

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

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

Town Clerk

1 Member of the Press

Councillors met at 6.30 pm for a Public Meeting to gauge the views of residents on a planning application for Bryn Posteg Landfill site, Tylwch, Llanidloes. Notes of the meeting are attached to these minutes.

453/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Aled Griffiths

453/02 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 relating to PCC

Cllr A Morgan declared in item 8 Royal British Legion request as she is a member of the Llanidloes Womens section.

Cllr T Davies declared in item 8 Royal British Legion request as she is Standard Bearer and member of RBL

Cllr G. McArthur declared in items 6 and 23 as a Burial Board Committee Member

Cllr A. Bennett declared in item 23 as Burial Board Committee Member

Cllr J. Crisp declared in items 14 and 23 as members of both Committees

Cllr E. Breeze declared in item 19 as his Father is President of Llanidloes Football Club of which Bryn Posteg are major sponsors

453/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 23.09.19 – True Record.

Meeting to discuss Llanidloes Hospital 27.09.19 True Record. Clerk was asked to include job titles of Officers present at the meeting.

Cllr Hughes reported back on a meeting of MCRA he recently attended. It was agreed overwhelmingly that Sports Centres, Theatre and Dance have been a great success in the County. However, Music and Art has been downgraded due to funding withdrawal. Cllr Hughes thought the meeting very worthwhile

453/04 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 August 2019 - Received
- c) Letter from OVW Re AGM Motions – Received. It was agreed that we respond asking for an explanation of the response from the Minister and request a meeting with the OVW Chief Executive.

453/05 TO RECEIVE ATTENDANCE SHEETS AND DISCUSS COUNCILLOR

ATTENDANCE 2018-19 Cllr A Morgan explained that she had asked for leave of absence and is upset that this is not recorded. Cllr Margot Jones explained that she has attended lots of meetings other than full Council meetings. Cllr Lees thought this is a shaming exercise and not acceptable. The Mayor apologised for any offense caused and explained that apologies are often not given which makes it difficult being quorate on occasion. It was agreed to include * Health problems (leave of absence applied for) where appropriate. An e mail as resignation from Cllr Phyl Davies was read out. It was agreed to write to Cllr Davies and thank him for his time served on Llanidloes Town Council. Clerk will put the wheels in motion through PCC to fill the vacancy.

453/06 TO RECEIVE BURIAL BOARD BANK RECONCILIATION AUGUST 2019 As Burial Board have not met this will not be received until the next meeting

453/07 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION FROM PCC THAT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS WILL BE INSTALLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON MOUNT STREET CAR PARK Cllr McArthur explained we need to request “rapid” charging points not “fast” charge. Clerk will contact PCC

453/08 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, LLANIDLOES WOMEN’S SECTION TO PLACE THE POPPY CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE FOYER AT THE TOWN HALL FROM 30th NOVEMBER – Cllrs A. Morgan and T. Davies declared an interest and left the room. The request was unanimously agreed.

453/09 TO DISCUSS LETTERS TO AND FROM TREFEGLWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON CLINICAL WASTE DISPOSAL – UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR LANDFILL – It was agreed to write to Trefeglwys Community Council in support, sharing their concerns

453/10 TO RECEIVE A CHEQUE AND DISCUSS HISTORICAL RATING AUDIT CARRIED OUT BY EXACTA PLC A cheque for £2393.84 was received further to Exacta carrying out an audit on the business rates payable against the Stores at the Rear of the Town Hall. Exacta had taken 25% in commission. Cllr G Morgan thought

the rate of commission was high and asked that negotiations for a lower rate could be sought if this happens again.

- 453/11 TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT FOR YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2019 Cllr Breeze explained that an Unqualified report was received which is good news. Clerk was thanked for her hard work in getting the Audit through.
- 453/12 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS BUDGET FIGURES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE FISCAL YEAR (spread sheet sent by e mail) Cllr Breeze explained that the budget figures are self explanatory and we are on target for the first 6 months of the year. Clerk was thanked for meticulously preparing the figures and managing the accounts.
- 453/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM PHIL STALLARD RE TREE PLANTING Further to a request from Mr Stallard, the majority of Councillors expressed interest in an orchard which could be planted in the area outside of the football field below Well Lane. It was thought that Planters on the streets would be messy and left for the Town Council to sort out.
- 453/14 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM LLANIDLOES TENNIS CLUB RE AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE TO INCLUDE LLANIDLOES CROQUET CLUB Cllr Crisp declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Breeze took the Chair. Councillors unanimously agreed to the sublet of the leased area.
- 453/15 TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY FOR LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL AS DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING It was agreed that the document was a good starting point and will be discussed further at the next Environment meeting.
- 453/16 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM LLANIDLOES WITHOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGARDING LLANIDLOES HOSPITAL REDUCTION IN BEDS It was agreed that the Community Council are late getting on board – Russell George has replied to them telling them to Contact the action group for further information.
- 453/17 TO DISCUSS QUOTATION RECEIVED FOR HARDWEARING DOG FOULING POSTERS It was agreed that all Posters will need to be Metal and Bilingual
- 453/18 TO DISCUSS TERMS OF REFERENCE OF BRYN POSTEG LIAISON COMMITTEE (Cllr Margot Jones) Cllr Margot Jones is not happy with the Terms of Reference as the group does not represent the residents of Llanidloes Town. The Liaison Committee is bought and paid for by Potters who pay the Clerk and for hire of the Room. This Council must find a way to liaise with the residents of Llanidloes. Cllr McArthur stated that we should ask NRW how they think the committee should be constituted. Cllr Hughes asked what are the aims of the committee? Ask head of PCC democratic services how they appoint the Chair? Ask Potters what is the forum about? Clerk will ask the above questions
- 453/19 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING

19/1477/FUL Regularisation and retention of over-tipped material on the existing landfill, additional landfilling operations in accordance with revised restoration profile and phasing details together with associated landfill infrastructure Bryn Posteg Landfill Site, Tylwch, Llanidloes SY18 6JJ -A vote was taken and this item was discussed as the first item on the Agenda due to the large amount of people present in the public gallery. Cllr Margot Jones made the following statement:- “The residents of Llanidloes and surrounding areas have put up with the smell for long enough and Llanidloes Town Council were only recently brought on board. We are being asked to support something which is illegal, has poor infrastructure, and would increase traffic passing 2 busy Schools and Residential areas. Any attempt to make that worse should be strongly opposed to, therefore Llanidloes Town Council will oppose the application” This was voted on with 10 Councillors in favour. Cllr Breeze and Cllr G. Morgan abstained

19/1578/FUL Proposed residential development of 22 affordable dwellings and all associated works, to include some demolition – It was agreed to discuss on 7th November after the Heritage Hub meeting

453/20 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER WERE CONFIRMED

100949	Llanidloes Rotary Club	483.00
100950	Information Commissioner	40.00
100951	Sonia Pritchard (travel exp)	87.75
100952	Simon Owen	640.00
100953	Scottish Power	59.10
100954	D.W. Jerman	1,896.22
100955	Viking	99.96
100956	Powys Safety Solutions	90.00
100957	Border Janitorial Supplies	110.30
100958	PC-Q	93.04
100959	PCC (Pension)	602.83
100960	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
100961	Kevin Jones Cars	240.87
100962	M Bufton Plumbing & Heating	108.00
100963	Agri Power Services	185.88
100964	LAS Recycling	88.32
100965	William Protheroe Ltd	2,460.00
100966	EDF Energy	107.39
Total	£	8,424.81

453/21 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Bennett stated that the Weeds on the Trefeglwys road have still not been dealt with. The Mayor is under the impression that they will be dealt with soon.

453/22 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Heritage Hub Meeting	-	Thursday 7 th November 6.30 pm
Remembrance Sunday (town hall steps)	-	Sunday 10 th November 10.30 am
Full Council Meeting	-	Monday 25 th November 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:-

453/23 To receive notes from walk about the Cemetery and a sensitive letter from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

A Report on the meeting taken by Cllr Crisp as well as photographs of the Cemetery were distributed. Cllr G. Morgan was unaware that the LLJBC have delegated authority, if they have then we have only temporarily passed on authority. Cllr Morgan suggested we request Burial Board to provide us with the correct protocol. Cllr Margot Jones stressed that this was not an inspection, Councillors went on a walk about due to complaints from members of the Public and to familiarise new Councillors with the Cemetery and how it works. She stressed that Feedback from members of the public is important. It was explained that Councillors arrived at the Cemetery and Cllr McArthur met everyone there and attempted to stop them meeting stating that it was not a good idea. Clerk had prepared a draft response letter. It was agreed to send the letter with the addition of Cllr Morgan's comments regarding delegated authority. 2 Councillors abstained, 1 voted against

Meeting closed at 9. 35 pm