

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 25th MARCH 2019 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

- “ A. Bennett
- “ E. Breeze
- “ Mrs T Davies
- “ P. Davies
- “ Mrs L. Evans
- “ A. Griffiths
- “ Ms K. Hawkins
- “ J. Hughes
- “ S. Lees
- “ G. McArthur
- “ Mrs A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan

Town Clerk

At 6.30 pm, Councillors received a presentation from Mr Scott Bennett on behalf of Extinction Rebellion Llanidloes. XR was founded in 2016 to encourage the UK Government to take action on the issue of Climate change. The presentation will be emailed to the Clerk who will send it out to Councillors. 11 members of the Public were in attendance. The group wished for a Symbolic declaration by the Town Council expressing their concern and would like to see a Community led consultation on a Zero Carbon Llanidloes. Cllr G Morgan asked Mr Bennett how we as ordinary citizens can contribute? Discussion took place over buying local, supporting local farmers, cutting out meat a couple of times a week, reducing plastic usage, planting trees, public transport usage etc. Cllr Breeze asked if Council are going to be accused of being hypocritical as they burn wood pellets and use a diesel van? Mr Bennett said that no one should be labelled hypocrites as everyone is learning, starting with children. A Petition was handed in. Cllr Crisp thanked Mr Bennett for his presentation.

Councillors were invited to take part in Prayers led by Cllr G. Morgan.

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Hughes to Llanidloes Town Council. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Hughes has signed his Acceptance of Office

446/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M Jones

446/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS Declaration forms were available and filed with these minutes.

Cllr Breeze declared in Agenda item 7, as the letter is regarding Llanidloes Football Club of which his Father is President.

Cllr Crisp declared in Agenda item 4e as she is a member of Llanidloes Croquet Club

Cllr Hawkins declared in Agenda item 8, Federation of Schools as she is a parent Governor on the Primary School Board of Governors

Cllr Trudy Davies declared in Agenda item 18 as she is on the organising committee of the Chartist Celebrations

Cllr G Morgan declared in all Powys County Council matters as he is the local member. Agenda Items 4 i), Item 8 as a governor at both Schools and Item 12 as he has personally contributed.

Cllr Mrs A Morgan declared in Agenda item 4 i) as she is a patron of Montgomery County Music Festival

446/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 25.02.19 – True Record Unanimously agreed

446/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) E. Mail from Pete Dunbar on Memorial Restoration – Received
- b) E Mail from a resident regarding cleanliness of the streets – Cllr Bennett stated that the pavements in many areas are in need of sweeping. It was agreed that a request for the road sweeper should be sent to Cllr Phyl Davies. Also request that Steve Ashworth is sent to Llanidloes on a regular basis.
- c) E Mail from Llani Car Club requesting support for Electric Vehicles- Received
- d) Notice of Cancellation of Fuel account at Bradleys Garage – Councillors unanimously agreed to increase the Petty Cash allowance to allow for extra petrol costs from £50 to £100
- e) Request for funding and invitation to the open afternoon on 14th April from Llanidloes Croquet Club – Refer to May Finance meeting
- f) Statement from the Public Sector Deposit Fund - February 2019 - Received
- g) Letter from British Weights and Measures Association - Received
- h) Request for funding from Urdd Eisteddfod – Refer to May Finance Panel
- i) Request for funding from Montgomery County Music Festival – Refer to May Finance Panel

446/05 TO RECEIVE THE NEW MAYORAL ROBE FROM COUNCILLOR CRISP AND TO DISCUSS THE AGM AND ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2019-20 Cllr McArthur was unhappy with the two items being discussed as one and requested that the discussion about AGM etc are spoken about as a separate item to receiving the Mayoral Robe. He had spoken to the monitoring officer who had agreed that the items should be separated. Councillors agreed that it should be

recorded that the presentation of a new Mayoral Robe by Cllr Crisp should be recorded with deep appreciation for this very generous gesture. The old robe had lasted a very long time and it was hoped that the new robe would be worn for many years to come.

- 446/06 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANIDLOES LABOUR PARTY BRANCH AND RESPONSE SENT TO NRW Received
- 446/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER SENT TO THE CLERK FROM MRS ANN BOWMAN ENCLOSING A MEDAL PRESENTED TO HER FATHER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOTBALL CLUB IN 1930-31 It was agreed that the medal would be given to the Football Club to display in their cabinet.
- 446/08 TO RECEIVE A LETTER REGARDING THE FEDERATION OF LLANIDLOES PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS Received
- 446/09 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM BRENIN ADVENTURES REGARDING THE USE OF ALLT GOCH WOODS FOR BUSHCRAFT SESSIONS It was Unanimously agreed to allow Brenin Adventures the use of the Allt Goch woods for Bushcraft sessions
- 446/10 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM MR PHIL STALLARD ON SOLAR POWER ON COMMUNITY BUILDINGS It was agreed to register an interest although it was pointed out that the Town Hall is a listed building
- 446/11 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM PCC REGARDING ANNUAL INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS – (ROSPA Inspection) It was Unanimously agreed to register for Inspections 2019-20
- 446/12 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM CERI JONES (Allt Goch Nest Project) TO SET UP A COMMUNITY GROUP WITH TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES Cllr G Morgan and G. McArthur agreed to join the Community Group as Town Council representatives
- 446/13 TO DISCUSS TOWN COUNCIL PANELS FROM 2019 – 2022 Panels as the attached list were agreed upon
- 446/14 TO DISCUSS LLANIDLOES LIBRARY ANALYSIS FURTHER TO THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT THE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY AND TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RACHEL POWELL, PORTFOLIO HOLDER It was noted that 12 months grace has been received. The excellent turn out at the public meeting was noted. Clerk will contact Cllr Rachel Powell and ask her to meet with us to discuss finances and find out what they want for the future.
- 446/15 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR PAUL WILLIAMS, NRW, RE BRYNPOSTEG LANDFILL SITE As there is no progression with the planning application, it was decided that it is not worth calling a meeting until further information is available
- 446/16 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR DAVE CANNON, CHAIR OF LLANIDLOES CHARTER MARKET COMMITTEE, AND SIGN MARKET

LEASE AGREEMENT Clerk informed Council that the letter contains sensitive information and is awaiting information from the monitoring officer before releasing to Council. Cllr Morgan has not had a chance to look through the lease but will do so before the next Meeting

446/17 TO DISCUSS OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE Clerk had provided a draft copy for Council to read through. She is waiting for a meeting with Rev Lynda Cowan to discuss plans made by the Church. This will be discussed further in the future.

446/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CHARTIST CELEBRATIONS (Cllr Lees) A Letter was received from Simon Davies, on behalf of the Llanidloes Chartists 180 explaining events which will be happening in the Town. Cllr Lees explained that events are all in hand and should be interesting. Cllr Lees and Cllr Davies left the room. Council unanimously agreed to donate £150.

446/19 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

19/0213/FUL Change of use from B8 to A1 : Self Storage Units, Severnside Depot, Eastgate Street, Llanidloes, Powys - This is a useful addition to the retail experience of Llanidloes and will help towards the future economy of the Town

19/0302/DEM Application for prior notification of proposed demolition: The Old School House, Former Smithfield Depot Building, Gorn Road, Llanidloes SY18 6BJ- This is being looked at by PCC at a special meeting (below)

19/0302/DEM – Notification that the above will be considered at the County Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 21.03.19 at County Hall

19/2017/0555 Change of use to convert part of existing building to a house and 2 no. flats to include demolition of outbuilding and internal and external alterations : The Old Mill, Rear of 40 High Street, Llanidloes – We feel as a Council that we do not have sufficient information to comment on this application

19/0363/REM Section 73 application to remove condition 9 of permission P/2017/0734 relating to a mezzanine floor : The Orchard House, 10 China Street, Llanidloes, Powys – The Town Council feels it does not have sufficient knowledge to comment on this application

446/20 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY WERE CONFIRMED

100854	Banwy Fuels	1,376.34
100855	Border Janitorial Supplies	319.25
100856	PC-Q	134.81
100857	Viking	325.66
100858	Bradleys Garage	40.00
100859	J.C. Rowlands	295.00
100860	Wynnstay	95.79
100861	Scottish Power (Xmas Lights)	58.21
100862	LAS Recycling	134.64
100863	Powys Safety Solutions	90.00

100864	Void	
100865	BT	81.74
100866	Inland Revenue	1,020.69
100867	Powys County Council (Pension)	591.32
Total		£ 4,563.45

446/21 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

DOG FOULING - Clerk mentioned that dog fouling has become very bad in the centre of Town and had printed off more posters for Councillors if they wanted to display them

RATS –Cllr Crisp explained that residents of Brook Street were complaining. It was agreed that Clerk will set up a meeting with Mr Dave Morris, the Housing Officer to discuss further

REGISTRATION OFFICE Clerk had today received a letter from Suzanne Morgan, Superintendent Registrar to inform her that due to PCC Budget, the Llanidloes Registration Office will be closing. Councillors agreed to ask her to meet with them to explain their dissatisfaction with the decision that looks to have been taken without consultation.

XR LLANIDLOES Cllr Mc Arthur declared an interest and left the room. The Majority of Councillors (one abstention) agreed to sign up to the memorandum to declare a Climate and Biodiversity emergency.

LLANI IN BLOOM Cllr Crisp explained that she has received a quotation for self watering troughs to put at the 4 entrances to Town for a cost of £655 and a quote from Mid Wales Welding (not self watering) at £70 each. It was agreed to discuss further at the next Council meeting

GLASS AND PAPER BANKS Cllr Bennett asked if the glass and paper banks will be relocated. It was agreed to ask Mr Ashley Collins to come and meet Council to explain where the recycling will be going

CHRISTMAS TREE BASE Cllr Bennett asked Cllr Davies what is happening to the Concrete base which is currently outside the Town Hall. Cllr Davies stated that he has not had a chance to remove it but hopes to remove it next week.

100 YEAR OLD CITIZEN Cllr Bennett stated that Mrs Dorothy Hughes has recently had her 100th Birthday. Councillors agreed that a Birthday card should be sent to Mrs Hughes.

AGM, ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 10th May was confirmed for the AGM and Mayor Making and 12th May for Mayoral Sunday. Forms for nomination of Mayor and Deputy were circulated and should be returned to the Clerk for 15th April for further discussion.

446/22 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meeting with Carol Shillabeer - Friday 5th April, 2019 10.30 am at the Council Chamber

Full Council Meeting - Monday 15th April, 2019

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm