

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 22nd JULY 2019 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

- “ A. Bennett
- “ E. Breeze
- “ Mrs T Davies
- “ Mrs L. Evans
- “ J. Hughes
- “ Mrs M Jones
- “ G. McArthur
- “ Mrs A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan

Town Clerk

1 Member of the Press

Councillors Met at 6.30 pm with a group comprising core staff members for the Masters in Sustainable Architecture course at the Centre for Alternative Technology. The presentation is attached to these minutes. Council will consider the request for CAT to carry out an Environment Survey of Llanidloes.

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

451/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs Aled Griffiths, Steve Lees and Kelly Hawkins

451/02 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 in all matters concerning PCC.

Cllr A. Bennett declared in agenda item 7, as he is a Burial Board Member

Cllr G McArthur declared in agenda item 7, as he is a Burial Board Member

Cllr L. Evans declared in agenda item 15 as she is a Member of OMH Committee

Cllr J. Crisp declared in agenda item 7, as she is a Burial Board Member and agenda item 15 as she is a member of OMH Committee

Cllr E. Breeze declared in agenda item 16, Planning as the applicants wife is related to his wife

Cllr T Davies declared in agenda item 14 as she is a Llani Ltd Director

451/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 24.06.19 – True Record, Unanimously agreed

451/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Advance notice of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank - Received

b) Statement of Account from Public Sector Deposit Fund June 2019 -Received

451/05 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A COPY LETTER SENT BY A RESIDENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE PCC REGARDING GREEN WASTE RECYCLING BINS Clerk was asked to contact Mr Ashley Collins, PCC to request he attends a Council meeting for further discussion.

451/06 TO DISCUSS QUOTATION RECEIVED FOR RESTORATION OF THE LLANIDLOES AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL AT LLANIDLOES TOWN HALL Clerk explained that only one quotation was required for the grant application. The application received from William Protheroe Ltd for £2,460 was unanimously accepted by Council and has been successfully submitted to PCC and a 90% grant has been awarded with Council having to contribute just £200. It is hoped that the works will take place as soon as possible.

451/07 TO RECEIVE BURIAL BOARD STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31.03.19 SIGNED BY INTERNAL AUDITOR, AND COPY OF THE COMPLETED ANNUAL RETURN Received

451/08 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM PCC ON BUSINESS RATES, LLANIDLOES MUSEUM Clerk explained that she included the wrong letter and that she should have included a letter relating to PCC Business rates on Public toilets – which is going to be nil cost in the future

451/09 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM DR CAROLINE TURNER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE PCC ON THE CLOSURE OF THE REGISTRATION OFFICE Received

451/10 TO DISCUSS ROSPA INSPECTION REPORTS (Cllr Lees) As Cllr Lees was not present, it was agreed to discuss at the next Council meeting.

451/11 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019 AND TO LOOK AT OPTIONS FOR LIGHTS BEING ERECTED BY A CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPANY AND TO DISCUSS BUDGET (£3,000 upwards) A quotation for £9,990 was received and discussed. It was considered that this is a large amount of monies to be spent and more quotations were requested. It was agreed that the Mayor would call a meeting inviting representatives from organisations as well as the general public to attend to discuss the future of the Christmas lights in the Town. The meeting will be held on Monday 19th August as it was noted that street closures (if required) will need a 12 week notice period. Clerk will advertise the meeting in the local press and on Facebook.

451/12 TO DISCUSS CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO TREES AT SEVERN PORTE AND UPDATE FROM THE POLICE Clerk informed Council that this has been reported to the Police as a Criminal matter. Police are carrying out house to house enquiries with investigations still ongoing.

451/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NALC FURTHER TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY PCC OFFICERS THAT

COMMUNITY COUNCILS ARE NOT STATUTORY CONSULTEES ON PLANNING MATTERS This information was received.

451/14 TO DISCUSS THE STATUE OF SABRINA AT SEVERN PORTE. The statue is in poor state of repair and requires an information plaque. Clerk informed Council that this was originally commissioned by Llani Ltd and now requires some carpentry work and refurbishment. An information plaque/story board would also be beneficial to visitors. Llani Ltd have some funds which must be spent on Tourism. Clerk will speak to Nick Venti and request more information on the Statue/wording and funding available.

451/15 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM OMH COMMITTEE EXPLAINING FINANCES, AND TO DISCUSS A BOARDS PLACED ON THE APRON Cllr Crisp explained that the Lease states that the Tenant is responsible for the Aprons (PCC) and signage and therefore she will take it back for further discussion at the OMH meeting with Catherine Richards. Cllr Crisp explained that the outgoings for the OMH are approx. £5,000 (mostly wages) with income at £1,000 (sales and donations), therefore there will be a short fall in the future now that PCC have pulled the funding

451/16 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AN ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING

Ref No 19/1097/ELE Application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1980 to upgrade an existing service line to a main line at Land Adjacent to Dyfnant, Llanidloes, Powys *No Objection – essential works.*

Ref No 19/0998/HH Erection of a two storey side extension to replace existing single storey garage/utility at Llwyndinam, 15 Garden Suburb, Llanidloes Powys *No Objection – many other properties on this estate have built extensions*

Pre Application to Full Planning application for residential development and associated works. Land on the Former Livestock Market, Gorn Road, Llanidloes Powys SY18 6DQ *No Objection. This will be good for the Town where there is a local housing need.*

451/17 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE WERE CONFIRMED

100912	PC-Q	118.50
100913	Banwy Fuels	1,181.76
100914	J.C. Rowlands	60.00
100915	Viking	91.98
100916	Agri Power	968.94
100917	Border Janitorial	145.21
100918	Wynnstay	12.85
100919	Scottish Power	162.03
100920	PCC (Pension)	602.83
100921	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
100922	LAS Recycling	88.32
100923	Powys Safety Solutions	90.00
100924	J.C. Rowlands	<u>75.00</u>

Total

£ 4,629.59

451/18 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

The Mayor informed Council that she has recently spoken to Mr Graham Breeze who enquired whether or not Council wish to purchase some land adjoining Allt Goch. Mr Breeze will be asked for more information on the land for sale.

The Mayor informed Council that the High Sherriff, Mr David Peate and his wife will be coming to the Family Fun Day on Saturday 27th July to judge the Hanging Baskets and invited Councillors to join them for afternoon tea. Cllrs Breeze, G. Morgan, A. Morgan and McArthur agreed to join them for tea. Other Council members will let Clerk know if they are able to join them.

Cllr Crisp informed Council that she had received a request that the Cadets receive the Freedom of the Town. It was agreed that a precedent for this should be found before any decisions are made.

Clerk informed Council that she has received information from Kay Thomas, PCC Principal Librarian, and due to a member of staff retiring in August, the library will become single staffed from 01.09.19. Self service borrowing and return of books will be introduced. The opening hours of the Library will be reduced by 3 hours a week.

Councillors discussed information on the Plains Rally as distributed by Clerk. It was agreed that this would be beneficial to the economy of the Town and that as much encouragement as possible should be given to the organisers to ensure that this happens in Llanidloes. Cllr Margot Jones has spoken to the Rugby Club and they are keen to discuss further. Clerk had spoken to Sian and Ian Mills, experts in Rallying and they were optimistic that it could be held locally. Clerk will contact the organisers, giving them contact details for local venues.

(Cllr Margot Jones declared an interest and left the room) Cllr G Morgan explained that the Primary and Secondary Schools now have one Governing body which means that many of the current governors will not be required from the Autumn term. Mr Jamie Jones is currently the experienced Chair of Governors at the Primary School and if not elected back on to the Governors, could be lost taking with him vital experience. He could be nominated by the Local Authority (Town Council) – It was unanimously agreed that a letter is sent to Mrs Helen Rees Chair of Governors, from the Town Council nominating Mr Jamie Jones as a Governor.

The Mayor expressed concern over the Cancellation of Meeting with Mrs Carol Shillabeer. Clerk explained that the meeting had not been organised. A workshop style meeting was promised with stakeholders invited but had not been organised. It was agreed to write a strongly worded letter expressing concern and disappointment yet again and copy the Health Minister in to the letter as well as Russell George AM.

451/19 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full Council Meeting - Monday 23rd September 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 9.08 pm