

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 20th MAY 2019 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

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

Town Clerk

1 Member of the Press

1 Member of the Public

At 7.00 pm Councillors were invited to take part in Prayers led by Cllr G. Morgan

448/01 APOLOGIES No Apologies were received

448/02 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 matters relating to PCC as he is a member of PCC, and 4e Funding form Old Market Hall as he is on the OMH Committee. Cllr Crisp declared in item 4e Funding for Old Market Hall as she is a Member of OMH committee. Cllr A Morgan declared in item 4e Funding for Old Market Hall as her Husband is a member of the OMH committee. Cllr McArthur declared in item 4d Funding for Food Festival as he works as a volunteer at the Festival. Cllr Lynne Evans declared in item 4e and 12 as a Member of the OMH committee.

448/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 15.04.19 –

Cllr G Morgan wished that the wording on item 447/12 is changed from *include Blaen Hafren ward* to *Cllr Morgan explained that the proposals which mean that the communities of Llanidloes and Llanidloes Without become the ward of Llanidloes*

Cllr McArthur wished 447/08 to read *Burial Board members confirmed that increasing their fees has been discussed*

AGM held on 10.05.19 – True Record

Web site/Tourism meeting held on 14.05.19 – True Record

Environment Panel meeting held on 14.05.19 – True Record. *It was agreed to defer the recommendation to apply for the £50,000 until after the walk about Town which will flag up works to be carried out.*

448/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter of Thanks for contribution to Rugby Officer post from Llanidloes High School – Received
- b) Statement of Account from Public Sector Deposit Fund -Received
- c) Letter of Thanks from Llanidloes Twinning Committee - Received
- d) Request for funding from Llanidloes Food Festival – Refer to Finance Panel meeting
- e) Request for funding from Old Market Hall Management Committee - Refer to Finance Panel meeting
- f) Advance notification of mixed payment plan from Barclays Bank - Received

448/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM URDD Re INVITING EISTEDDFOD GENEDLAETHOL URDD GOBAITH CYMRU TO MALDWYN 2022 Cllr Hughes agreed to attend the meeting. Council give their full support to inviting the Urdd Eisteddfod to Maldwyn in 2022

448/06 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM MR SCOTT BENNETT XR LLANIDLOES AND TO DISCUSS ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SIT ON THE STEERING GROUP Cllr Jones expressed concern and did not agree with affiliating the Town Council with this group. She understands that there was a peaceful protest with some arrests and does not think that the Council code of conduct will agree with Council members being associated with this group. Cllr Bennet agreed with Cllr Jones. A vote was taken, the Majority of Councillors voted against a Council member sitting on the steering group.

448/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DYFED POWYS POLICE RE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY FUND It was agreed that Council will apply for the grant for CCTV on the Old Market Hall

448/08 TO DISCUSS MEETING HELD IN BUILTH WELLS REGARDING THE RE ORGANISATION OF LIBRARIES, ATTENDED BY CLLRS ANGELA AND GARETH MORGAN Cllr G Morgan gave a brief resume and explained that there was a large attendance at the meeting with representatives from most communities with libraries. Cllr Morgan is not happy with mobile libraries and thinks that a very large saving could be made by cutting these. Cllr Angela Morgan stated that it was acknowledged that Llanidloes Town Council have paved the way by taking on much of the cost of providing the service in Llanidloes, more Volunteers will be sought. Clerk explained that the customer service point deals with a lot of queries therefore trained staff are a necessity. Cllr Lees is uncomfortable in finding volunteers when

there are already paid staff in place. It was agreed that a letter will be sent off to Rachel Powell suggesting cutting the mobile service and asking her what long term plans are in place for Llanidloes.

448/09 TO DISCUSS ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CLOSURE OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICE. A reply had been received to a letter sent objecting to the closure from Dr Caroline Turner, Chief Executive PCC. Council were not impressed with the response from the Chief Executive and described it as a generic reply. It was agreed to write again and explain to her what the circumstances were here and ask for the minute where the decision to close Llanidloes was made. She will also be asked what PCC intend consulting on in the future and what does not deserve a consultation.

448/10 TO DISCUSS ANY MOTIONS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE 2019 AGM OF ONE VOICE WALES Cllr Margot Jones suggested that the process of consultation by Local Authority when a local service is under threat, should be a motion for discussion at the AGM with a view of protesting to WAG about funding of vital services. Cllr Morgan agreed to attend the AGM if the motion is adopted for discussion. Cllr Morgan suggested that proper financial compensation should be awarded to Town and Community Councils. Cllr Margot Jones suggested that we should put forward a motion on why can Local Authorities pass on services to Town and Community Councils as we have seen time and time again, officers coming to this Council with no facts and figures and very ill prepared which has happened on many occasions. Cllr Hughes agreed that this is definitely a national issue and should be an agenda item on a future Town Council meeting to discuss what services we have lost over the past few years.

448/11 TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST TO FLY THE RED ENSIGN FLAG FURTHER TO OUR PREVIOUS MEETING – FLAG TO COST £73.00 Cllr Trudy Davies will look into and it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

448/12 TO DISCUSS RECENT DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE OLD MARKET HALL Clerk explained that the OMH has been hit twice in recent weeks causing damage both times. Registration numbers have been passed on to PCC and the Police and follow ups are taking place. It was agreed that a meeting will be set up with the Police and Chris Lloyd from PCC. Cllr Davies stated that the guttering is loose on the Henry Price corner. Cllr Morgan stated that major works involving traffic lights will be taking place this Summer. Clerk will send Catherine Richards notification of Carnival - July 13th and Street Market event 27th July when traffic lights would be disastrous.

448/13 TO DISCUSS COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE OPT OUT FORM Cllr Breeze explained that councillors are entitled to receive £150.00 per annum and it is a legal requirement to complete the form if Councillors wish to opt out.

448/14 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CLLR BREEZE ON STAFF APPRAISALS.
To be taken in Committee

448/15 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ANY FURTHER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING Cllr Crisp read out a resume of the meeting and explained that it is a Pre application and therefore Council should not make any decisions which would be seen as

predetermined. She stressed that there is not much representation from residents of Llanidloes and there needs to be more representation. Monitoring by NRW is taking place, there will be 63,000 tonnes of soil to cover the waste already there, therefore lots of lorries. Questions to put to Caulmert, the agents for Potters will be

- Concerns about traffic passing 2 Schools
- The site has gone 15m above the legal limit and Potters have been working outside the legal limit, how will we know that they are working within the law in the future?
- How many lorries will be required to carry 63,000 tonnes of soil?
- Are readings currently being taken of the quality of the air on the site, if so, can we have copies of the readings?
- Water quality - is it measured?
- What is Contaminated waste?
- Has there been any financial punishment for illegal tipping?
- What improvements are going to be made to the road? the size of the road has not increased although the size of the lorries has. Lorries are now queueing on the hill especially in the Winter.

Cllr Jones expressed concern that the general public do not know about this pre application. Clerk was asked to:

- i) Write to the secretary of the Liaison group and ask if residents of Llanidloes can become members of the Liaison committee.
- ii) Write to County Councillor Phyl Davies and ask what he is doing regarding the waste site?
- iii) Ask Wynne Richards how members are constituted on to the Liaison group?

448/16 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL WERE CONFIRMED

100882	EDF Energy	140.72
100883	BWT (Hot water boiler)	302.40
100884	Simon Owen (public toilets etc)	930.00
100885	W.H. Crisp & Son	69.24
100886	PC – Q	40.39
100887	Seren Web	288.00
100888	PCC (Rospa Inspection)	216.00
100889	Border Janitorial	93.79
100890	Powys Safety Solutions	180.00
100891	LAS Recycling	67.32
100892	Banwy Fuels	1,447.53
100893	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
100894	PCC (Pension)	602.83
100895	Llanidloes Twinning Cttee	500.00
100896	Llanidloes High School	1,000.00
Total		£ 6,910.37

448/17 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Angela Morgan requested more A3 Dog Poo posters, Cllr Lees will print more

Cllr Bennett reported Fly tipping at Allt Goch and asked if PCC could be asked to trim the Conker Tree on Eastgate Street

Cllr Morgan – Recycling, residents are requesting plastics recycling in Town. Clerk was asked to invite Mr Ashley Collins to meet with Council and hopefully obtain some answers as to where the recycling will be going.

Cllr Morgan informed Council that a lot of interesting people are buried in the Cemetery off High Street. The Cemetery, which is in the ownership of the Presbyterian Church in Wales, is in a state of disrepair and he is hopeful that it can be refurbished alongside the housing development on the old Smithfield site as the cultural history is significant.

The Mayor read out a draft letter to Carol Shillabeer expressing concern that issues which were discussed at our meeting in April had not been addressed. Councillors agreed that the letter covered all concerns and should be sent off as soon as possible.

448/18 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Environment Panel – Walk around Town – Tuesday 28th May, 6.00 pm

Town Hall/Finance Panel Meeting - Monday 10th June 6.30 pm

Full Council Meeting - Monday 24th June 7.00 pm

The following was read out

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:-

Staff Appraisals - Cllr Breeze explained that he and Cllr G Morgan recently carried out the annual staff appraisals. There were no issues flagged up and staff were thanked for their continued service to the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm