

Cyngor Tref Sanclêr – St Clears Town Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Full Council (FC) held at Y Gât, Pentre Road, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4AA on Tuesday, 17th February 2026 at 7.00pm*

Members Present: Cllrs, WEVJDavies, RGEwards, KMajor, JRees
(Mayor), BThornton

In attendance: Press (0), Members of the public (1), via Zoom (0)
Carmarthenshire County Councillors (1)

2025.0180. Apologies for Absence. Cllr IThomas-Wigley.

2025.0181. Personal Matters.

Sympathy extended to Cllrs BThornton and GEwards.

Resignation of Cllr OGrant noted. Council wished to thank Owain for his input during his term of office and send him best wishes for the future.

Warm welcome extended to Cllr KMajor on his co-option. Council looks forward to him sharing his experience and skills with Council.

2025.0182. Declarations of Interest - Cllr JRees – 2025.0185 Correspondence (h) - RBL meeting.

2025.0183. To approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th January 2026. Cllr Dr WEVJDavies proposed and Cllr RGEwards seconded the motion that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th January 2026 is a true record. **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th January 2026 as a true record.**

2025.0184. Matters arising (exchange of information only).

Item 0167(e), Correspondence - Bancyfelin Playing field – awaiting reply from the Town Council's solicitor.

2025.0185. Correspondence

- a) S.Cox St Clears Shed – request to add Men's Shed details on the Council's website. NOTED, request made that contact details be added to the Council's site organisations page. Information added.
- b) Lisa Evans (sculpture) – request for confirmation that CCC had sited the community statue. NOTED, confirmation letter sent with photographs of statue located in Ysgol Griffith Jones School Garden courtyard.
- c) B.Smith – Website issues require work.
- d) T.Rees – Camera electricity connection reimbursement. NOTED approved to forward £105.19 for financial year 2025_26.
- e) G.Baxter (CCC) – update on Bancyfelin Playing fields. NOTED. Reply sent.
- f) M. Rowlands - update on Bancyfelin Playing fields. NOTED. Reply sent.

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- g) Rob Taylor (Porthcawl Museum & Historical Society CIO) Request to loan Ira (Taffy) Jones commemoration plate. RESOLVED to approve loan of commemorative plate.
- h) RBL meeting, new date required. NOTED, tbc.
- i) Members received an unaddressed letter marked 'Private'. NOTED. To comply with the Council's governance correspondence should be sent to the Town Clerk (townclerk@stclearstowncouncil.co.uk / @ Y Gât, Pentre Road, St Clears, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4AA) for consideration by Council. All correspondence should contain an address for reply and be signed. If writing on behalf of an organisation/association correspondence should be received on letterheaded paper.

2025.0186. To receive the County Councillor's Update.

Carmarthenshire County Council's (CCC) budget increase is confirmed at an increase of 4.9%.

Contact 'Fix My Street' to register any issues that require attention.

Ten Towns assessment review of what each town has achieved and accomplished. Flooding issues. The homeowner is responsible for the sustainable drainage systems (SUDs) within and around their own homes. The planning authority is not responsible for any decision made if the planning technical (TAN15-flooding) as received from Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) has been followed.

National Rivers Authority (NRW) have flood zone maps available for viewing.

St Clears Flooding report. These reports look at where the water originates from, where does it run off and what mitigation measures are in place. Section 19 of the report focuses on how and why a flood occurred with input from CCC, Welsh Water and NRW.

Water ingress at Y Gât – Cllr Jones to review who visited to address the issue.

2025.0187. To receive the Clerk's Report.

I. Carmarthenshire County Council

(i). Planning/Licensing.

PL/10402	Proposed roof covering over existing silage store	Parc Yr Abbot, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4NB	Dyddiad Dechrau Ymgynghori: 03/02/2026	Dyddiad Gorffen Ymgynghori: 24/02/2026
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(ii) Join EYST Wales on **Tuesday 10th February, 10:00–11:00am**, for “**Why Should I Vote? – An Ethnic Minority Perspective.**” This **online webinar, taking place on Zoom**, will explore voting through an ethnic minority perspective. We will hear from experts and draw on lived experience, the session will reflect on participation, representation, and how voting can make a difference. The session is open to all, whether you regularly vote, vote occasionally, or are still deciding.

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Register here or see poster for QR code attached : [Why Should I Vote? registration link](#)

(iii) Confirmation that £127,434.46 (One hundred and twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-four pounds and 46pence) precept is requested for 2026_27.

(iv) **Have your say on local community pharmacy services.** Hywel Dda University Health Board is inviting people across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire to share their views on local community pharmacy services to support the re-writing of its Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The survey closes on Monday 9 March 2026.

People can take part by:

- Completing the survey online at www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk
- Collecting a paper copy from their local community pharmacy. Please return this survey to your pharmacy or via post - FREEPOST HYWEL DDA HEALTH BOARD
- Requesting a copy by:
 - Email: communitypharmacy.hdd@wales.nhs.uk
 - Telephone: 0300 303 8322 (local call rates) and select option 5 'other services'.

(v) Wales Hate Support Centre. Hate crimes and incidents can have a profound financial impact on individuals, families and communities. This session explores some of those costs and looks at the long-term support available to victims. Suitable for front line practitioners in all sectors working in communities in Wales. The session is free, but booking is essential. This session will be held on Zoom. To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/effaith-ariannol-troseddau-casineb-the-financial-impact-of-hate-crime-tickets-1980863360635?aff=oddtcreator>

(vi) **UK Town of Culture competition**, which is now open for applications. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the unique identity, heritage, and cultural strengths of towns across Carmarthenshire. It also offers a valuable platform to promote local creativity, engage communities, and attract positive recognition.

Information relating to the application process can be found on the following website: [UK Town of Culture 2028 Expression of Interest: Guidance for bidders - GOV.UK](#)

The deadline for submission of expressions of interest is the 31st March 2026.

2. One Voice Wales

a) **Age Cymru** - invite you to get your voice heard and help shape how Wales tackles climate change on 12th February 2026 at the National Botanic Garden of Wales, Carmarthenshire. The Climate Conversations events help shape Wales's response to climate change and give over 50s the chance to share insights, experiences and ideas on issues that affect us all. This event will include two sessions: 'Why Housing Matters?' (Session 1) and 'Why Transport Matters?' (Session 2). Session 1 will take place at 10.30am-12.00pm and Session 2 will take

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place at 1.00pm-2.30pm. Lunch will be provided in between sessions. You are welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Location: National Botanic Garden of Wales, Carmarthenshire, SA32 8HN

Date: Thursday 12th February 2026

Time: 10.30am- 12.00pm (Session 1) & 1.00pm– 2.30pm (Session 2).

Book: online using the following link: **Climate Conversations Tickets, Thu, Feb 12, 2026, at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite** or **phone** 03333 447 874 Places are limited so booking is essential for all delegates.

b) PUBLICATION OF THE COMMISSION'S FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT FOR THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE.

The Commission has now published its Final Recommendations Report for the Electoral Arrangements in Carmarthenshire. The Report has been published on the Commission's [website](#) along with maps, tables of arrangements and a document containing the representation responses received during the initial consultation period. A period of 6 weeks from the publication of the report will follow, where respondents can submit comments to Welsh Government Ministers on the Recommendations. Information on how to respond to the Recommendations in this report can be found at Chapter 5 of the Final Recommendations Report.

For further questions, please contact via the consultations@dbcc.gov.wales mailbox.

c). **Policing in a Digital Age Conference.** This year will mark the 10th St David's Day Conference and will focus on how digital innovation and emerging technology are shaping modern policing and community safety. The programme will explore a range of topics including artificial intelligence, facial recognition, cybercrime and digital threats, Force Communications Centre technology and immersive training tools, alongside reflection on a decade of partnership working across the Dyfed-Powys area.

The programme will also share insights into demystifying the adoption of artificial intelligence across police forces in England and Wales, exploring both opportunities and challenges for the years ahead. Internal sessions will showcase how technology is being used within Dyfed-Powys to improve public contact, tackle cybercrime and support investigations.

Date: Wednesday, 4th March, 2026

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

Register Here: [Policing in a Digital Age Conference](#)

d) **Keep Wales Tidy** are pleased to announce their partnership with the [Bigbelly Smart Waste Management System](#). The system has been in the U.K. since 2008 and has proven to:

- *Eliminate overflowing bins, reduce pest issues & create more welcoming public spaces*
- *Reduce your CO2 Emissions by up to 70%*

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- Reduce your waste collections by up to 80%

The Bigbelly range can be designed to the Council's specific requirements and can make a major contribution to sustainability and recycling commitments. Keep Wales Tidy is pleased to announce it has secured a FREE, no-obligation, introductory offer until end of March 2026 which includes:

- consultation meeting and site visit with Bigbelly Bin team
- free bin audit
- recommendations on where, and which type of, Bigbelly bins could be best deployed
- 3-month trial of up to 20, 'wrapped' bins (*you design the branding*)
- Free regular servicing and cleansing visits
- Free access to the CLEAN management software and 'fullness' alerts
- Trial report highlighting their impact and future recommendations

Further information on their bin range, including case studies, and an introductory video can be found here [Meet the Future Street UK Team | Who We Are & What We Do](#)

e) Improving our Local Places - Welsh Case Studies & Planning Updates

Thursday 19th March 2026 10am to 1.30pm

 **Book Now**

One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales have again teamed up to provide Town and Community councils with a joint network event enabling councillors and Clerks to be at the forefront of current thinking in relation to the planning challenges and opportunities currently facing our communities and towns.

[For more information, and to book on, please click here>>](#)

4. Other

a) **Hywel Dda University Health Board** will hold an Extraordinary Board meeting on 18 and 19 February 2026 to consider the future model for nine services included in the Clinical Services Plan. The Health Board recently consulted with its communities on options for change in critical care, dermatology, emergency general surgery, endoscopy, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, stroke, radiology and urology. The options aim to address service fragilities, improve standards and reduce waiting times for people in need of diagnosis and treatment.

An independent consultation report prepared by Opinion Research Services (ORS) has now been received and is available to read on the Health Board's website:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/clinical-services-plan/>

The Board will review refreshed impact assessments, which include Equality Impact Assessments (EqlAs), that consider how changes might affect people with protected characteristics and Welsh language needs, and Quality Impact Assessments (QlAs), which consider potential effects on patient safety, effectiveness and experience. Health, environmental and climate sustainability impacts will also be considered,

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alongside transport analysis for emergency transfers and non-emergency patient transport, and programme assessments for capital, workforce and finance. The Board will also consider how changes can be implemented and whether this will need to be in phases, over time.

You can read more about the Clinical Services Plan, including the full ORS consultation report here: <https://hduhb.nhs.wales/clinical-services-plan/>

b. Hywel Dda University Health Board is inviting people across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire to share their views on local community pharmacy services to support the re-writing of its Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments enable NHS organisations to look at where pharmacies are located, the services they provide, how accessible they are, and whether any gaps or opportunities for improvement exist over a five-year period. The survey closes on Monday 9 March 2026.

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c) **RCSWales** is currently working with Healthy Working Wales on a project focused on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 16–24 in the workplace. As part of this work, they're running a series of workshops across Wales. These sessions provide a safe and supportive space to share experiences, highlight challenges, and help shape practical guidance for employers to improve workplace wellbeing.

Who can join?

- Young people and apprentices to share their experiences of work
- Employers and managers to better understand young people's needs
- Anyone with insight or experience of young people's wellbeing at work (such as HR, wellbeing leads, mentors, or support staff)

Dyddiadau'r gweithdai | Workshops dates

- 26 Chwefror/ Feb, Ar-lein/Online, 1pm - 2pm <https://bit.ly/4kt5cua>
- 6 Mawrth/March, Ar-lein/Online, 1pm - 2pm <https://bit.ly/4ksOknt>
- 10 Mawrth/March, Ar-lein/Online, 1pm - 2pm <https://bit.ly/4kngvUN>
- 17 Mawrth/March, Ar-lein/Online, 1pm - 2pm <https://bit.ly/4alnuZM>
- 24 Mawrth, Prifysgol Bangor University, 1pm - 2pm <https://bit.ly/403JW17>
- 25 Mawrth/March, Ar-lein/Online, 6.30pm-7.30pm <https://bit.ly/4abGA4c>

d) **Older People's Commissioner Wales** February newsletter which provides an update on her work to deliver positive change for older people over the past few months.

Commissioner's Newsletter: February 2026

You can also find out more about the Commissioner's work by visiting

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2025.0191. To approve the Council's Christmas Tree tender. Following consideration of the information received Cllr RGEwards proposed and Cllr BThornton seconded the motion that the Town Council proceed with the tender as received from City Illuminations Ltd. The Town Mayor noted that it would be beneficial to discuss light colours and designs prior to the lights being installed. **RESOLVED to approve the tender as received from City Illuminations at a cost of £9700 (exc VAT) per annum for the three-year rolling programme. The Town Council to liaise with CCC to check, update and install the additional electricity supply on the light columns and to pursue the possibility of planting a tree on the grass verge opposite the White Lion, Pwll Trap.**

2025.0192. To consider names for the Council's Community Awards. DEFERRED. Members to bring names to the next meeting for under 18's, adult, community service and sport award for consideration.

2025.0193. To receive the Welfare Field sub-committee report. DEFERRED.

2025.0194. To consider the Play and Skate park reports. Town Council wants to ensure the park is as safe as possible until such time sufficient funds are available to refurbish the park completely. **RESOLVED to contact CCC to see if they have a contractor to complete the moderate repairs, then contact the Town Council's contractor to review the report and undertake 'moderate' repairs.**

2025.0195. To review Council policies and approve the Risk Management policy. RESOLVED to adopt the policies as provided to Councils by One Voice Wales and the Risk Management policy.

2025.0196. To consider updates to the Council's laptop and website. Cllr RGEwards proposed and Cllr Dr WEVJDavies seconded the motion that the Council's website and laptop be updated accordingly. **RESOLVED that W3Designs undertake the necessary works required to update the Council's laptop and website.**

2025.0197. To consider the flower planters (tender/adoption). RESOLVED to continue with the planters' tender with Wrenvale Nursery for 2026_27 and DEFER the adoption of planters.

2025.0198. To consider the vacant seats on the Council. NOTED. No applications received.

2025.0199. To receive reports from representatives on meeting of outside bodies, seminars etc. Cllr RGEwards attended Bancyfelin, Llangain and Llanstephan Federation Board of Governors meetings.

2025.0200. To receive the Town Mayor's Report on civic events, engagements etc. The Town Mayor attended the following:

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21/01/26 Funeral of Marion Gill (Mother of Cllr BThornton & Y Gât tenant)
31/01/26 AGM of District Royal British Legion
07/02/26 Carmarthenshire County Council Charity Concert & meal at the Sultan
11/02/26 'Links' coffee morning supporting Mental Health & Veterans
due to attend Town Trust meeting, but unfortunately due to water
damage at Cei Taf (Boat club) the meeting was cancelled
16/02/26 Poppy Appeal Volunteers meal at White Lion. Funds raised so far total
£45,000.

2025.0201. Matters for the next agenda (exchange of information only)

Nominee for Town Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Bancyfelin Play Park

St Clears Play Park

Community Awards

**There being no other business to transact the chairman closed
the meeting at 9pm.**

***The next meeting of Town Council is due to be held on
Tuesday, 17th March 2026 at 7pm at Y Gât***