

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 27th JULY 2020
AT 7.00 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
- “ R. Onions

1 Member of the Public

Town Clerk

460/01 APOLOGIES Apologies from Cllr Jamie Jones were received

460/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr G Morgan declared in all items relating to PCC as he is a member. He also mentioned Schools are now part of a Federation

Cllr Breeze declared in agenda item 14, Accounts, as he received a cheque for the purchase of the ornamental key to the Town Hall

Cllr Margot Jones agreed with Cllr Morgan and stated that when Councillors who are School Governors declare an interest with regard to the local Schools, it is not specifically about the High School or the Primary School, but about both as there is one Governing body and should be know as the Llanidloes Schools Federation.

460/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 22.06.20 – Cllr G. Morgan wished 459/12 to include Mrs Annette King (not Nettie) and to include a presentation to Mrs King for her 27 years service when the time is right and we are able to meet up again

460/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Statements from Public Sector Deposit Fund 31.06.20 Received

460/05 TO LOOK AT QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FROM HEALTHMATIC AND SIMON OWEN AND TO DECIDE WHICH CONTRACTOR WILL CARRY OUT THE WORK Clerk explained that a specification was sent out to 3 companies, only 2 were returned, OGW decided not to quote but were grateful to be asked. Cllr Davies

queried one being an estimate and one being a quotation. Clerk contacted the contractor who had provided the estimate and was assured that the final price would not be higher than his estimate. Cllr McArthur expressed concerns over the floor tiles but it was difficult to hear him. Cllr Davies queried charges for the contactless card machines, Clerk will find out more information on the charges verses pay machines. It was unanimously agreed that Simon Owen would carry out the works as he has a reputation for being reliable and an excellent craftsman and is local.

460/06 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM BRYNPOSTEG LANDFILL SITE WORKING PARTY FURTHER TO THEIR RECENT MEETING As Cllr Jamie Jones was unavailable, it was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting. Cllr Hughes had attended the working party meeting held last week but had trouble with the sound on his laptop and therefore was unable to ask questions. Cllr Hughes will forward his questions on to Cllr Jamie Jones for discussion at the next working party meeting.

460/07 TO RECEIVE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT, ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2019-20, GO THROUGH THE ANNUAL GOVERNANACE STATEMENT (Part 1 and Part 2) AND TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN TO END MARCH 2020 Cllr Breeze read through the Internal Audit Report, filling in the “Action” column with agreement from Councillors, this was unanimously accepted. The Annual Governance Statement Part 1 and Part 2 were all read out and the “Yes” boxes ticked. The Annual Return was approved and was signed by the Mayor and Clerk. Clerk and Cllr Breeze were thanked for their thorough hard work completing the accounts for the fiscal year.

460/08 TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM MR KEITH FOSTER/LLANI PANTRI FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS RENTAL OF THE BUILDING (Old Post Office) Cllr Morgan explained that a properly constituted group are in the process of being set up. Clerk explained that Council will receive a further request from Covid Support Group/Llani Pantri once the group has been set up and it was agreed to discuss further when the information is received. Cllr Lees felt that we should not be discussing Llani Pantri as the item on the agenda was the request from Mr Keith Foster for Councillors to contribute to the rent of his leased property. Cllr Margot Jones stated that she did not think either could be taken in isolation as if the rent was not sorted, Llani Pantri may be asked to leave. Cllr Jones went on to state, that although this is not the responsibility of Council she felt that given the circumstances and possible cases of hardship in the future, the Council had a moral duty to intervene and help if at all possible. Cllr Crisp explained that a more discreet building would be preferred. It was agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Margot Jones and the Clerk will meet with representatives of the group to discuss further and report back to Council.

460/09 TO DISCUSS CONSTANT DAMAGE CAUSED BY LORRIES HITTING THE OLD MARKET HALL AND TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE Cllr Crisp explained that the OMH committee had looked into opening up again in time for the visitor season and had a safety check carried out. The committee were disappointed to see so much rubble over the floor caused by lorries hitting the corner.

CCTV has now been installed and discriminating information will be sent off to CADW as a permanent solution should be found. Cllr Morgan stated that Dyfed Powys Police should be enforcing the breaches in the road traffic orders. Cllr Margot Jones expressed concern over tables and benches under the OMH from the Moroccan restaurant and didn't want to be associated with the decision made by OMH to allow them use of the space as she had concerns over a possible accident. It was made clear that this decision was nothing to do with Council and therefore there would be no liability attached to Council if an accident was caused either to a car or pedestrian. Cllr Davies thought the tables and chairs were a distraction to drivers. Cllr Hawkins asked if the Moroccan restaurant were paying rent for use of the OMH – Cllr Crisp said they were not.

460/10 TO ELECT CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT PANEL FURTHER TO THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR LEES It was agreed that a Chair would be elected at the next meeting of Environment Panel. Cllr Jamie Jones had agreed to sit on both Environment and Finance Panel, Cllr Onions agreed to sit on the Environment Panel.

460/11 TO ELECT A TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER TO SIT ON THE LLANIDLOES JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE No Councillors came forward. Cllr Morgan explained that at the next election Llanidloes Without and Llangurig will all be part of the Llanidloes ward. How will that affect the Constitution of the Burial committee? Clerk will find out

460/12 TO DISCUSS OPENING OF PLAYGROUNDS AND COMPLAINTS RELATING TO MAESYDRE PLAY PARK Clerk explained that the playgrounds were opened on Monday 20th July as Government guidelines allowed. Risk Assessments were carried out and social distancing and printed rules/regulations were put up. The signage has now all been ripped down. Complaints have been received regarding the Maesydre playground and Clerk has contacted Steve Gealey at PCC who has informed her that there is money in a pot which could be spent on Maesydre. Council agreed to write to PCC expressing the urgency to spend the money on that site. Cllr G Morgan has also been in touch with PCC to encourage them to refurbish this site.

460/13 PLANNING – There were no Planning applications to discuss

460/14 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED FOR JUNE

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| 101080 | EDF Energy | 80.65 |
| 101081 | Llanidloes High School(Rugby Officer) | 1,000.00 |
| 101082 | Agri Power Services | 234.00 |
| 101083 | J.C. Rowlands | 75.00 |
| 101084 | Scottish Power | 76.91 |
| 101085 | PC-Q | 62.66 |
| 101086 | Viking | 50.39 |
| 101087 | Hafren Dyfrdwy | 816.87 |
| 101088 | E. Breeze (Ebay – key) | 213.00 |
| 101089 | PCC (Council Tax) | 9,265.67 |
| 101090 | LAS Recycling | 75.48 |
| 101091 | Ruth Davies (Plants) | 128.50 |
| 101092 | Mrs A King | 29.30 |

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| 101093 | Mrs J Crisp (Mayoral Allowance) | 500.00 |
| 101094 | W.H. Crisp | 46.70 |
| 101095 | Wynnstay | 32.68 |
| 101096 | Inland Revenue | 956.25 |
| 101097 | PCC (Pension) | 611.17 |
| 101098 | Banwy Fuels | <u>419.48</u> |
| | £ | 14,674.71 |

It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Mrs Ruth Davies for the wonderful job she has done with the planters around the Town. A letter of thanks will also be sent to Mr John Shepperd for the colourful display of plants at the roundabout

460/15 TO DISCUSS REDUCTION IN THE RENT FOR TENANTS AT THE TOWN HALL DUE TO REQUESTS FURTHER TO THE COVID 19 SITUATION – this item was taken in committee and members of the public asked to leave the meeting. Further to discussion at the June meeting, Clerk provided a list of examples of rent reductions for all three tenants who had requested a rent reduction. It was agreed to find out how much grant Richard Osborne has received from Welsh Government and a decision will be made once this information is available as to whether to claim back rent as well as reinstate rent going forward.

It was agreed by the majority of Councillors that as Council are saving money on electricity and restroom costs, a reduction of 10% will be given to FSC. This will be backdated to the beginning of lockdown and will last until they return to the Town Hall.

It was agreed by the majority of Councillors that as the Bro Arwystli Church office have not applied for any grant funding there would be no reduction given to them.

460/16 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| FULL COUNCIL MEETING | - | Monday 28 th September 7.00 pm |
| FINANCE PANEL MEETING | - | Monday 28 th September 6.30 pm |
| ENVIRONMENT PANEL MEETING | | To be arranged by the Mayor |

The Mayor wished everyone a happy Summer break and the Meeting closed at 9.06 pm