# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

- " A. Bennett
- " E. Breeze
- " Mrs L. Evans
- " S. Lees
- " G. McArthur
- " Mrs A. Morgan
- " G. Morgan

Town Clerk

1 Member of the Press

At 7.00 pm Councillors were invited to take part in Prayers led by Cllr Evans

445/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs Kelly Hawkins, Margot Jones, Aled Griffiths and Trudy Davies

# 445/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS Declaration forms were available and filed with these minutes. Cllr G. Morgan declared in all items relating to PCC as he is a member of PCC. Cllr Breeze declared in item 4b as his Father is President of Llanidloes Football Club and 4e as he is a representative on Dial a Ride committee. Cllr Evans declared in item 4e as she is a member of the Dial a Ride committee. Cllr McArthur declared in item 6 as he is a member of Llanidloes Burial Board. Cllr Bennett declared in item 6 as he is a member of Llanidloes Burial Board.

## 445/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 28.01.19 – Item 443/19 Councillor Questions – *Cllr McArthur stated that half the users of the Library come from outside Llanidloes and not that Community Councils should pay a fair contribution.* It was unanimously agreed that this was a true record.

Finance/Town Hall Panel meeting held on 11.02.19 Councillor Breeze explained the minutes and the reasons behind the recommendations. The following recommendations were unanimously agreed:-

444/03 Internal Auditors Report wording was agreed.

444/04 Financial Regulations/Standing Orders – wording was agreed.

444/05 Risk Assessment - Wording was agreed

### 445/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter regarding Llanidloes Food Festival Discuss at the next Finance Panel meeting
- b) Letter from Llanidloes Town Football Club Received
- c) Letter from Wales Air Ambulance Charity Discuss at the next Finance Panel Meeting
- d) Request for funding from Tenovus Cancer Care Discuss at the next Finance Panel meeting
- e) Letter of thanks from Llanidloes and District Community Transport Scheme Received
- f) Statement from the Public Sector Deposit Fund Received
- 445/05 TO LOOK AT CO OPTION LETTERS AND TO CO OPT A NEW COUNCILLOR 3 application letters were received and read through. A secret ballot took place. There were 4 votes for Dr John Hughes, 3 votes for Richard Onions and 0 votes for Julie Ashton. Therefore, Dr Hughes was co-opted on to the Council. The vote was verified by a member of the Press.
- 445/06 TO RECEIVE MINUTES AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019 FROM LLANIDLOES BURIAL BOARD Received
- 445/07 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM ONE VOICE WALES REGARDING MEMBERSHIP 2019/20 Discussion took place and it was Unanimously Agreed to join OVW at a cost of £489 for the year 2019/20
- 445/08 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM CAMBRIAN MOUNTAINS REGARDING SIGNAGE PROJECT Councillors agreed that Option 2 would be preferable. Clerk will enquire on prices and ask if the Cambrian Mountains organisation will negotiate with the Welsh Office on situating the signs.
- 445/09 TO DISCUSS ABANDONED CARAVAN ON THE GRO (Cllr Crisp) Cllr Crisp expressed her annoyance at the caravan being abandoned on the Gro and nothing being done about it. Clerk will set up a meeting with Mr Keith Nixon from PCC to discuss it further.
- 445/10 TO APPOINT INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE 2019/20 FISCAL YEAR Cllr Breeze explained that the internal auditor must be appointed each year. Councillors had received the 2018/19 internal audit plan from John Henry which also included a letter of independence. It was unanimously agreed to adopt John Henry as the Internal Auditor for the coming year.
- 445/11 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING

Ref 19/0272/ELE Section 37 application under the Electricity Act 1989 Overhead lines Regulations 2009 to divert an existing overhead line. Location Llys Clywedog, Llanidloes Powys SY18 6HW - No Objection

### 445/12 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2019 WERE CONFIRMED

100846	<b>Bradleys Garage</b>		61.02
100847	<b>Powys Safety Solutions</b>		90.00
100848	PC-Q		18.37
100849	Banwy Fuels		1,490.58
100850	John Stephens		140.00
100851	PCC (Pension)		591.32
100852	Inland Revenue		906.69
100853	Sage		234.00
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Total £ 3,531.98

# 445/13 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Morgan expressed concern that the base of the Christmas tree is still in Great Oak Street and has become an eyesore. Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Phyl Davies to ask when the base will be removed.

Cllr Bennett mentioned that the new Bench in Great Oak Street has not yet been secured. It was agreed that the painting of the downpipe needs to be completed before the bench is secured. Clerk will ask Bob to paint as soon as possible.

Cllr Crisp showed an example of the Llanidloes in Bloom poster she has prepared. Councillors agreed to the wording and it was suggested that the exhibits would be displayed from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> September with judging taking place at the Summer Street Party organised by the Markets Committee on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Crisp explained that she has been looking into self watering planters. She is still waiting to hear back from some companies. This will be discussed further at the next Environment Panel meeting.

### 445/14 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full Council meeting - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Environment Panel meeting - Monday 18th March 7pm

Meeting with Carol Shillabeer Friday 5th April 10.30 am at the Council Chamber

AGM/Mayor Making - Friday  $10^{\rm th}$  May? To be discussed at the March Council meeting

Mayoral Sunday – Sunday 12th May? To be discussed at the March Council meeting

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item:-

445/15 Staffing Matter – Clerk distributed a Confidential paper explaining the pay increments from 01.04.19 – this was unanimously agreed by Council

Meeting closed at 8.14 pm