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Minutes of meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 7th April 2014 at the Mayor's Parlour

Present – Cllr Neil Jenkins (Chair) Cllr Bentley Evans (Mayor) Cllrs Sue Allen, Tanya Croston Evans, Emma Haycocks, Ron Jenkins MBE, Raymond Jones, Rob Morgan, Jane Owen-Edwards, Dave Randell, Len Shipton, One member of public, One member of the press

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Jane Owen Edwards re Pavement at Fishers Corner
3. **Receive minutes of March 2014 meeting and additional Ordinary meeting on 19th March - Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd and 19th March be signed as a correct record.
4. **Bank Account balances – Current £ 939.01
Deposit £5171.32**
Resolved - to transfer £500 from deposit account to Current account

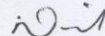
5. Invoices for consideration:-

Clerk's Salary Special Meeting allowance	
Postages &	
Heating and Lighting Allowance	£556.60
John Lewis (25 hours)	£128.80
Tenby Observer – Advert Pocket Park	£ 60.00
Eric Hughes (Pocket Park)	£227.91
Swalec (Xmas Lights)	£ 82.11
PAYE	£336.40
Paid under special Powers	
Dyffryn Taf (School Prize)	£ 50.00
Davies Builders	£ 26.12

Resolved that all Invoices be paid.

6. Correspondence :-

- a) Clerk & Councils direct magazine – handed to Councillors
- b) Letter from Carms Cc enclosing Completed Lease for Whitland Public Conveniences – WTC responsible for the Public Conveniences. Lease to be registered with Land Registry for Wales.

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- c) Letter from CCC – Nomination of Minor Authority Representative on Governing Body of Ysgol Llys Hywel – Cllr Jane Owen Edwards appointed to undertake the role.
- d) Letter confirming Membership of One Voice Wales - noted
- e) Letter of thanks – RABI - noted
- f) Letter of thanks – Victim Support - noted
- g) Letter of thanks- Cruse Bereavement Care- noted
- h) Letter of thanks – QT Club - noted
- i) Letter of thanks – Domestic Abuse Service - noted
- j) Invitation to Carms YFC Rally – Cllr Emma Haycocks took up this invitation
- k) Letter from Carms Cc re Biodiversity Action Plan -noted
- l) Letter from Menter Cwm Gwendraeth re Grant for Cycle Rack at Railway Station – Clerk to write to Whitland Engineering ordering said Cycle Rack **CLERK**
- m) E mail re Bryngwenllian Play Park – Clerk to contact CCC Housing Department regarding fallen trees. **CLERK**
- n) Letter from CCC re Code of Conduct training – Clerk and Cllr Jane Owen Edwards to attend on 21st May **CLERK**


7. Planning Applications

- a) **W/29787** – Proposed Agricultural Building for housing of livestock, storage of feed , bedding and Farm Machinery at Maes y Bryn, North Road for Mr Harold Jennings - **Consultation**
- b) **W/28411** – Alterations and amendments to previously Consented Full planning permission including Garage Workshop at site of former outbuilding Llanlliw, Henllan Amgoed for Mr & Mrs Jason Edwards **Granted**
- c) **W/29550** - Extension of Ancillary Linked Rear Granny Annexe at Middleway Farm, Ciffig for Mrs H Cunningham **Granted**
- d) **W/29613** – Extension and Alterations at Rainbows, Spring Gardens for Mr & Mrs G Hall **Granted**
- e) **W/29611** – - Rear Ground Floor and First Floor extensions at 4 Market Street, Whitland for Miss J Stephenson **Granted**
- f) **W/29884** – Proposed twon dwellings (outline) Land adjoining The Beeches, Spring Gardens for G Phillips – **Consultation**

All noted and no comments put presented.

8. Other Matters

- a) – Responsible use of It Policy – It was agreed that standard IT policy be adopted by WTC noting that Councillors should be aware that any e mails written on behalf of Residents of Whitland on their personal computers are also subject to the Freedom of Information legislation.

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- b) **Solar Park – Standing orders were suspended at 7.55pm**
Member of the public informed Council regarding his concerns related to recent correspondence he has sent to Carmarthen CC and HSE. No replies had been received, despite reminders. Clerk to e mail Planning Department stating that WTC are concerned that residents are voicing concerns regarding the construction of the Solar Park and these are not being addressed promptly. **CLERK**

Standing Orders resumed at 8.15

- c) **CCTV** – Cllr Rob Morgan will contact CCTV companies regarding maintenance contracts and upgrade suggested by Police Authority
- d) **106 monies** – Councillors brought several ideas to the meeting Clerk to draft letter to Science Department at Dyffryn Taf school and highlight through social media, papers and website to invite ideas for carbon reduction in Whitland. **CLERK**
- e) **Speeding at Millfield/Trevaughan** – 30 mph sign not working Clerk to contact CCC **CLERK**

- f) **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC - UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2007 that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item as the report contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 16 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

Pocket Park Tenders - RESOLVED

WTC agreed to accept a tender based on the usual 90 day trial.

A letter of particular thanks to be sent to Mr Eric Hughes for his work during 2013/14. **CLERK**

- g) **County Councillors Report** – County Councillor Allen proposed we apply for the Safe Routes to School grant available for all Wards. **Resolved** that we should complete this and work in partnership with both schools and St Clears Town Council. Railway Station work well under way. Reminders that it is Whitland Week celebration of 50 years this year. The Council needs to order the previously agreed Defibrillator Case, Cllr Allen will check model and advise Clerk.

Nil 

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Resident of Maes Abaty had requested that grass at entrance be cut. This is a private side but Council discussed that this could be added to Grass cutting contract in future. **CLERK**

- h) **Ditch at Middle Way** – is being repaired
- i) **Pavement and kerb at Fishers Corner** – Cllr Jane Owen Edwards asked that we contact Carms CC asking that they repair/ replace kerb stones on this corner. Clerk will contact Carms CC **CLERK**

Matters for May Meeting

- a) Potholes near Public Conveniences
- b) Drains – Main Street and King Edward Street
- c) Tree on Llwynbrain Hill
- d) Road Marking – White and Yellow lines
- e) A resident of Maes Abaty had requested that grass at entrance be cut. This private site is not yet adopted by CCC but the Council considered that this could possibly be added to a grass cutting contract in future.
- f) Cllr vacancy
- g) Grant projects.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.

The AGM will be held at Mayor's Parlour on Tuesday 6th May and will commence early at 6.30 pm