

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Full Council (FC) held at
Y Gât
Pentre Road
Carmarthenshire, SA33 4AA
on Tuesday, 18th November 2025 at 7.00pm***

Members Present: Cllrs Dr WEVJDavies, RGEwards,
JRees (Mayor), B Thornton

In attendance: Press (0), Members of the public (0), via Zoom (0)
Carmarthenshire County Councillors (0)

***The meeting was not quorate. Therefore, no decisions/resolutions made.
Members present received and/or discussed the agenda items as recorded:***

2025.0119. Apologies for Absence. Cllrs RDavies, OGrant, IThomas-Wigley

2025.0120. Personal Matters

2025.0121. Declarations of Interest

2025.0122. To approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st October 2025

2025.0123. Matters arising (exchange of information only)

2025.0124. Correspondence. Received

- a) Robert Edgcombe CCC (Deputy Monitoring Officer) Re: Society of Local Council Clerks Civility and Respect pledge
- b) Naomi Malpeli-Thornton – Café fridge
- c) Aled Jones-Davies (TROTS) #OwnTheNight, light on the river footpath
- d) CGale (Scout Occasional Helper) - Remembrance Event congratulations on road closure and consideration for future timings of event
- e) Charlotte Morgan – Net zero training in collaboration with Coleg Sir Gâr and County Cllr Aled Vaughan Owen
- f) David Peterson – Location and installation of aluminium statue

2025.0125. To receive the County Councillor's Update. Apologies received from Cllr CJones with an update on the yellow lines along Pentre Road, and potential use of the Guide hut by St Clears Men's Shed.

2025.0126. To receive the Clerk's Report. Received.

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I. Carmarthenshire County Council

(i). Planning/Licensing.

PL/10017 21/10/2025	Full planning permission. Change of use from butcher's store to residential flat	Former Butcher's Store, Pentre Road, St Clears, SA33 4LR	Under Consultation	Consultation Period
PL/10050 21/10/2025	Prior notification: Excavation/waste material (agricultural/forestry). To extend the existing hard standing area in between the sheds to the south and slurry pit to the north. The existing plateau will be extended by elevating levels using imported granular fill and surfaced with type 1 subbase materials	Wern Farm, High Street, Bancyfelin, Carmarthen, SA33 5NE	Under Consultation	Consultation Period
PL/10075 24/10/2025	Approval of details reserved by a condition. Discharge of Condition 5 on PL/09712 (Pollution Prevention Method Statement)	Llwynpiod, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4JS	Under Consultation	Consultation Period

(ii) The **Home Office's Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme** is now open for applications. Through this scheme, eligible sites can apply for fully funded physical security measures. The application portal is now open and will close on 8th December 2025. If interested in applying, visit: <https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/placesofworshipscheme/> The Home Office will also be hosting drop-in sessions and workshops. These sessions will talk through the process, explain what successful applications look like, and offer a useful Q&A to applicants.

These sessions will be hosted on: • 16:00-17:00 – 10th November • 16:00-17:00 – 26th November • 14:00-15:00 – 2nd December.

If you are interested in attending, email psvc@homeoffice.gov.uk, and a member of the team will register you.

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(iii) Apel Teganau Nadolig 2025/ Christmas Toy Box Appeal. Discretionary Powers used to support as per past years.

(iv) WAG initiative to provide funding to support St David's Day celebrations. County wide initiative considered to include the Ten Towns. To be arranged.

2. One Voice Wales

a). Consultation on the changes to local government elections rules in Wales
Welsh Government is consulting on changes to local government elections rules in Wales. These are set out in the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 ("the Principal Areas Rules") for county and county borough councils, and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021 ("the Communities Rules") for town and community councils. These are referred to in the consultation as "the 2021 Rules". The 2021 Rules were fully redrafted and modernised in 2021. They were updated further in 2023 to enable elections under the Single Transferable Vote system, should any principal council adopt that system under the power in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Welsh Government is not proposing to make significant changes to the 2021 Rules, aside from some, technical, changes or those required to take account of changes to policy and other legislation.

Views are being sought on:

- updating the Rules to make sure they are bilingual
- updating the Rules to reflect recent changes in the Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) Order 2025
- making the change to security-related cost exemptions that are in place for Senedd elections to local government elections
- proposals contained within the UK Government's strategy paper on electoral reform

A copy of the consultation document can be found here: [Changes to local government elections rules in Wales | GOV.WALES](#)

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation, and the views of Community and Town Councils are invited by 6th January 2026. Please email responses to cjones@onevoicewales.wales

b). Annual General Meeting due to be held on Wednesday, 21st January 2026. Attendance and Town Council representation required.

3. NALC - White Ribbon UK Day 2025 is taking place on 25 November. This year's theme, 'We speak up' puts a focus on sexism. Committed to working towards ending men's violence against women and asking more men to use their voices and speak up to create a world where everyone is safe, equal, and respected. Every time we ignore something that does not feel right, we miss a chance to set a better example.

You can find out more [here](#).

4. Other

11/11/25 Meeting with Menter – Update on previously planned events include assisting with the Christmas Fayre due to be held on Saturday, 29th December 2025. 'Twmpath Dawns' due to be held in the Leisure Centre on 24th January 2026 between 6-8pm and a 'Gig' for the younger generation in collaboration with the YFC due to be held at the Rugby Club on 23rd January 2026.

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11/11/25 Meeting with Men's Shed (present Cllr JRees (Mayor), OGrant & IThomas-Wigley and Town Clerk. Men's shed represented by DPeterson (Chair), SCox, (secretary) and PGlover (member). Organisation Background & Current Activity

- Group has been in existence for over three years
- Affiliation with the British Legion to support veterans
- Active community involvement, involved in approximately three hundred events/activities (bench repairs, bin, shelters, school projects etc.)
- Members have a range of skills available (carpentry, electrical work, general repairs). Consideration for a repair café at Y Gât in future.
- Donations received from various supporters.
- Funding not an issue as access to numerous grants available to them as a constituted body
- Use existing workshop facility at Whitland and hold twice weekly meetings at Bethlehem Newydd Chapel (Tuesday & Thursday)
- Priority: is for a base for meetings plus workshop within proximity of St Clears town centre.

Workshop / Facility Options

- Guide hut project discussed as a potential workshop site. Men's Shed considered this as a perfect option due to its location, utilities already on site (electric, water, waste etc.) and has gated, secure access. Men's Shed informed that CCC had previously stated that this was not viable and had not provided a reason.
- Car park area (compound) discussed. SCTC raised concerns as prone to flooding (as seen last week), no utilities available on site and planning constraints for locating a meeting room/workshop for regular use would differ to that of locating a storage container as originally proposed. Insurance consideration.
- Unit available near Georgie's chip shop
- Unit available near Tenby Road

Agreed Next Steps

- Town Council to liaise with CCC to broker a meeting to support the Men's Shed in progressing with the feasibility and administrative processes for transfer of the Guide hut.

2025.0127. To approve Council's Vision Statement.

2025.0128. To approve the Council's Biodiversity Section 6 report.

2025.0129. To approve the Council's Annual Report 2024_25.

2025.0130. To receive report following quarterly financial review.

2025.0131. To consider the Financial Risk Management Document for Council.

2025.0132. To approve the schedule of payments for November 2025. Discretionary powers used to make November 2025 monthly payments.

2025.0133. To consider the 2025_26 budget for Council.

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2025.0134. To consider Council's response to an emergency within the town following the recent flooding.

2025.0135. To consider the vacant seats on the Council.

2025.0136. To receive reports from representatives on meeting of outside bodies, seminars etc.

2025.0137. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements etc.

7/11/25 Poppy party at Ysgol Griffith Jones

9/11/25 Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade Event

11/11/25 Armistice Day Service

16/11/25 Rural Remembrance Church Service with thanks for crops during war with collection to St Clears Young Farmers Club.

2025.0138. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only).

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:16hrs.