

What's Occurrin' with the Mayor, 2025–2026 - Cllr Jane Rees

I received a great honour & privilege to be nominated & elected as Mayor of St Clears Town Council at Y Gât, St Clears...for the fourth time on May 20th, 2025.

I was delighted that my rock, my partner, Roy Watkins, agreed, once again, to be my Consort, and welcomed also Rev. Justin Arnott as my Padre.

The Town Council meets at Y Gât, St Clears, for their monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm – at present (excluding August). Town Council members have decreased for various reasons, and I hope that new enthusiasts will consider joining the Council in the future.

Y Gât / The Gate

The historical building has been leased from Carmarthenshire County Council by St Clears Town Council. This is considered quite a task...considering energy conservation and leaks!

The Town Council has considered the indoor & outdoor configuration, digital screens (including one at the Car Park) and employing a Facility Manager. As a result, the Council is delighted to have appointed Rebecca Poulson as the new Manager. She is ensuring the success of Y Gât in marketing a welcoming and lively environment for all ages & interests.

We are delighted that the Curiousitea Café is up & running under the management of Naomi Malpeli-Thornton and is proving a success.

Y Gât units continue to receive interest for hire, and it is hoped that by next year they will be fully occupied. We thank Matthew of Terry Thomas & Son Estate Agents for their support in promoting.

Being in Touch

Town Council continues to update its website and social media about events and important notices, with the notice board (outside Y Gât) and, more importantly, by email to our Town Clerk (who works part-time). We are indebted to our Town Clerk, Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins, for her consistent, concise & sensitive approach.

Charities Supported

My chosen charities this year are:

- Bandi Appeal – to create a Children & Young People’s Centre
- AFIA (Away From It All) – a Mother’s Union charity

Civic Service

July 6th, 2025 – held at St Mary Magdalene’s Church, St Clears, where local dignitaries and representatives from local organisations were invited to join together as a community with their displays. Collections were made for the Mayor’s chosen charities.

Other Events

I attended...Bancyfelin Carnival, judged the Council’s Garden Competition, VJ Day at St Clears War Memorial, YGJ & Bancyfelin Schools, Bancyfelin Senior Citizens, Mayoral Services of Haverfordwest & Carmarthen, and Laugharne Mayor Making, etc.

Thanking everyone for their welcome and support!

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth!

Cllr Jane Rees

St Clears Town Mayor