

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

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

Town Clerk

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

457/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Margot Jones and Kelly Hawkins as they were both on a Safeguarding course.

457/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS Declaration forms were available and filed with these minutes.

Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC.

Cllr A Morgan declared in item 4c as Chair of Royal British Legion Women's Section Llanidloes

Cllr McArthur declared in item 4f as he assists with Llanidloes Food Festival

Cllr T Davies declared in item 4c as a member of Royal British Legion Women's Section Llanidloes

457/03 MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 09.12.19 - True Record.

456/03 Cllrs G Morgan and S. Lees agreed that neither of them would insist on a short summary of what they both said at the November meeting in connection with Remembrance Sunday Observance, and were happy to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 25.11.19.

457/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) To receive statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund at 31.12.19 - Received
- b) To receive advance notice of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank 13.11.19 – 12.12.19 - Received
- c) To receive letters relating to laying of white poppy wreaths
 - i) Letter from Women's Section British Legion -Received
 - ii) Letter from Mrs Trudy Davies - Received
 - iii) Letter from Mrs Alice Earp – Received

- d) Request for funding from Urdd National Eisteddfod - Move to Finance Panel meeting
 - e) Request for funding from Citizens Advice Powys – Move to Finance Panel meeting
 - f) Request for funding from Llanidloes Food Festival – Council agreed to send correspondence to say we will look into it at the April meeting as priority
 - g) Request for funding from Llanidloes Cricket Club - Move to Finance Panel meeting
- 457/05 TO DISCUSS DRAFT POLICY ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND TO DISCUSS THE WAY FORWARD FOR TOWN COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE Cllr Crisp asked if it would be a good idea to meet with Jeremy Over and Phil Stallard to gauge their feelings. Cllr John Hughes suggested that we as a Council can do small things, e.g.
- have the recycling in the centre of town – and not outside the Town boundary
 - have 20 mph speed limit in Town.
 - Take out humps at the school and put in flashing lights.
 - Stop Cars idling outside schools etc.

It was agreed that the draft would be kept as a live document so that we can add to it in the future. It will be reviewed every 6 months and put up on the Town Council web site stating that we welcome any worthwhile comments from members of the public

457/06 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANI CAR CLUB REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT The letter informed Council that the £200 donation made by Council has now been spent on installing a charging point at the rear of the Old Post Office. It was agreed that we should include this information on our web site. Clerk will contact PCC to find out when the charging points will be installed on the Mount Lane Car Park

457/07 TO RECEIVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CLLR ALED GRIFFITHS AND TO DISCUSS COUNCILLOR VACANCIES The letter was received. Clerk explained that the 2 vacancies are advertised and unless 10 people request an election by 4th February, we will then be able to advertise for Co Options.

457/08 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED ON CUTS TO LIBRARY PROVISION (Cllr G. Morgan) Cllr Morgan explained he had received an e mail which was quite alarming that suggested further cuts to Library services, however he has been in touch with the county librarian who suggested that Llanidloes does not need to panic at this stage. It was mentioned that PCC are currently advertising for a part time member of staff at Llanidloes and Rhayader libraries.

The following item was taken in committee

457/09 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A TOWN COUNCIL APPRENTICESHIP (Cllr Crisp) Cllr Crisp went to a PAVO/PCC meeting at the end of last year and apprenticeships were brought up. Councillors agreed that it would be a good idea to look into employing an apprentice grounds person. Clerk will speak to HR at PCC to find out more information. Clerk will discuss with staff as soon as possible.

457/10 TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF LAMP POSTS AND BENCHES AT SEVERN PORTE AREA (Cllr Crisp) As the lamp posts and possibly the benches are under the

ownership of PCC, it was agreed to ask Steve Geally from PCC to meet on site with Town Councillors.

457/11 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT (Cllr Breeze) Cllr Breeze explained that the interim internal audit had been carried out before Christmas and the following 4 points had been brought up

1. It was agreed to install a sequential purchase order system and ensure orders for expenditure up to £500 are signed by both Chair and Clerk
2. It was agreed to raise the Petty Cash threshold to £150
3. It was agreed to record accounts as “confirmed” rather than “approved”
4. The Chair will review the payroll to supporting documentation during the financial year and sign the payroll to evidence the review has been carried out.

Clerk and Chair of Finance were thanked for their hard work in keeping the accounts in order.

457/12 TO DISCUSS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING

Application Ref 20/0107/HH Erection of a small single bedroom extension, Llety Haf, 16, Y Gilfach Isaf, Llanidloes SY18 6EA – *No objections to this application*

457/13 THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS ARE APPROVED BY COUNCIL

100998	Viking	495.15
100999	Karen Geddes (window blind)	325.79
101000	Hafren Dyfrdwy	1,004.63
101001	Banwy Fuels	912.98
101002	R.S. Edmunds	2,592.50
101003	Border Janitorial	27.43
101004	SLCC Membership	202.00
101005	Friends of Llani Primary School	100.00
101006	Llanidloes Quilt Association	50.00
101007	Llanidloes Cricket Club	217.00
101008	M. Bufton	362.41
101009	Sonia Pritchard (Travel Exp)	22.50
101010	EDF Energy	106.95
101011	LAS Recycling	71.28
101012	Wynnstay	30.80
101013	Void	00.00
101014	PCC (Pension)	602.83
101015	Inland Revenue	1,032.15
Total	£	8,156.40

457/14 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs A Morgan expressed concern over disabled access to the Council Chamber. She suggested that we could use the stair lift from Summerfield park which would be

donated to Council free of charge. Charles Cowan suggested that installing a lift would be in excess of £100,000 but a Stair lift would be feasible on the back stairs. The manufacturers of the stair lift will carry out a survey free of charge. Are Council in agreement to look further into this option? Councillors agreed to go ahead with the survey by the manufacturers of the stair lift and hopefully a costing could be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

Cllr Hughes asked on behalf of Twinning Committee, if on 22nd July, 2020 approx 49 visitors from Derval are able to use the Council Chamber for a reception. It was agreed that the total number of people attending the reception would be in excess of 70 and therefore the Chamber was unsuitable. Cllr Hughes asked if Town Council are able to Financially support the event. It was agreed that a Letter from Twinning committee should be sent for this request. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Twinning with Derval, therefore it was agreed that a picture of Llanidloes will be presented by the Mayor to the Mayor of Derval

Councillors expressed concern over the removal of the Recycling facility from the Smithfield site. Cllr Lees asked what consultation has taken place? It was agreed that no Consultation has taken place, even the Local Member was not informed. It was agreed that the Cae Hafren site is unsuitable as the access is dangerous with traffic travelling at speed along that road, it is used by many Rugby players including Children of all ages. A more suitable space would be on the Parc Derwen Fawr Industrial estate. Clerk was asked to write to PCC as soon as possible expressing concern and request a consultation. Cllr Davies suggested writing and asking for the Health and Safety assessment for the Cae Hafren site.

457/15 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Finance Panel Meeting	-	Monday 10 th February 6.30 pm
Environment Panel Meeting	-	Monday 10 th February 7.30 pm
Full Council Meeting	-	Monday 24 th February 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm