

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 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
- “ Mrs A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan

One Member of the Public

Town Clerk

Apologies for the 6.30 pm meeting were received from Lyn Cadwallader, One Voice Wales. A vote was taken and Councillors unanimously agreed to discuss the draft Precept. The draft from the Finance Panel meeting held on 18.11.19 was discussed. Clerk suggested that the refurbishment of the Public Toilets could go ahead if Council agreed to take up the quote received last year from Healthmatic and if £5,000 was included into the Precept figure. She explained that many of her fellow Clerks had used Healthmatic and they were all very satisfied with the service provided. Cllr G. Morgan did not think that Healthmatic were necessary and that local contractors could be used. It was unanimously agreed to include £5,000 into the precept figure. Clerk explained that Council have received an invoice from the Contractor used for major Tree/Hedge works and this year we have overspent the budget, it was unanimously agreed therefore to include an extra £2,000 on the precept to cover the works required next year. Cllr Margot Jones explained what a vital service is provided by Dial A Ride and suggested an extra £3,000 is included into that fund, this was unanimously agreed. It was also noted that Code of Conduct training will be taken during the next few months this will hopefully include new Councillors. This brought the final figure to £156,200 which made the Band D figure £130.62. This is still less than last year and will be discussed and finalised at the December Council meeting.

455/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr G. McArthur

455/02 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 and in Remembrance Sunday

Cllr A Morgan declared in item 5 Remembrance Sunday, as she is Chair of the RBL Llanidloes Women's section.

Cllr T Davies declared in item 5 & 6 Remembrance Sunday as she is Standard Bearer and member of RBL and item 12 Burial Board as she is a member

Cllr A. Bennett declared in items 7 and 12 as Burial Board Committee Member

Cllr J. Crisp declared in items 7 and 12 as members of Burial Board

Cllr J. Hughes declared in any item relating to Potters at Brynposteg as he has a family member representing NRW on the site

455/03 MINUTES

The following minutes were read and confirmed

Council Meeting held on 28.10.19 – True Record. Cllr McArthur's comments were noted and are filed with the minutes

Meeting to discuss Heritage Hub 4 Mid Wales 07.11.19 – True Record Unanimously agreed

Finance Panel meeting held on 18.11.19 – Cllr Breeze read through the s137 Recommendations which were unanimously agreed. True Record

Meeting to discuss Llanidloes Hospital 20.11.19 True Record.

Public Meeting regarding Bryn Posteg Planning application held on 28.10.19 True Record

455/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Advance notice of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank - Received
- b) Letter from Barclays Bank informing us of the changes they are making to our business accounts - Received
- c) Statement of Account from Public Sector Deposit Fund September and October 2019 - Received

455/05 TO RECEIVE LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY OBSERVANCE Cllr Davies declared an interest and left the room. Cllr G Morgan stated that due to General Dispensations (he had received information from the Monitoring Officer which he handed to the Clerk) he and Cllr Mrs A Morgan would not be declaring an interest and leaving the room and would be staying to take part in the debate.

Cllr Crisp suggested arranging a meeting with RBL, Councillors and all those organisations which took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade. It was clear that this would not resolve the strong views of members of the organisations.

Cllr Crisp read out the official notification received by Council which stated that the authorisation should come from the organisers of the event. Cllr Margot Jones made it clear that we should not be having a row in Council about this. Cllr A Morgan stated

that the Quakers knew the protocol prior to the Service. Cllr Lees asked that the white poppy is treated with respect.

Mrs Joy Smout (Secretary of the RBL) was asked for her input – she stated that RBL will forward any correspondence between RBL and Quakers to the Town Clerk so that the Town Council are kept updated.

Cllr Bennett did not think this issue would resolve itself and was concerned that at the end of the Ceremony, the people waiting to lay the white poppy wreath were unable to access the Cenotaph as there were photographs being taken. Mrs Smout agreed that next year she would make sure the photos would be taken after all the wreaths were laid.

455/06 TO DISCUSS COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE Cllr Morgan considered it incorrect that a Member of Council did not attend this important Church service but joined the procession from Church to the Cenotaph.

Cllrs Mrs A and G Morgan left the meeting

455/07 TO RECEIVE BURIAL BOARD BANK RECONCILIATION SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2019 Received

455/08 TO DISCUSS A RESPONSE FROM PCC REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS A response from PCC stated that rapid charge points would be too expensive to install was received.

455/09 TO RECEIVE AN E MAIL FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT REGARDING THE LACK OF ROAD SWEEPING AND THE STATE OF THE STREETS IN GENERAL It was agreed that the area of concern has now been cleaned by PCC and the state of the streets will be monitored over the next couple of months.

455/10 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM PCC STREET LIGHTING OPERATIONS MANAGER REGARDING STREET LIGHTS ON THE FOOTPATH BY LONGBRIDGE ALONG THE RIVER BANK Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the standard steel column replacement lights at no extra cost to the Town Council.

455/11 TO RECEIVE STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE TO MEMBERS OF LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL FOR 2018-19 Received

455/12 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM LLANIDLOES BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE REGARDING 2020-21 PRECEPT REQUEST Received

455/13 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM PCC REGARDING PRECEPT 2020-21 AND TO DISCUSS PRECEPT FURTHER TO FINANCE PANEL MEETING The Tax Base figures were received and explained. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the draft as discussed earlier in the meeting and this would be discussed and finalised at the December Council meeting when hopefully an updated quotation would be received from Healthmatic. The latest available accounts from Community Centre were received and discussed. Concern was expressed over the removal of asbestos from the roof.

455/14 TO DISCUSS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING Cllr Morgan had left a visual plan of the Smithfield Livestock Market Site for the development of 22 Houses. It was noted that there is improved access closer to Glandwr House and Highways had confirmed that this meets the required standard. The wall will be removed and the pavement widened with a crossing point provided. Cllr Margot Jones still had reservations over the access.

455/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER WERE CONFIRMED

100967	Banwy Fuels	545.79
100968	K.P. Fire	322.80
100969	Border Janitorial Supplies	87.19
100970	M Coates & Partners	5,112.00
100971	PC -Q	46.52
100972	Powys Safety Solutions	90.00
100973	LAS Recycling	71.28
100974	EDF Energy	106.40
100975	Wynnstay	43.37
100976	PCC (Pension)	602.83
100977	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
100978	Steven Matthews	525.00
Total	£	8,585.33

455/16 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Hughes asked when Council will know where the Recycling Facilities are going to be located. Cllr Crisp informed Council that a meeting with the officer in charge of waste will be held soon so that the issue can be discussed.

It was agreed to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Barbara Powell on the death of Rev Meredith Powell.

455/17 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full Council Meeting - Monday 9th December 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm