

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held
 at Y Gât on
 Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 8.00pm**

Members of the Environment Committee present:

Councillors, GADavies (via ZOOM), RDavies, Dr WEVJ Davies, OGrant (Chairman),
 J Miller, BThornton.
 All other members of Council for information.

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

1. **Apologies for absence. NONE.**
2. **Declarations of interest.** Item 5, Adoption of planters – All members.
Item 8, Budget – All members
3. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6th November 2024. (Exchange of information only).** Confirmation that issues with moles have been dealt with.
 Tree fallen along Dark Lane. Information to be forwarded to Public Rights of Way (PRoW) officer.
4. **To consider Planning Applications as notified by Carmarthenshire County Council.**

PL/08536 28/11/2024	Residential Development - Outline planning consent - all matters reserved -	Llysmeurig, Bethlehem Road, Pwll Trap, Carmarthen, SA33 4AN	DyddiadDechrau Ymgynghori: 28/11/2024	DyddiadGorffen Ymgynghori: 19/12/2024
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RECOMMENDED no objections or observations.

5. **To consider adoption and responsibility for planters by Community groups.** The committee considered the possibility of separate groups/associations adopting a planter around the town. The committee agreed in principle but consideration to be given to
 - budget for each planter for such a project as not all planters the same size
 - named plaque for group responsible
 - which planters (St Clears and Bancyfelin), concrete/metal/reconstituted material/?
 - inclusion of businesses in project
 - brief planting ideas in accordance with Council's biodiversity plan
 - maintenance programme
 - impact on current contract

RECOMMENDED to agree in principle and include on agenda for future meeting of committee to consider the details. Cllr OGrant to provide potential costing for different perennials, annuals, shrubs etc for the various planters for consideration.

6. To consider promoting Circular Economy practices. The committee considered what could be done to increase and promote circular economy practices. **RECOMMENDED** arranging a car boot sale during the summer months in conjunction with the Farmers Market event at Y Gat. The clerk informed the committee about EGIN, a programme that helps community groups in Wales take their first steps on their climate action journey. **RECOMMENDED to invite the officer for St Clears to a future meeting of the committee.**

7. **To receive an update regarding the inspections of the Skateboard & Play Areas and discuss a plan for improvements.** Report and quote received from GBSports, which the Council considered. As the council is considering an earmarked project for renewal and due to the excessive cost of the repairs and cleaning it was **RECOMMENDED to request cost of seesaw repair only.**

8. **To plan the committee’s budget for 2025/26 for recommendation to the Council. RECOMMENDED maintaining the same figures as for 2024/25 as a starting point.**

ENVIRONMENT	BUDGET
	2025/26
Public Lighting Power	7000
General Maintenance	3675
Bus Shelters	0
Bus Shelter Cleaning	78
Ground Maintenance Contract & Delittering	10000
Floral Displays/Baskets / Shrubs	2625
Garden Competition	300
Play/Skate Maintenance & Inspections	3150
Notice Board, Benches & Signage (Capital)	3000
War Memorial Maintenance	500
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT COM	30,328.00

9. **Correspondence.**
 - a) One Voice Wales Nature Network Pethau Bychain - Making space for Amphibians
 - b) Peillac Way footfall information (see appendix i)
 - c) RBL – request for a meeting. **RECOMMENDED to request agenda for meeting prior to offering potential dates.**

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

- Benches – to consider Cllr OGrant’s evaluation report of benches and future replacement needs.
- Planters – to consider further details and potential costs associated with various planters within the town. Cllr OGrant to provide examples of costs and plants.
- CEIC – to invite the EGIN officer for the town to the meeting to explain project.
- To consider the Welfare field tender applications.
- To further consider Bancyfelin park update.
- To consider adopting a piece of land near the A40 roundabout for a welcome sign.

The chair brought up the following:

- advertising at roundabout
- industrial units on Tenby Road

The clerk informed that these should be brought up at the full meeting with the County Council members for consideration.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:16hrs.

Appendices
Appendix i

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

Period/Cyfnod: 01-11-2024 - 30-11-2024

Date/Dyddiad	< 07	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	> 19	Total/Cyfanswm
Fri/Gwe 01-11-2024	1	7	2	3	6	3	5	4	7	10	11	2	4	-	1	66
Sat/Sad 02-11-2024	-	-	3	5	10	8	9	10	6	3	14	9	-	-	1	78
Sun/Sul 03-11-2024	1	3	8	5	6	8	14	8	4	10	10	4	-	1	3	85
Mon/Lun 04-11-2024	-	3	-	3	6	6	6	8	5	5	11	6	-	1	3	63
Tue/Mawr 05-11-2024	-	2	3	3	7	3	5	6	5	3	6	1	-	2	1	47
Wed/Mer 06-11-2024	1	3	1	3	10	1	2	9	11	6	4	1	1	2	2	57
Thu/Iau 07-11-2024	-	2	3	4	2	7	5	9	1	5	6	5	16	5	2	72
Fri/Gwe 08-11-2024	-	2	5	6	2	5	7	2	16	4	6	2	1	1	1	60
Sat/Sad 09-11-2024	-	4	5	6	8	10	2	5	4	15	4	3	1	2	2	71
Sun/Sul 10-11-2024	-	-	3	7	7	10	10	6	9	11	4	3	3	3	3	79
Mon/Lun 11-11-2024	-	2	2	4	8	7	-	5	11	11	5	6	1	2	1	65
Tue/Mawr 12-11-2024	-	3	3	2	7	3	5	6	12	8	4	2	3	5	4	67
Wed/Mer 13-11-2024	-	2	2	7	8	7	6	10	9	5	4	8	1	1	3	73
Thu/Iau 14-11-2024	-	1	3	1	11	6	3	11	7	7	2	7	8	11	2	80
Fri/Gwe 15-11-2024	-	3	2	5	5	9	8	8	7	6	4	7	1	1	3	69
Sat/Sad 16-11-2024	2	2	5	2	6	6	6	4	-	5	2	5	-	-	4	49
Sun/Sul 17-11-2024	-	1	2	1	5	9	10	5	7	7	8	-	2	-	4	61
Mon/Lun 18-11-2024	-	3	2	4	7	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	4	1	1	33
Tue/Mawr 19-11-2024	-	1	1	1	2	4	14	5	2	6	4	5	3	1	4	53
Wed/Mer 20-11-2024	-	3	2	6	16	3	5	11	5	6	1	8	1	2	3	72
Thu/Iau 21-11-2024	-	-	1	4	5	9	4	7	6	6	10	1	16	3	2	74
Fri/Gwe 22-11-2024	-	1	1	6	5	10	7	6	8	1	4	-	-	-	-	49
Sat/Sad 23-11-2024	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Sun/Sul 24-11-2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	8
Mon/Lun 25-11-2024	1	1	-	1	7	5	3	2	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	27
Tue/Mawr 26-11-2024	-	1	3	6	4	4	3	3	5	3	3	3	2	-	5	45
Wed/Mer 27-11-2024	-	1	-	2	14	2	8	5	2	9	2	7	1	-	2	55
Thu/Iau 28-11-2024	-	2	5	1	1	3	3	5	3	2	3	-	6	4	4	42
Fri/Gwe 29-11-2024	-	1	3	3	5	5	2	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	26
Sat/Sad 30-11-2024	1	-	2	10	2	6	3	3	2	7	2	2	-	1	-	41
Total/Cyfanswm																1669