Clears Town Council**

**18.06.24**