

**Cyngor Tref Sanclêr – St Clears Town Council**  
The Gate /Y Gât, Pentre Road/Heol y Pentre, St Clears/Sanclêr, SA33 4AA

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Full Council (FC) held at  
Y Gât, Pentre Road, St Clears, SA33 4AA.**

**on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm\***

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**Members present:** Councillors RDavies, DrWEVJDavies, RG Edwards, OGrant, JMiller, JRees, BThornton,

**In attendance:** Press (0), Members of the public (2), Carmarthenshire County Councillor (1).

*Due to the absence of Cllr GADavies (Mayor), Cllr OGrant (Deputy Mayor) chaired the meeting.*

2024.137. **Apologies. Cllrs GADavies, IThomas-Wigley.**

2024.138. **Personal Matters.** Carwen Earles, Chair of Governors of Bancyfelin, Llangain & Llansteffan Federation of schools has sadly passed away. Town Council extend condolences to the family.

Condolences extended to the family of Noel James, who did a great deal within the local community.

2024.139. **Declarations of Interest.** Item 2024.135 Y Gât update – Cllr B Thornton and all councillors.

2024.140. **To confirm the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Town Council (FC) held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024.** Cllr Dr WEVJDavies informed that he did not agree with the comment about ‘members of the public proceeded to ask questions’ when asked to leave the meeting for confidential matters. **CORRECTION** ‘Members of the public asked to leave the meeting but proceeded to ask questions about finance’.

When asked to leave, the members of the public proceeded to ask questions about finance. The deputy mayor who was chairing the meeting asked them to leave again, and they left the meeting. Following Council’s discussion on confidential matters, the deputy mayor left the meeting to go out and speak with the members of public. When the deputy mayor rejoined the meeting, he informed Town Council that the members of public would not be rejoining the meeting.

Cllr RGEwards proposed, and Cllr BThornton seconded the motion that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Town Council (FC) held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 is a true record of proceedings. **RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Town Council (FC) held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as a true record of proceedings with the correction.**

2024.141. **Matters arising (exchange of information only). NONE.**

2024.142. **To receive the County Councillor's Update.** Cllr CJones informed members that the County Council were in the process of setting the budget and that it was important that residents complete the budget consultation document prior as important decisions would have to be made in relation to cuts to services. Members were keen to note that they wished for fairness in apportioning the County's budget when considering different areas within the county. Council raised concerns about potential unauthorised signage on the roundabout off Tenby Road and the possible unapproved clearing of an area on the industrial estate off Tenby Road.

2024.143. **To approve the committee reports**

**a) Environment committee (January 2025).** Cllr OGrant informed members of the recommendations regarding residence to write in regarding water along High Street, 5% uplift to Environment budget, agreed budget for planter adoption and repairs to playpark. Cllr DrWEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr JMiller seconded the motion that the report for the Environment Committee held on 7th January 2025 be approved.

**b) Community, Finance and General-Purpose committee (December 2024 & January 2025)**

Cllr OGrant informed members of the recommendations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December CFGP report. Cllr BThornton proposed, and Cllr RDavies seconded the motion that the report for the CFGP Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 be approved.

Cllr RGEwards informed members of the recommendations regarding 5% uplift to Council budget, earmarked reserves, Council storage and donations granted. Cllr OGrant raised questions from the chair regarding the use of the compound for Council storage only and why only two containers were considered (measurements/size of compound, number of containers that may be sited, who is responsible for finding out details). Cllr BThornton proposed, and Cllr JRees seconded the motion that the report for the CFGP Committee held on 7th January 2025 be approved.

**RESOLVED to adopt the Environment report for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and the CFGP committee reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 as a true record.**

2024.144. **To receive the Clerk's Report**

**I. Carmarthenshire County Council**

**(i). Planning/Licensing.**

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| <a href="#">PL/08639</a><br>18/12/2024 | Householder planning permission<br>Timber Framed Garden Room for<br>additional family activities    | Forrest View, St<br>Clears,<br>Carmarthen,<br>SA33 4EU       | Under<br>Consultation   | Consultation<br>Period  |
| <a href="#">PL/08650</a><br>18/12/2024 | Full planning permission Erection<br>of a Livestock building with below<br>ground slurry store      | Llwynpiod, St<br>Clears,<br>Carmarthen,<br>SA33 4JS          | Under<br>Consultation<br><b>Dyddiad Dechrau<br/>Ymgynghori: 18/<br/>12/2024</b> | Consultation<br>Period<br><b>Dyddiad Gorffen<br/>Ymgynghori:<br/>08/01/2025</b> |
| <a href="#">PL/08573</a><br>09/01/2025 | Householder planning permission<br>Proposed Loft Conversion,<br>Remodelling and Associated<br>Works | 16 Pen Y<br>Ffordd, St<br>Clears,<br>Carmarthen,<br>SA33 4DX | Dyddiad<br>Dechrau<br>Ymgynghori: 09/<br>01/2025                                | Dyddiad Gorffen<br>Ymgynghori: 30<br>/01/2025                                   |
| PL/08722<br>20/01/2025                 | Internal alterations to existing<br>building to facilitate the use of                               | Swan Hotel,<br>Pentre Road,                                  | Dyddiad<br>Dechrau  | Dyddiad<br>Gorffen  |

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|  | the building as 7 flats (instead of 9 flats) together with external wall insulation to rear elevations and Pv panels to roof of Pentre Road Elevation | St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4AA | Ymgynghori: 2<br>0/01/2025 | Ymgynghori: 1<br>0/02/2025 |
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**RESOLVED that there be no objections/observations to the planning applications PL/08639, PL/08650, PL/08573 and PL/08722.**

(ii) Circular economy event at Sero, who are excited to announce they will be facilitating circular economy-themed training workshops to help upskill community members in areas like re-use, repair, upcycling and more! To ensure this service is tailored to your needs as much as possible, they have created a brief survey to scope your opinions on what kind of courses and workshops you would like to attend.

Survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/z0SKwmQLsn>

## 2. One Voice Wales

- a) **Local Policy and Innovation Partnership (LPIP) survey.** Research undertaken by Aberystwyth University.
- b) **Hywel Dda Board, Independent Member (Community)** are seeking an Independent Member (Community) to join the Board at Hywel Dda. A fantastic opportunity to join the health board at a time of considerable change and challenge to the healthcare sector in Wales.

Link: <https://www.cambrian-news.co.uk/news/university/aberystwyth-university-surveys-councils-on-community-resilience-755812>

- c) [Age Without Limits](#), Centre for Ageing Better's campaign to challenge ageism, is running their annual Age Without Limits Day on **11th June 2025**. Age Without Limits Day is a day for all to come together and take action to end ageism - as individuals, with friends and family, in our communities and in our workplaces. Together, we can make life better for those of us affected by ageism today and for all of us who may be affected in the future.
- d) Government has published a consultation on its proposals to reform the compulsory purchase process and compensation rules: [Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

The consultation seeks views on a range of proposals aimed at implementing technical reforms to make the compulsory purchase process quicker, lower the administrative costs of the process, and ensure the compensation rules are fairer. The consultation applies to the operation of the compulsory purchase process and compensation rules in England and Wales. **Question 1 of the consultation seeks views on a proposal directly related to town/parish and community councils.** The consultation can be viewed and responded to here: [Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Reforms - GOV.UK](#) The deadline for submitting responses to the consultation is 11:59pm on 13 February 2025.

- e) **RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch** is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. In 2024, over half a million people across the UK took part, counting more than 9 million birds. Participants spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 24 and 26 January, and record the birds that land.

The online webinar session is taking place from 17.00-18.00 on Wednesday 08 January.

- f) **Victim Support** have now taken on delivery of the multi-crime service in the Dyfed Powys area? This means that in addition to the hate crime service, wherever you live in the Dyfed Powys Police force area, if you experience other crimes, you're able to access confidential, specialist support from the independent charity Victim Support. This replaces the previous Goleudy service delivered in-house by Dyfed Powys Police. Whilst the service is live already, input is needed from people living and working in the local community on the new name. There will be a consultation about the logo, but they need to hear from you about what the service should be called. The survey takes well under 5 minutes and is bilingual; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSDyfedPowys> The survey closes on 27<sup>th</sup> January.

- g) **Welsh Government** is running a public consultation to seek views on whether to designate two new sites as bathing waters for the 2025 bathing season: Lisvane & Llanishen Reservoirs and Swing Bridge, Afon Tywi, Llandeilo. Additionally, we will be gathering public opinions on defining a threshold for a 'large' number of bathers. If a site is designated as a bathing water, the water quality is tested by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) annually during the bathing season, which runs from 15 May to 30 September. Each designated bathing water is given a bathing water classification of excellent, good, sufficient, or poor, based on the water quality sample results. The consultation started today (Tuesday 7 January) and closes 17 February 2025. Please find below the link to the consultation:

English: [Bathing Water Review Wales 2025 | GOV.WALES](#)

Cymraeg: [Adolygiad o Ddyfroedd Ymdrochi Cymru 2025 | LLYW.CYMRU](#)

### **3 Keep Wales Tidy**

- a) As we approach the end of the year, we want to thank you for **everything** you have done in 2024 to help make Wales cleaner, safer and even more beautiful. Over the past few months, thousands of activities have been recorded – helping us understand the issues communities are facing and celebrate the power of volunteering. Don't forget, you can see all this incredible work and download your results on our [Community Impact Map](#). **Save the date! Spring Clean Cymru is back in March 2025**

We're excited to announce that Spring Clean Cymru 2025 will be taking place from 21 March to 6 April. Last year, we spread the word that the environment belongs to everyone. In just two weeks, an incredible 5,000 #LitterHeroes in Wales collected more than 4,000 bags of litter and recycling. We'll be sharing all the essential information and

resources in late January. If you want to be one of the first to pledge your support for Spring Clean Cymru 2025, you can register your interest on the website. [> Register now](#)

**Keep spreading the word** - We've just added new downloadable materials to our website to help you spread the word that you have litter picking kit available to borrow for free. The latest materials include a digital banner for your website or emails, and logos in different languages. [> Go to the website](#)

#### b) **Age Without Limits Day: Micro-grants for Age-friendly Communities**

#### **4. Other - Transport for Wales Your opinion matters**

We need your ideas to help us change the way Wales travels.

We want to make it easier for people to travel by train, bus, walking or cycling.

Why is community important to us?

The needs of our customers are always evolving. Building a vibrant community provides us with insights into these changing needs. Your input is invaluable.

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We're committed to making your journey as seamless and enjoyable as possible.

We've created walking itineraries for you, your friends and family. [Find out more about travelling to your favourite trails](#). Who will you take on a hike?

b. Dyfed-Powys Police Invitation to their 9<sup>th</sup> St David's Day Conference, which this year focuses on the exciting possibilities of **evidence-based policing (EBP)**.

**Date: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

**Location:** [Dyfed-Powys Police Headquarters](#)

**Register Here:** [Evidence Based Policing Conference](#)

Please register your attendance here: [Evidence Based Policing Conference | Cynh.Plismona Seilledig ar Ymchwil Tickets, Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)



**2024.145. To consider repairs to the bus shelter at Lon Hafren.** Council considered the cost of repair to the damaged bus shelter at Lon Hafren (approximately £300-£400). Cllr JRees proposed, and Cllr RGEwards seconded the motion that the Council's contractor repair the bus shelter. **RESOLVED to approve that the Council's maintenance contractor repairs the damaged Perspex panels at the bus shelter at Lon Hafren.**

**2024.146. To approve Council's budget for 2025/26 and precept request.** Council considered the budget and precept amount for 2025/26 and any increased cost to residents

as based on Band D households. Cllr DrWEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr RGEwards seconded the motion that the 2025\_26 budget and precept of £119,656.77 be approved. **RESOLVED** to approve the 2025/26 budget and precept request of £119,656.77.

| <b>CFGP Committee</b>                        | <b>BUDGET</b>   | <b>BUDGET</b>    | <b>% uplift</b> | <b>BUDGET</b>    | <b>BUDGET</b>   |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Administration (AD)</i>                   | <b>2023/24</b>  | <b>2024/25</b>   |                 | <b>2025/26</b>   | <b>Variance</b> |
| Staffing etc                                 | 35211.33        | 38837.07         |                 | 40024            | 1186.93         |
| Staff Review                                 | 2000            | 2000             | 5.00            | 2100             | 100.00          |
| Other (Personnel)                            | 0               | 6000             | 5.00            | 6300             | 300.00          |
| Post/Tel and Stationery                      | 800             | 800              | 5.00            | 840              | 40.00           |
| Subs Publications                            | 750             | 750              | 5.00            | 787.5            | 37.50           |
| Conf/Sem/Training Fees                       | 615             | 615              | 5.00            | 645.75           | 30.75           |
| Conf/Sem/Training Exp                        | 205             | 205              | 5.00            | 215.25           | 10.25           |
| Advertising / Printing                       | 260             | 260              | 5.00            | 273              | 13.00           |
| Travel expenses                              | 500             | 500              | 5.00            | 525              | 25.00           |
| IT Equipment                                 | 500             | 500              | 5.00            | 525              | 25.00           |
| Y Gât  | 9178.2          | 9866.56          | 0.00            | 10000            | 133.44          |
| Y Gât salary/HMRC/pension                    |                 | 13000            |                 |                  | -13000.00       |
| Welfare Field                                | 7500            | 9000             | 5.00            | 10000            | 1000.00         |
| <i>CIVIC (CV)</i>                            |                 |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| Mayors Allowance                             | 3000            | 3000             | 0.00            | 3000             | 0.00            |
| Mayors Reception                             | 500             | 500              | 0.00            | 500              | 0.00            |
| Members' Allowance                           | 1500            | 1500             | 0.00            | 2704             | 1204.00         |
| Civic Expenses                               | 300             | 300              | 0.00            | 300              | 0.00            |
| Election Expenses                            | 300             | 350              | 0.00            | 350              | 0.00            |
| <i>Council Offices (CO)</i>                  |                 |                  |                 | 0                | 0.00            |
| Rent   | 2500            | 2500             | 0.00            | 2500             | 0.00            |
| Insurance                                    | 2500            | 2500             | 0.00            | 2500             | 0.00            |
| <i>Grants/Donations (GD)</i>                 |                 |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| Grants/Donations & Bursaries (Miscellaneous) | 1500            | 1500             | 5.00            | 1575             | 0.00            |
| Professional/Audit Fees                      | 1200            | 2000             | 5.00            | 2100             | 0.00            |
| Miscellaneous                                | 100             | 100              | 0.00            | 100              | 0.00            |
| Website                                      | 500             | 500              | 5.00            | 525              | 25.00           |
| Christmas Lights                             | 10000           | 10000            | 5.00            | 10500            | 500.00          |
| CCTV / Community Safety                      | 2000            | 2000             | 5.00            | 2100             | 100.00          |
| Local Plan /LDP Process                      | 1500            | 1000             | 0.00            | 500              | 0.00            |
| Promoting/Supporting Community Activities    | 2000            | 4500             | 0.00            | 4500             | 0.00            |
| Community Events Chest                       | 3000            | 3000             | 0.00            | 3000             | 0.00            |
| Exhibition Costs                             | 1000            | 0                | 0.00            | 0                | 0.00            |
| Other Council events                         | 2000            | 1000             | 0.00            | 1000             | 0.00            |
| New equipment                                | 1500            | 1500             | 5.00            | 6575             | 0.00            |
| Earmarked reserves                           | 0               |                  |                 | 25000            | 25000.00        |
| Storage                                      |                 | 1320             |                 | 1320             | 0.00            |
| WiFi Towns                                   | 250             | 250              |                 | 250              | 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL CFGP COM</b>                        | <b>94669.53</b> | <b>121653.63</b> |                 | <b>143134.50</b> | <b>16730.87</b> |

| <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>                        | <b>BUDGET</b>    | <b>BUDGET</b>    | <b>% uplift</b> | <b>BUDGET</b>    | <b>BUDGET</b>   |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|   | <b>2023/24</b>   | <b>2024/25</b>   |                 | <b>2025/26</b>   | <b>Variance</b> |
| Public Lighting Power                     | 7000             | 7000             |                 | 7000             | 0.00            |
| General Maintenance                       | 3500             | 3500             | 5.00            | 3675             | 175.00          |
| Bus Shelters                              | 52               | 52               | 0.00            | 0                | -52.00          |
| Bus Shelter Cleaning                      | 85               | 85               | 0.00            | 78               | -7.00           |
| Ground Maintenance Contract & Delittering | 7500             | 10000            | 5.00            | 10000            | 0.00            |
| Floral Displays/Baskets / Shrubs          | 2500             | 2500             | 5.00            | 2625             | 125.00          |
| Garden Competition                        | 300              | 300              |                 | 300              | 0.00            |
| Play/Skate Maintenance & Inspections      | 3000             | 3000             | 5.00            | 3150             | 150.00          |
| Notice Board, Benches & Signage (Capital) | 500              | 3000             | 5.00            | 3500             | 500.00          |
| War Memorial Maintenance                  | 1000             | 500              | 5.00            | 525              | 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT COM</b>              | <b>25,437.00</b> | <b>29,937.00</b> |                 | <b>30,853.00</b> | <b>891.00</b>   |

**2024.147. To approve the schedule of payments.** Cllr DrWEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr JRees seconded the motion to approve the schedule of payment. **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments.

**2024.148. To approve the schedule of payments.** Cllr DrWEVJDavies proposed, and Cllr JRees seconded the motion to approve the schedule of payment. **RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments.**

| SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS |  |  |                 |                |                |
|----------------------|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 21 January 2025      |  |  |                 |                |                |
| Cheque/BACS/DD       | Payee                                  | Details  | Cost (inc VA    | Gate           | VAT £          |
| BACS 152             | JN Williams                            | Grounds Maintenance and delittering @Welfare fiel          | 342.00          |                | 57.00          |
| BACS 153             | JN Williams                            | Rubbish Collection at Welfare Field                        | 963.00          |                | 160.50         |
| BACS 154             | JN Williams                            | Works to do with Christmas Trees                           | 900.00          |                | 160.00         |
| BACS 155             | City Illuminations                     | Festive lights removal                                     | 3019.50         |                | 503.25         |
| BACS 156             | SCTC staff                             | Reimbursement , Salary etc                                 | 3347.74         |                |                |
| BACS 157             | Wembley Storage                        | Storage Container (Jan).                                   | 110.00          |                |                |
| BACS 160             | Bowen & Weaving                        | Printer waste box etc                                      | 23.10           |                | 3.85           |
| BACS 161             | Bowen & Weaving                        | Document wallets/envelopes                                 | 34.20           |                | 5.70           |
| BACS 162             | Toppers                                | Toilet Rolls   |                 | 50.96          | 8.49           |
| BACS 163             | We Care Cleaning Services              | Cleaning at Y Gât  |                 | 160.00         |                |
| BACS 164             | EDF                                    | Electricity usage  | 1872.10         |                | 312.02         |
| BACS 165             | Gât Staff                              | Reimbursement , Salary etc                                 |                 | 863.86         |                |
| BACS 167             | CCC                                    | Replacement lanterns                                       | 2043.30         |                | 340.55         |
| BACS 168             | One Voice Wales                        | Training   | 40.00           |                |                |
| BACS 169             | Wrenvale Nurseries                     | Winter Planting  | 624.00          |                | 104.00         |
| BACS 170             | BGB Sports & Leisure                   | Inspection for works                                       | 360.00          |                | 60.00          |
| DD                   | CWM                                    | General Waste  | 50.28           |                |                |
| DD                   | CWM                                    | Mixed Waste Y Gât  |                 | 34.08          |                |
| DD                   | Total Energies                         | Gas usage  |                 | 274.56         |                |
| DD                   | Xero                                   | Digital Accounting   | 36.00           |                | 6.00           |
| DD                   | Three                                  | Mobile phone   | 6.00            |                | 1.00           |
| DD                   | CCC                                    | Gate Rates £9413.50 01/04/24_31/03/25<br>monthly fee April |                 | 941.00         |                |
| DD                   | Welsh Water                            | Water Rates Oct  |                 | 12.50          |                |
| DD                   | Three                                  | Mobile phone Y Gât   |                 | 8.40           |                |
| Cheque               | Air Ambulance Wales                    | Donation   | 100.00          |                |                |
| Cheque               | Urdd Gobaith Cymru                     | Donation   | 50.00           |                |                |
| Cheque               | Cerebral Palsy Cymru                   | Donation   | 50.00           |                |                |
| Cheque               | Radio Glangwili                        | Donation   | 50.00           |                |                |
| Cheque               | Carmarthenshire & District Youth Opera | Donation   | 50.00           |                |                |
|                      |  |  | <b>14071.22</b> | <b>2345.36</b> | <b>1722.36</b> |

**2024.149. To receive an update in respect of Bancyfelin playing field. NOTED.** Correspondence received from CCC confirming that the funds can be released on the basis that the Town Council will need to undertake and complete the works as agreed in the S106 phased plans originally submitted, prior to claiming payment up to the value of £20,000.

**2024.150. To consider the Community Woodland lease.** Council was presented with the solicitors follow up letter for consideration, which had been received that evening. **RESOLVED that the letter be circulated and added to the agenda for consideration during Council's committee meetings.**

**2024.151. To consider the composition of the Community Woodland sub-group. DEFERRED.**

**2024.152. To consider the Welfare field lease/trusteeship.** The Council was informed that the land is for recreational use and for the benefit of the community only. Any individual association/group long-term support, usage or improvement scheme of space would require a contract/sub-lease agreement. **RESOLVED that the Welfare field committee to arrange a meeting and confirms what is required by St Clears Football Association as means of support for so that they may apply for any grant application.**

*Due a declaration of interest Cllr BThornton left the meeting.*

**2024.153. To receive an update from Y Gât Subgroup. The Y Gât sub-group has not met this year. However, the town clerk informed members that**

Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 are now occupied, and tenants invoiced accordingly up until end of December 2024. Unit 5 is now available following the removal of all the pottery equipment, turn table, two large and one small kiln, which have been donated to the art college, who are extremely grateful for the equipment. The Men's shed have been offered the remaining cuts of wood and hardboard.

Events already arranged include British Sign Language training event, Plaid Cymru surgery, Hwb Bach y Wlad, MIND, Multiply, NACRO and Craft club.

Rebecca Polson Facility manager and Farmers Market coordinator has commenced in post on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and has received three mentoring days setting up the phones, email, computer, Facebook etc. and transferring security, fire, health & safety, maintenance documents and details. Welsh language policy in relation to advertising. Litter picking hub and Llwyfan Lles information. As well as introductions to numerous users at the venue including unit users, café proprietor and librarian. Tasks set include reviewing a booking system, planning a St Davids day Welsh arts or food fair. Liaising with Leisure centre to coordinate Farmers Market event. Promoting further use of venue by businesses and general users. Subgroup meeting arranged for Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Correspondence received requesting long-term use of Cynin room. **RESOLVED to inform Terry Thomas Letting Agent, to provide current market rate value for available space, draft sub-lease rental document and confirm that there is an electric meter reader in the room.**

*Cllr BThornton rejoined the meeting.*

**2024.154. To receive an update regarding the Ten Towns grant.** The Ten Towns grant has been used to undertake improvements in and around the town (as per the success criteria and restrictions imposed by Carmarthenshire County Council). The Council has reclaimed Capital 1 and capital 2 expenditure. However, some outstanding funding remains to purchase furniture, technology equipment (projector/tv screen etc). Revenue funding – still awaiting some invoices. However, some projects are no longer viable due to various reasons and lead time. Therefore, these will not go ahead but the Council will not be at a loss financially as a result. Cllr RGEwards proposed, and Cllr RDavies seconded the motion that the clerk be permitted to purchase equipment and finalise expenditure (capital 1, 2 and revenue) as per grant application prior to the closing dates. **RESOLVED that the clerk be permitted to purchase equipment and finalise expenditure (capital 1, 2 and revenue) as per grant application prior to the closing dates.**

**2024.155. To consider the four vacant seats on the Council. NOTED.** Additional information and posters added to the Council's Website and Noticeboard. No applications to consider.

*Members of public rejoined the meeting.*

**2024.156. Correspondence**

a. CCC Public lighting – Letter in respect of Christmas Lights electric box outside Bancyfelin School in need of repair. **RESOLVED to get the Council's contractor to repair/replace.**

b. CCC Planning – Community Benefit at Bancyfelin, request for clarification as to what type of support is required. **RESOLVED financial support to be able to commence/install a play park.**

- c. Café proprietor – long term use of Cynin room (See Agenda Item 2024.135 - To receive an update from Y Gât Subgroup).
- d. TMcDermot - Hate Crime Cohesion project. Display location of art boards and safer routes to schools' information.
- e. Members of public shared copies of a letter with the councillors. **NOTED.** Informed that the letter is unaddressed and unsigned.

**2024.157. To receive reports from representatives on meeting of outside bodies, seminars etc. NONE**

**2024.158. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements etc. NONE.**

**2024.159. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only).**

*With no other business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20 hrs.*