

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 24th JUNE 2019 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

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

Town Clerk

1 Member of the Public

At 6.55 pm Prior to the Council meeting, Councillors were invited to take part in Prayers led by Cllr Mrs Lynne Evans

450/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Margot Jones. It was noted there were **no** apologies from Cllrs Phyl Davies and Aled Griffiths. The Mayor expressed concern at the poor attendance of some Councillors and the rudeness when apologies are not given. This recently led to the Finance Panel having to co opt Cllr McArthur for their last meeting as they were not quorate.

450/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS Declaration forms were available and filed with these minutes.

Cllr G. Morgan declared as a member of PCC.

Cllr Breeze declared in agenda item 8, Dial A Ride as he is a Council representative on that committee.

Cllr Mrs A Morgan declared in agenda item 11, request to fly Red Ensign, as she is a member of the Royal British Legion.

Cllr Mrs T Davies declared in agenda item 7 as a Council member on the Burial Board, agenda item 11, Red Ensign as a member of Royal British Legion and agenda item 6, request for money from Llanidloes Rotary Club.

Cllr Bennett declared in agenda item 11, Burial Board as he is a Council representative on that committee.

Cllr McArthur declared in agenda item 6 Rotary Club request as he assists Rotary Club with various activities, and agenda item 7 as a Council representative on Burial Board.

Cllr Evans declared in agenda item 8 as a Council representative on Dial A Ride management committee.

450/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 20.05.19 – True Record. Cllr G. Morgan wished the alterations made on agenda item 448/03 to include the word *Llangurig* along with Llanidloes and Llanidloes Without *to become the ward of Llanidloes and will have 2 PCC Members*. Cllr Breeze stated that under item 448/18 *Terms of Reference were discussed and agreed at the last Council meeting and this had not been minuted*. Councillors unanimously agreed to the changes.

Environment Panel walk about Town 28.05.19 – True Record. Cllrs Crisp, G Morgan and T. Davies were awaiting instructions regarding the meeting and had assumed the walk was not going ahead as they were awaiting details from Cllr Lees. Cllr T Davies expressed concern over the state of PCC Street signs – Clerk will add to the list for a meeting with Highways. It was agreed to add to Severn Porte details – *The wall at the entrance by roundabout has cracks in it and stone missing*.

Meeting to discuss services at Llanidloes Hospital 10.06.19 True Record

Finance Panel meeting held on 10.06.19 – True Record *Cllr Breeze read out the following recommendations:-*

1. *S137 Expenditure – Cllr Morgan expressed concern that monies had not been awarded to Montgomery County Music Festival. Councillors voted to donate £1,000 to Old Market Hall Committee (7 for, 2 against and 1 abstention).*
2. *To accept the quotation for painting and decoration at the Town Hall as specification – Councillors voted unanimously to accept the quotation received.*
3. *The quotation from M Coates for resurfacing the path at the recreation ground (£4460) was accepted unanimously. Cllr Breeze explained that the monies could come from that budgeted for the Day Centre. Cllr Morgan thought that the decision has not yet been made regarding Day Centre funding. It was agreed that there is enough money in the budget to cover this work.*
4. *It was unanimously agreed that the Corn Room and Dial a Ride office will be valued for future lettings.*

450/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner re Grant Application – Received
- b) Statement of Account from Public Sector Deposit Fund -Received
- c) To receive receipt for £15,000 precept monies from Burial Board - Received

450/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM ONE VOICE WALES REGARDING WALES TREE OF THE YEAR Council will suggest the Conker Tree on Eastgate Street. Millennium garden committee will suggest a tree they have in their garden.

- 450/06 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM LLANIDLOES ROTARY CLUB RE LLANIDLOES ANNUAL FIREWORKS EVENT Cllrs Trudy Davies and G. McArthur declared an interest and left the room. Cllr G. Morgan informed Council that he had recently attended a meal with the Rotary Club and suggested that they take back responsibility for the Christmas Tree this year. They were not against the suggestion. Councillors therefore unanimously agreed to donate £483 towards the firework event this year.
- 450/07 TO RECEIVE BURIAL BOARD STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31.03.19 AND BANK REC STATEMENTS APRIL AND MAY 2019 Received
- 450/08 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANIDLOES DIAL A RIDE RE OUTSTANDING RENT Cllr Breeze, as Chair of Dial a Ride explained that major work has been carried out on the van which has depleted the current funds. Dial a Ride are awaiting funds from PCC and Powys Local Health Board during the next couple of months. Councillors agreed not to press for the monies but to ask for a copy of the accounts and wait until the cashflow improves. Cllr Breeze informed Councillors about a Coffee Morning taking place on Saturday 29th June at Chatwood.
- 450/09 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED RE CAMBRIAN MOUNTAINS DISCOVERY VISITOR MAP It was unanimously agreed to donate £50 as last year.
- 450/10 TO DISCUSS E MAIL RECEIVED FROM MR ANDREW HAWKEY RE RECYCLING FACILITIES Cllr Morgan explained that many residents are in a situation where they are unable to accommodate waste bins as space is short. The current recycling area is going to disappear and an alternative area must be found. It was agreed to ask Mr Phyl Davies to assert his influence and ask Mr Ashley Collins to attend a meeting with Council. Councillors agreed that the waste bins in the main streets are overflowing and are not emptied at the weekends. Fly tipping at Allt Goch was also discussed. Clerk stated that she has ordered signage.
- 450/11 TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST TO FLY THE RED ENSIGN FLAG FURTHER TO OUR PREVIOUS MEETING – FLAG TO COST £73.00 (Cllr Trudy Davies) 6 Councillors voted to purchase the flag, 3 voted against.
- 450/12 TO DISCUSS DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AROUND LLANIDLOES FURTHER TO INFORMATION FROM MR CHRIS LLOYD, PCC A letter from Chris Lloyd at PCC explained that this will be taken up again in August by PCC.
- 450/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS END OF YEAR BANK RECONCILIATION AND BUDGET SPREADSHEET (received by e mail). TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018/19. TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2018-19 AND TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT TO YEAR END 31.03.19
- i) End of Year Bank Reconciliation was received. The year end Budget Spreadsheet had been distributed to Councillors by e mail and it was agreed that it corresponded to the Annual Return

- ii) Cllr Breeze read out the comments from the Internal Auditor and Action Plan where 4 points were brought up. Councillors unanimously agreed on the following :- 1) The annual return has been adjusted accordingly. 2) Council unanimously agreed to write off £265.05 VAT . 3). A letter of receipt will be requested from the Community Centre committee. 4).Council agreed to display the information required by section 55 of the Local Government Act 2013 on the web site.
- iii) The annual governance statement (Part 1) was read through and points 1-9 were agreed. The annual governance statement (Part 2) was read out and points 1 – 3 were agreed. The Mayor, Cllr Crisp signed and dated the approval by the Council.

450/14 TO DISCUSS UPDATE ON MEETING WITH RUSSELL GEORGE AND DROP IN SESSION AT CHATWOOD 14.06.19 Notes from the meeting taken by Cllr Margot Jones were received and read. Cllr Crisp stated that Ms Shillabeer was invited by Russell George to join the meeting and she sounded very positive and willing to come up with a plan for Llanidloes. Cllr Crisp stated that we have to fight for what we want in Llanidloes Hospital and that Mr Mike Griffiths, Planning Manager for North Powys would be our contact and will communicate with the Town Clerk. Cllr McArthur explained that he attended the drop-in session at Chatwood and he thought it a good opportunity for the future. Cllr Bennett was more cautious and wary over the promises made. It was agreed that Mike Griffiths will be invited to come and introduce himself to Council.

450/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR MAY WERE CONFIRMED

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| 100897 | Burial Board | 15,000.00 |
| 100898 | J.K. Morgan | 77.00 |
| 100899 | M. Coates & Partners | 934.80 |
| 100900 | LAS Recycling | 71.28 |
| 100901 | Powys Safety Solutions | 90.00 |
| 100902 | PC-Q | 46.52 |
| 100903 | PCC (Council Tax) | 9,109.79 |
| 100904 | Fingerman Desserts | 187.58 |
| 100905 | B.T. | 80.70 |
| 100906 | Banwy Fuels | 374.93 |
| 100907 | Inland Revenue | 1,032.15 |
| 100908 | PCC (Pension) | 602.83 |
| 100909 | EDF Energy | 270.26 |
| 100910 | J.A. Jones (Window Cleaner) | 100.00 |
| 100911 | Mrs J. Crisp (Mayoral Allow) | <u>500.00</u> |
| Total | | £ 28,477.84 |

450/16 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr G. Morgan asked Clerk to chase up a reply from the Chief Executive at PCC to the questions asked regarding the **Registration Services**.

Cllr Crisp explained that the Lease at the **Old Market Hall** states that placing signage on the aprons requires permission from the landlord. She stated that some boards look very tatty and she thinks they should be tidied up with size & appearance stipulated. Councillors had split views on the boards but agreed to discuss when a letter from the OMH committee is received.

Brynposteg Liaison committee – Cllr Crisp explained that the Clerk to the Liaison committee has informed her that the Town Council can have 1 extra member. Cllr McArthur suggested that Clerk could ask NRW to find out how the group is formulated and what the proper set up should be. Cllr Lees agreed and suggested that the group have never been challenged and therefore this Council should be looking to encourage them to set up a constitution. He stated that if this is an official function, then we should seek democratic constraints and increase the representation of the Community.

450/17 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Meeting with Carol Shillabeer | - | Monday 22 nd July 2.30 pm |
| Meeting with Zoe Quick youth group | - | Monday 22 nd July 6.30 pm |
| Full Council Meeting | - | Monday 22 nd July 7.00 pm |

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm