



St Clears Town Council Cyngor Tref Sanclêr

Annual Report 2023/24

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Foreword

A word from the Mayor,

Becoming Town Mayor is a great honour and it is my privilege to serve the communities of St. Clears and Bancyfelin to the best of my ability.

During 2023, the Town Council took over the daily running of Y Gât formerly run by Carmarthenshire County Council. This is an achievement to be extremely proud of and I as part of Y Gât Steering Committee look forward to creating a business and community hub which will bring new life to the heart of the town. A facilitator has been appointed in order to promote Y Gât and to ensure its success.

The Town Council has also been successful in obtaining grants from Carmarthenshire County Council as part of the Ten Towns programme in line with the St. Clears Economic Recovery and Growth Plan. I am delighted to be part of this as it will ensure that the town will become a vibrant, lively tourist attraction and, with all the proposed improvements, a town which its residents can be proud of.

I have a passion for supporting the community and this has been evident through the setting up of Croeso Cynnes at Y Gât which serves to provide a safe, warm and friendly environment for people to meet, chat and have free refreshments. This has proved extremely successful as it addresses a need in the area. The support it has given to the most vulnerable within the community has been greatly appreciated and it will now continue until a commercial café is in place.

I have endeavoured to raise the Town Council's profile by engaging with various youth groups and organisations and inviting them to come to the Council Chamber to meet the Mayor and find out about the work of the council. I have also visited residential homes and schools within the ward. A new FB page has been set up in order to keep people informed about what is going on and to share information about Council activities. (Cyngor Tref Sanclêr/St. Clears Town Council)

I would like to thank everyone within the Town Council and residents alike for all the support I have been given. These are exciting times for St. Clears, and I am delighted to be driving this vision forward to ensure a brighter and more prosperous future for the town and surrounding areas.

*Cllr G.A.Davies
Town Mayor*



Chapter 1: An Overview

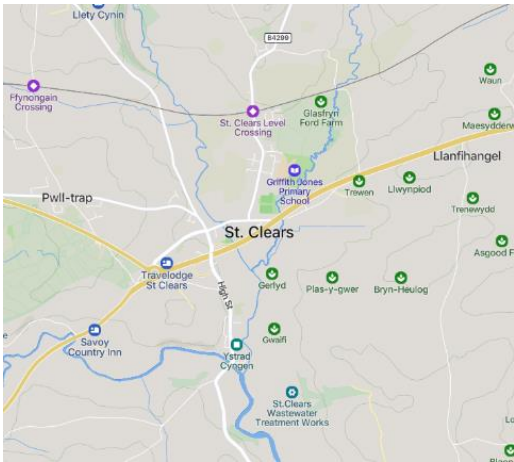
St Clears Town

St Clears is an historic market town situated between the bustling regional town of Carmarthen and the beautiful seaside resorts of Pembrokeshire.

St Clears, Bancyfelin and Pwll Trap offer good facilities for residents as well as warm and welcoming hospitality to its many visitors. The area offers a rural lifestyle with easy coastal connections but also has modern living conveniences and amenities, including shops and restaurants.

The Town has excellent transport links, with lots of diverse local businesses and a wide variety of community activities underpinned with a strong sense of community spirit.

The Town Council work in partnership with the local community to deliver a diverse range of events and projects throughout the year for both residents and visitors to the area to participate and enjoy.



St Clears is a town on the [River Taf](#) and a community in [Carmarthenshire, Wales](#).

At the 2011 census, the population was 2,995.

The community includes the small settlements of [Bancyfelin](#) and Pwlltrap.

St Clears Town Council

There has been a democratically elected local Council in St Clears since 1894 when the first elections were held for St Clears Parish Council. The UK Parliament in London passed an Act of Parliament in the same year creating elected civil parish councils for the first time. The idea was that if local taxes were being charged for local services, then Councils should be accountable to local people for how they spent the money. This would be done by giving local people the opportunity to elect local Councillors at regular intervals.

In 1974 there was a re-organisation of local government and Parish Councils became either Community Councils or Town Councils (depending on whether the area was a town or a rural community). So, on 1st April 1974, the old St Clears Parish Council was replaced by the present-day St Clears Town Council.



Functions of the Town Council

The Town Council fulfils its statutory duties and uses its powers to provide a wide range of services to meet local needs and improve the life of residents within the local community. In summary St Clears Town Council:-

- manages the former West Wales Craft Centre, now known as Y Gât
- manages the Welfare Field
- considers and provides comments on planning applications as a statutory consultee
- is a custodian of the War Memorial
- has installed and maintains a wide range of street furniture including litter bins, picnic and street benches and notice boards
- supplies and maintains the summer & winter floral displays (planters and telephone kiosks), trees and undertakes landscaping projects within the ward
- provides the Christmas trees and illuminations
- supports the St Clears Christmas lights switch on event in collaboration with St Clears Community Association and works closely with them to provide gifts and a Christmas grotto held at Y Gât.
- members of the council also sit on numerous committees and various school governing bodies (Ysgol Griffith Jones, Federation of Bancyfelin, Llansteffan & Llangain)
- the council employs a small team of outdoor contractors who work to improve the street scene in the town centre and tackle issues such as litter etc.
- manages the two bus shelters within the ward
- and more recently provides youth club provision which is held weekly at the leisure centre.



Who is who on the Council?

The purpose of the Town Council is to enhance the lives of local residents through the delivery of various projects and services and to provide value for money for the precept that is raised through council tax.

Councillors are elected to represent the interests of all residents within the wards and the general interest of St Clears Town as a whole. At this level of local government, it is all about the community. This means that councillors work together as a corporate body to best serve the community's needs.

The residents are currently represented by 13 councillors covering the two wards of St Clears and Llanfihangel Abercowin.

St Clears Town Councillors 2023/24

The last full council election was held on 5th of May 2022 and the following councillors were elected or have since been Co-opted to represent the ward of St Clears and Llanfihangel Abercowin for the 2022 to 2027 term of office. Your named Councillors are:-

St Clears Ward

- **Cllr Edmund Davies**
- **Cllr Mark Davies**
- **Cllr Owain Grant (Deputy Mayor 2023/24 & Chairman of the Environment Committee)**

Originally from Barry, and have lived in St Clears for about 14 years. I am married with two children, and I am a proud fluent Welsh speaker. I started my career working in the heavy chemicals industry, before switching career paths to teaching Chemistry for over 20 years. I have more recently left teaching to follow my passion for the environment and now work as the National Forest for Wales liaison officer for Southwest Wales. Previously I have coached junior teams with the rugby club, and I was also Chair, then Group Scouts Leader at 2nd St Clears Scouts Group for 7 years. Experience: I joined the Town Council in 2021. As a resident of St Clears, I wanted to gain a better understanding of why some things were being done or not done around the town. I believe St Clears and its surrounding area has a lot of great things going for it, and the potential to improve even further. I am passionate about improving the area we live in and enjoy getting involved in many projects, the first being the creation of a community garden at the Welfare field. The garden is maintained by Fronhaul care home, and all Guides and Scouts sections. I have, with others on the Environmental Committee produced a new Biodiversity plan for the St Clears Town Council area. More recently, I led on the successful application to gain Bee Friendly status for the Town. With others, we are working on a very exciting project to create a community Woodland within St Clears, that would benefit both the Ysgol Griffith Jones and the public of the St Clears Town Council



area. Interests include spending time with family and friends. Keeping fit and exploring the local area by foot. Passionate about nature and the environment.

Town Council responsibility: Deputy Chair of the Town Council, Chair of the Environmental Committee, The Town Council's representative on the Ysgol Griffith Jones board of Governors. A member of the 10 Towns, Play Park, Community Woodland, and Y Gat Committees.

- **Cllr Tristy McDermott (Co-opted)**

Originally from Llanmiloe, Pendine where I spent my entire childhood surrounded by close family and friends, later moved to St Clears in 2012. I'm 35 years young and have a wonderful family. I joined the Town Council in November 2022 with the aim to increase an inclusive Youth provision within St Clears. I also sit on the St Clears & District Community Association. I have a great passion for organising, developing and creating community projects and programmes.

Experience: From the age of 16, I had a great passion to help younger people within a Youth Club setting as I also attended one as a youngster. From volunteering 1 night a week at my local club, I soon gained employment with the Youth Service working 4 nights a week in various settings throughout Carmarthenshire and working with broad issues and concerns with young people. I've also worked as a volunteer within the Youth Justice Team to gain as much experience and skills as possible. I have over 17 years of experience with Youth Work in a variety of settings. Currently, working within a different Local Authority as a Senior Youth Practitioner overseeing secondary school provision.

Interests: getting outdoors, camping, walking, motorbike racing, attending exercises classes when it fits, exploring nature and thinking of my next project for the community. Town Council responsibilities: Youth Development, Ten Towns, Play Park, Community woodlands, Skate Park.

- **Cllr Phil Rogers (Chairman of the Y Gât committee)**

Llanfihangel Abercowin Ward

- **Graham Edwards** (Chairman of the Community, Finance and General-Purpose Committee)

- **Annalyn Davies** (Co-opted) (Mayor 2023/24)

I was born on a farm on the outskirts of Bancyfelin, I attended the local primary school. After graduating from Bangor Normal College, I got married and moved back to Bancyfelin in 1990. I am a fluent Welsh speaker having worked in education throughout my career, retiring as a headteacher.

I now work part time as a Community Officer for Tŷ Croeso, a community project based at Bethlehem Newydd Chapel, Pwll-trap, helping to support the vulnerable in the local community- the Women's Refuge, Plant Dewi, the Food Bank at Whitland etc. I am a member and secretary of Gibeon Chapel and I am a qualified lay preacher conducting services at different chapels most Sundays. I enjoy meeting



people and I am the chair of the St. Clears branch of Merched y Wawr ; Bancyfelin Senior Citizens; the Mission Committee and a member of several other bodies such as Mother's Union and Plant Dewi. I joined St. Clears Town Council in 2022 as I felt that I wanted to contribute to the communities of Bancyfelin and St. Clears drawing upon my varied experiences. My passion is being able to help in the community and offer support in whichever way that I can. The Town Council obtained a grant from Carmarthen County Council to set up a hub at Y Gât, named Croeso Cynnes, so that people could meet in a safe, warm, friendly environment. I co-ordinate this and it continues to be successful.

During the last few months, St. Clears Town Council has taken over the daily running of Y Gât formerly run by Carmarthenshire County Council. This is an achievement to be extremely proud of and I as part of Y Gât Steering Committee look forward to creating a business and community hub which will bring new life to the town. Lead on the Ten Towns sub-committee and facilitated the grant applications to improve what the town has to offer, making it a more vibrant and attractive place for residents and visitors.

As Town Mayor in 2023/24, I have engaged with the wider community, inviting various youth groups to visit the Council Chamber, also visiting several organisations, residential homes and primary schools within the ward. My interest lies in helping the local community; preaching; theatre and public speaking. My Town Council responsibilities include being Chair of Town Council 2023/ 2024, Member of the Ten Towns Sub-committee, Portreeve for the Town Trust, Member of the Community Finance and General-Purpose committee and Member of Y Gât Steering Committee

- **Fiona Lanc (Co-opted):**

I have lived in St Clears for 42 years and participated in many community events over the years. I've got basic conversational level Welsh. I've worked in West Wales throughout my career, initially as an agricultural advisor for ADAS covering land management and then whole-farm agri-environment schemes. I became self-employed some 23 years ago, developing my own consultancy business specialising in ecological and environmental matters, including environmental management of large-scale construction projects (including the St Clears-Red Roses A477 project). Previous appointments include:

- Board Member, West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre, 2016 to 2022
- Public Appointment as Welsh Assembly Appointed Member to Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (2005 to 2011) where I was Lead Member on Biodiversity for PCNPA
- Member of Environment Agency Wales FERAC Committee
- Voluntary Sector representative on PCNPA's Sustainable Development Fund panel, assessing applications for funding of sustainability projects.

I enjoy the creative arts, particularly painting, sketching and pastels and I paint daily in my home-studio. I'm a keen gardener and jointly ran a specialist holly nursery with my husband for 20 years. I play the tenor sax in Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band and have done for many years. I'm a Member of the Environment Sub-Committee, Ten Towns Sub-Committee and Co-ordinator of the Street Art project and I co-ordinated the Tree Planting project on Peillac Way on behalf of Carms CC.



- **Jonathan Miller** (Co-opted):

I have lived in St Clears for several years and I am a minister in the Methodist Church in the Sout West Wales Circuit, serving the area of St Clears. I have previously served as a school governor and have worked as part of various Neighborhood panels which served as community groups that brought concerns to the local council and worked to improve the local area.

Vocationally my interests lie with supporting the most vulnerable in our community and caring for the environment. My personal interests are art and creativity. It is particularly rewarding when both sets of interests can come together. I currently serve on both Town Council committees (Environment and the CFGP Committee) although my interests align most with the work of the Environment committee.

- **Ieuan Thomas-Wigley** (Co-opted)

- **Jane Rees** (Co-opted)

Born in Neath. Lived in S.Wales valleys and attended Trinity College Carmarthen where I trained as a teacher in Music, Dram & Welsh. Opened Ysgol Feithrin San Cler in 1975 . Supply teacher in various primary & secondary schools in Carmarthenshire. In 1981 I retrained and became a qualified occupational therapist working for the NHS and being involved with all ages and abilities across Carmarthenshire. I was also a n Union steward.

I am currently retired and a proud mother and grandmother. I have lived in St Clears for 51 years. Experience: Community involvement with choirs, church & Mothers Union activities, twinning officer, 60+ Chair, Chair of St Clears RBL (4 yrs) Town councillor for 19 years (having been Mayor 3 times) took a break and returned. Interests: music of all sorts eg singing, gardening, charity work (Chair of Bandi Appeal) meeting new people, volunteering, holidays, supporting my family, social media, publicity, organising events.

Town Council responsibility: member of Environment, Community & General Finance committee.

- **Richard Davies** (Co-opted 01/24)

A full list of St Clear's Town Councillors can be found on the Town Council's website at [St Clears Town Council](http://www.stclearstowncouncil.co.uk) (www.stclearstowncouncil.co.uk).



The Town Mayor & Deputy Town Mayor 2023/24.

The Town Mayor is responsible for chairing the monthly ordinary meetings of St Clears Town Council and both the Mayor or Deputy Mayor usually represent the Town Council at various events and functions throughout the year. The Town Council normally appoints the positions of Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor from amongst its members at the annual meeting (AM) held in May each year. The mayor may appoint a consort to support them during their term of office, if they so wish.

Councillor Annalyn Davies was elected as Town Mayor at the Annual Council meeting held on May 2023 and is supported by the Owain Grant, Deputy Mayor who was elected at the same meeting.

Town Council Staff

The Town Council's affairs are administered by an appointed Town Clerk, Mrs Catherine Lloyd Jenkins, who is also the Town Council's Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

The Town Clerk is the Council's Proper Officer and is an adviser to the Council on matters of strategy, policy and governance and is responsible for supporting the council to fulfil its legal, statutory, and financial obligations.

The Town Clerk reports to the council on a regular basis and ensures that the instructions of the Council in connection with its functions are carried out. The Town Clerk is accountable to the Council (as a Corporate Body) for the effective management of its assets, services, and human resources.

Town Council Meetings and Committees

Town Council Meetings

Decisions about Town Council business is taken at formal meetings of the Council. The Town Council has approved Standing Orders, which act as the written rules of the Council and set out the Council's internal organisation, administration procedures and procedural matters for meetings.

Business discussed at Town Council meetings is primarily of local importance - but sometimes can include discussions on issues, which are of regional or national importance.

St Clears Town Council meet monthly to agree where public money (precept) should be spent and ensure that the decisions made lead to efficient and effective services for all by keeping an eye on how things are working. For example, footpaths,



maintaining the playpark and skatepark, and currently working towards the successful transition of the Gât facility as a community hub.

Whilst some responsibilities are outside the jurisdiction of St Clears Town Council, the Council closely monitors and discusses the activities of Carmarthenshire County Council and highlights issues and concerns raised to the County Council on behalf of residents. The two local County Council members are invited to attend all Town Council meetings. St Clears Town Council also responds to consultations from Welsh Government, the County Council and other authorities.

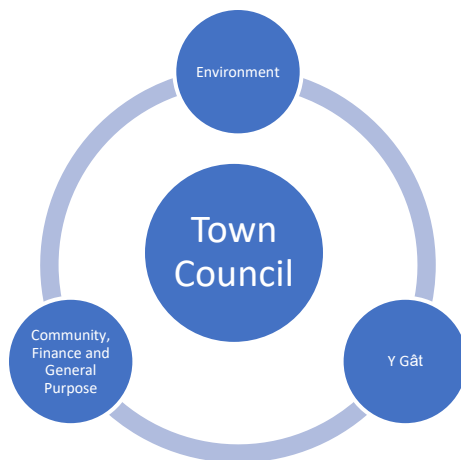
All Council meetings are held at Y Gât and/or remotely via Zoom/Teams for business under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021.

Full Council (FC) Ordinary monthly meetings are open to the press and public who are given an opportunity to report on agenda items. The Ordinary monthly meetings of the Town Council are usually held on the third Tuesday of every month except during summer recess in August. Meeting dates are set at the beginning of each calendar year during the Annual Meeting and can be found on the Town Council's notice board and website.

Committees

Some of the work of the Town Council is delegated to committees.

During 2023/24 the Town Council had the following committees: -



The committees provide reports and recommendations to the Full Council for approval in relation to matters raised.



Training

2022_23		
11/01/2023	New Councillor Induction	Tristy McDermott
18/01/2023	Code of Conduct - Module 9	Tristy McDermott
18/01/2023	Code of Conduct - Module 9	Annalyn Davies
30/01/2023	The Council Meeting - Module 5	Owain Grant
01/02/2023	Local Government Finance - Module 6	Owain Grant
08/02/2023	Understanding the Law - Module 4	Owain Grant
15/02/2023	The Council as an Employer - Module 3	Owain Grant
22/02/2023	Chairing Skills - Module 10	Owain Grant
07/03/2023	New Councillor Induction	Ieuan Thomas Wigley
08/03/2023	The Council - Module 1	Fiona Lanc
15/03/2023	New Councillor Induction	Fiona Lanc
29/03/2023	Introduction to Community Engagement - Module 8	Owain Grant
2023_24		
18/10/2023	Introduction to Community Engagement - Module 8	Fiona Lanc
13/12/2023	Code of Conduct - Module 9	Jonathan Miller
25/01/2024	Carmarthenshire Communities for Work Plus (Youth)	Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins



Chapter 2: Finance

Financial Planning, setting the budget & Income 2023/24

The financial year of St Clears Town Council begins on 1st of April and ends on 31st of March the following year. Each November the town council begins to plan ahead and sets a budget to determine the summit needs to provide services and deliver projects on events for the next financial year.

The taxes collected on our behalf from the residential properties within the town of St Claire's by Carmarthenshire County Council as part of council tax. This money is known as the precept. There is no other form of statutory income for the town council.

Income 2023/24

The Council precept for the financial year 2023/24 was £108,532.22, which is equivalent to £78 on the average Band D property. In addition to the annual precept the Town Council also pursues grant funding and/or sponsorship opportunities to fund other projects and aspects of its work.

The Town Council receives income from the Welfare field rental. The Town Council has recently taken over the day-to-day management of Y Gât and currently receives a subsidy for this from Carmarthenshire County Council. However, the long-term intention is that Y Gât becomes sustainable and can be self-sufficient in future years.

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Precept	108,532
Total Other receipts including grants/Welfare field rent/ Events/Room Hire	40,409
Total Income 2023/24	148,941

Expenditure 2023/24

The Town Council delivers a wide range of services and community projects for the benefit of its residents. The Council's expenditure includes staff costs, democratic & civic costs, office & admin costs, environmental (flower planting/delittering), park & skatepark, community projects and recreation.

The Council's total expenditure for 2023/24 was £121,983.

However, some of the projects outlined in the report extend over more than one financial year therefore, some costs will be reflected in the financial outcomes for other years.

Reserves

St Clears Town Council holds general reserves which is not ringfenced (earmarked) for any specific expenditure. Its purposes is to smooth the impact of uneven cashflow or cover unexpected/emergency expenditure. It is not intended to fund on-going expenditure.



The general reserve will be replenished as part of the budget process in any year where it has been utilised for unexpected/emergency expenditure.

Local Councils are advised to hold an amount in reserves to meet unexpected expenditure, otherwise they could run out of money before the end of the financial year. A Council should typically hold between 3- and 12-months expenditure as a general reserve and the Council must always keep a minimum balance sufficient to pay two months' salaries to staff and associated expenses such as National Insurance, tax contributions and pensions.

At the end of 2023/24 the Town Council held £58,366 in reserves. This is within the allocated recommended amount because Council does not know if and when this may be needed.

The council may establish ringfenced (earmarked) reserves for any reason where it reasonably believes it may incur expenditure in the future. The council does not currently hold earmarked reserves.

Grants

Community Chest

St Clears Town Council is committed to supporting and strengthening the many networks and community groups that help to make a positive difference to the local area through its Community Chest Grant Scheme. The Town Council was able to support several local organisations on projects during 2023/24. Namely:

Bancyfelin & District Hall Committee 300
St Clears District & Community Committee 300
TAF Running & Orienteering Team 300
1st St Clears Guides & Rangers 100
Ysgol Griffith Jones PTA 100

The Town Council looks forward to receiving applications from community organisations and associations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support, which contributes towards improving the lives of local residents. Further information regarding the Community Chest Grant Scheme and application forms can be found on the Town Council's website or by contacting the Town Clerk.

Financial Controls & Audit

Audit report 20223_23 - [St Clears TC 2022-23](#)

(<https://www.stclearstowncouncil.co.uk/town-council/audit-documents/>)



Chapter 3: Services & Projects

Y Gât

St Clears Town Council is pleased to announce the successful asset transfer of Y Gât.

Y Gât building began its life as a Farmers store, then Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) ran it as a Craft Centre, gallery, shop and café using a grant from Antur Taf. However, economic and social changes led to financial losses which in turn led to CCC considering closing the site. Five years ago, preCovid, discussions began between CCC and St Clears Town Council (SCTC) to see if an asset transfer project was viable. SCTC consulted and collaborated widely with internal and external partners eager to learn from others (e.g. Urban Foundry) whether taking over Y Gât' asset project was a viable and sustainable proposal. Several

community consultations were held to gather data, residents' views and provide a detailed analysis ([Landsker Business Solutions](#)) of how the building could be utilized to enhance the communityⁱⁱ.



Issues considered included sustainability for longevity; economic diversification including job creation, attracting investment & passing trade to increase footfall; **Social inclusion and equity**, access to education, healthcare, and public services; **Environmental and circular economy considerations** to minimise the environmental impact whilst promoting an energy-efficient building; **Cultural preservation**, and celebration of the historic and architectural integrity of the building whilst offering modern facilities. SCTC wrote a business plan and financial analysis before finally signing and commencing managing the asset from October 2023.

The vision is to reignite life into a central community hub within the town, building community cohesion.

- Employment: Facilities manager, lettings agent to manage the units & café, cleaner and a Farmers Market Coordinator to run the monthly/event markets.
- Businesses: Creative workshops (x7) for small businesses (Silversmith, leather/upholstery goods & artists), meeting rooms (x3) CCC/NHS/Mudiad Meithrin etc. and a gallery space for larger events (Nadolig Ni Community Christmasⁱⁱⁱ / Afallen Circular Economy).
- Croeso Cynnes^{iv}: Weekly welcome/warm hub for residents (initially commenced from a grant but continues through SCTC due to demand).



- Community Hub supporting Wellbeing, cost of living needs etc: MIND support, Care Art project, Age Cymru, CCC's Hwb Bach y Wlad provision, Youth provision, Training (Digital/Fraud awareness).
- CAVs/Food for Thought community events/training opportunities (e.g. Food Hygiene)
- Café – Numerous requests from residents & visitors for provision as none within town centre after 2pm.
- CCC Library service. Popular library housed within building.
- PLANED WCFD food hub^v
- Keep Wales Tidy Litter picking Hub

Next steps include:

- rebranding exercise with community and local schools
- internal modifications & repainting.
- energy efficiencies to lighting/heating/water to include solar panels
- bespoke website for Y Gât
(Ten Towns grant secured for the afore mentioned).
- Community Food Fridge
- Training Hub – Coleg Sir Gâr Skills 24/Multiplication / Welsh language group

Croeso Cynnes -



The Town Council was successful in obtaining a grant from Carmarthenshire County Council in December 2022 in order to set up a Warm Space at Y Gât. The aim was to provide a warm, safe environment where people could come to enjoy a chat and free refreshments. It was named

Croeso Cynnes and I co-ordinated it. It became so successful that the Council continued with the provision throughout 2023. The community appreciated Croeso Cynnes as it helped the vulnerable and lonely and it was felt that it addressed a need in the town. It will continue throughout 2024 until a commercial café opens at Y Gât.





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Bee Friendly Status – The Town Council was successfully awarded the Bee Friendly Status for the work undertaken as noted in the Biodiversity Report.



MAE'R DYSTYSGRIF
HON YN CYDNABOD BOD

THIS CERTIFICATE
RECOGNISES THAT

Sanclêr / St Clears

yn Caru Gwenyn ac wedi ymrwngwng i:

- » Wneud yn siŵr bod bwyd ar gyfer pryfed peillio drwy'r flwyddyn.
- » Rhoi lleoedd i bryfed peillio fyw ynddyn nhw.
- » Peidio â defnyddio cemegau sy'n gwneud drwg i bryfed peillio.
- » Cael y gymuned i gymryd rhan.

is Bee Friendly and has committed to:

- » Provide pollinator-friendly flowers throughout the year.
- » Give places for insect pollinators to live.
- » Avoid chemicals that harm pollinators.
- » Involve all the community.



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OWW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

This is to certify that
St Clears Town Council
has signed up to the Civility & Respect Pledge

St Clears Town Council believes now is the time to put Civility and Respect at the Top of the Agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

Certificate Number 1465

St Clears Town Council will:

- Treat all councillors, clerk and all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role.
- Put in place a training programme for councillors and staff.
- Sign up to Code of Conduct for councillors.
- Have in place good governance arrangements including staff contracts and Dignity at Work Policy.
- Commit to seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise.
- Commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens.
- Continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme.
- Support the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

Civility and Respect Pledge

The Council successfully signed up to the Civility & Respect pledge

Chapter 4: Activities & Events 2023/24



Town Mayor visiting 1st St. Clears Rainbows and presenting a contribution from the Mayor, who in turn was presented with a badge - World Thinking Day.

I also presented the children with 2 different achievement badges each.

Town Mayor presenting the no dog fouling poster competition winners from Ysgol Bancyfelin.



The Town Mayor presenting a cheque to the St Clears Branch of the Ladies of the Dawn at the Annual Dinner at Old Board School, St Clears. 10:02:24





The Mayor presents a cheque to the officers of the Clearwater Branch Women's Institute.



St Clears Men's Shed carrying out voluntary work in the community in line with the Town Council's volunteering policy. Lovely paint job!

Bandi Appeal Annual Meeting. Town Mayor attends the meeting and hears an update on the charity's work. Good wishes to them for the future.





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Distributing Christmas gifts to the pupils of the local primary schools at Ysgol Griffith Jones and Ysgol Bancyfelin.

The dignitaries at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday following a service at St Mary's church, St Clears



Scouts group visiting the Council chamber and learning about the role of the council and asking questions of the mayor, Cllr Annalyn Davies.



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Cooking demonstration arranged in collaboration with PLANED



The Town Council make the front page of Y Cardi Bach due to the Town Council's vision and exciting project and commitment to taking over the Y Gât asset. This follows years of meetings and discussions with the Local Authority and successful community engagement events.



The Mayor, Cllr GADavies attended the St Clears Young Farmers Agricultural Show at the three counties show ground in Carmarthen. The event was the first event following three years of no show due to Covid restrictions. A great day was had by all. Presentation of the cheque to the Presidents- Mr Lyn and Sian Davies and Mr Huw Davies,



The Town Mayor opens New Bethlehem chapel Exhibition (July 2023). It was an opportunity to share the chapel's vision for the future while showing respect for the past and sharing information about the humanitarian work done in the present. A huge number of the local community came to see it.



The Mayor choosing the Carnival Queen 2023. Y Maer yn dewis y Dywysoges Carnifal 2023

Launching Peter Stopp's book during the CADW Open Door's event.





Tree planting, students from Year 6 at Griffith Jones School and the community helped to plant 300 trees of different species.
Gus Hellier from Coed Cymru provided the trees.



Chapter 5: Future Projects

The Town Council is always forward-looking and is considering the following as future mid-to- long-term projects.

- Ten Towns Grant (Capital and Revenue)
- New/updated Website
- Plastic Free St Clears
- Community Woodland