

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 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
- “ G. McArthur

Town Clerk

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

Cllr Crisp started the meeting by expressing concern over attendance of Councillors to meetings. She asked for 100% commitment as a Councillor as there are some important issues currently on the table. She asked Councillors with poor attendance records to consider their position as a Councillor and to resign if they are not fully committed.

452/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs Steve Lees, Angela Morgan and Gareth Morgan

452/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS Declaration forms were available and filed with these minutes.

Cllr A. Bennett declared in agenda item 6, as he is a Burial Board Member and item 22 as he is a relative of the complainant

Cllr G McArthur declared in agenda item 6, as he is a Burial Board Member

Cllr J. Crisp declared in agenda item 6, as she is a Burial Board Member

Cllr J. Hughes declared in agenda item 7 as he is a Trustee at MCRA

Cllr M. Jones declared in agenda items 22 and 23, as she is a relative.

452/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 22.07.19 – True Record, unanimously agreed

Meeting to discuss Christmas Lights 19.08.19 – True Record, unanimously agreed

Meeting with Ashley Collins and Kyle Cheshire, PCC 28.08.19- True Record, unanimously agreed

Meeting to look at Plans for street parking 28.08.19 – True Record

Meeting to discuss Christmas Lights 09.09.19 - True Record

452/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Advance notice of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank - Received
- b) Statement of Account for July from Public Sector Deposit Fund -Received
- c) Newsletter from Eluned Morgan AM – Received
- d) Letter of Thanks from Old Market Hall Management Committee - Received

452/05 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM CERDD DANT BRO NANSI FESTIVAL 2020 - To be discussed further at the next Finance Panel meeting

452/06 TO RECEIVE BURIAL BOARD BANK RECONCILIATION JUNE AND JULY 2019 Cllr Hughes and Clerk asked some questions regarding the accounts which they were unsure of – members of the Burial Board were able to answer the questions.

452/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS AN INVITATION FROM MONTGOMERYSHIRE COMMUNITY REGENERATION ASSOCIATION TO A CENTENARY CONFERENCE ON RECREATION ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019 – Cllr Hughes as trustee, declared an interest. He stated that he would be in attendance and was asked to report back to Council.

452/08 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN RESPONSE TO AN E MAIL RECEIVED RELATING TO REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. It was agreed that the Clerk will forward a copy of the letter received from RBL to Lorraine Williams as a response to her e mail.

452/09 TO DISCUSS ROSPA INSPECTION REPORTS (Cllr Lees) As Cllr Lees was not present again, it was agreed to call an Environment Panel on 28.10.19 at 6.30 pm when the future of Cllr Lees as Chair will be discussed and the Rospa inspections will be looked at. Clerk informed Councillors that there have been no urgent issues flagged up by the Rospa reports.

452/10 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS ACCOUNTS AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR (April – June 2019) Cllr Breeze explained that the Budget is on track for the first quarter of the year and that there had not been any unexpected expenditure. Clerk informed the meeting that she had been to County Hall today for a meeting arranged for Clerks to meet with Heads of department and she was informed that Street Lighting will be the next service PCC will be cutting. They will expect Town Councils to take over the lights at £24 per light, it is currently unknown how many lights will be involved in Llanidloes but in Llandrindod it will cost the Town Council approx. £9,000 per annum which will have to go on to their precept. Councillors were outraged at this suggestion.

452/11 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE WALES GB RALLY – SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 2019 - Received

452/12 TO DISCUSS PURCHASING NEW HARDWEARING DOG FOULING POSTERS Cllr Crisp stated that the original posters have been effective but they are not hardwearing and therefore a more permanent solution should be found. Clerk will

find out the cost for approx. 30 hardwearing posters. Cllr Griffiths asked that the posters are produced bilingually

452/13 TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19 FROM DYFED POWYS POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONER - Received

452/14 TO DISCUSS COUNCIL'S POSITION WITH XR (Extinction Rebellion) Clerk read out the minuted notes from meetings and discussions. It was agreed at the May meeting that there would be no Council representative on the group. Cllr Margot Jones asked the Mayor why she thought we should treat this group any differently than any other group in view of the fact that XR promoted civil disobedience and she would not wish Council to be associated with them? Cllr McArthur stated that XR were recently caught planning to fly drones at Heathrow Airport and that it is impossible for Council to be associated with that behaviour. Cllr Bennett thought Council should distance themselves especially if a local protest takes place – wilful damage is unacceptable. Clerk has spoken to other Clerks and the best advice has been to come up with a Climate Change Policy. Councillors will look at a draft policy at the next meeting.

452/15 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LLANIDLOES HOSPITAL REDUCTION IN BEDS Cllr Margot Jones informed Council that she has attended meetings with League of Friends and Patients Forum and that the workshop organised for this week has been cancelled and a meeting now organised at the Council Chamber for Friday 27th September. She recently met with the PCC Chair of Scrutiny Committee and updated him on the issues at Llanidloes Hospital as he will soon be meeting with Carol Shillabeer. He will report back on his meeting. Cllr Jones took objection at a recent meeting with PLHB when Llanidloes were called a “spoke” in the Newtown Hub.

452/16 TO COMPLETE FORMS STATING INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR'S POLITICAL AFFILIATION TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE – Forms were completed and returned to the Clerk for publication on the website

452/17 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ASKING THE PUBLIC FOR THE VIEWS ON COUNCIL PRECEPT EXPENDITURE – DRAFT NOTICE ATTACHED Clerk explained that she, Cllr Breeze and the Mayor had devised the form as a start for discussion on budget planning. Cllr Crisp thought that Councillors could take their turn at standing at a stall at the Market on a Saturday in October to answer questions from the Public on how the precept is spent. Cllr Margot Jones was not happy with that and asked how Council are going to deal with the results of a Consultation which will have to be published. Cllr Hughes had concerns over the publishing of results and having to act on the information provided by the residents of the Town. Alternative ways of informing the public were discussed, i.e. County Times, Facebook, leaflet drops etc It was agreed that further thought would be given to the consultation which will not be carried out in time for the 2020-21 budget.

452/18 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS - There were no planning applications to discuss

452/19 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR JULY WERE CONFIRMED

100925	OMH Management Cttee	1,000.00
100926	Llanidloes Croquet Club	100.00
100927	Wynnstay	52.77
100928	Mid Wales Welded Products	456.00
100929	JDH Business Services	934.32
100930	Border Janitorial Services	126.23
100931	Zurich Insurance	3,080.29
100932	PC-Q	46.52
100933	EDF Energy	104.86
100934	LAS Recycling	71.28
100935	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
100936	PCC (Pension)	602.83
Total	£	7,607.25

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST WERE CONFIRMED

100937	Fingerman Deserts	52.50
100938	EDF Energy	264.02
100939	Hafren Dyfrdwy	1,807.14
100940	Smith of Derby	277.20
100941	LAS Recycling	71.40
100942	Void	
100943	Mrs Carol Crowther	50.00
100944	BT	81.48
100945	Wynnstay	44.44
100946	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
100947	PCC (Pension)	602.83
100948	Dial a Ride	2,240.00
Total	£	6,523.16

452/20 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Hawkins asked who is responsible for the “fish” mosaic at the Severn Porte as it has been badly damaged. Clerk will look into it and will contact Nick Venti to inform him.

Cllr Breeze asked how PCC will know who has renewed their contract for Green Bin waste next year. The question will be asked when Mr Ashley Collins comes in to Council in a couple of weeks time.

452/21 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Environment Panel Meeting	-	Monday 28 th October 6.30 pm
Full Council Meeting	-	Monday 28 th October 7.00 pm

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 items:-

452/22 TO RECEIVE A SENSITIVE LETTER REGARDING ISSUES AT LLANIDLOES CEMETERY AND RESPONSES FROM LLANIDLOES BURIAL BOARD –Cllr Bennett declared a personal interest and left the room. It was agreed to write back to the complainant and ask that her complaint is put in writing directly to the Burial Board. Cllr Hughes queried some of the items on the accounts, the Mayor provided answers to the queries. Further discussion took place and it was agreed that Councillors will meet at the Cemetery on Thursday 16th September at 5.30 pm for a general walk about. Cllr Margot Jones declared an interest and stated she was unable to attend the walk about.

452/23 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING DAMAGE TO A TREE AT SEVERN PORT Clerk informed Council that the Police Investigation into damaged trees at Severn Port had resulted in a letter of apology from the culprit and a £50 donation to a Charity of Council's choice. Councillors agreed to acknowledge the apology letter and donate the monies to the Old Market Hall Committee.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.