

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 18th JANUARY,
2021 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
- “ J. Jones
- “ S. Lees
- “ G. McArthur
- “ Mrs A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan
- “ R. Onions

Town Clerk

Anwen Parry, County Times

Clerk stated that the meeting was being recorded for minuting purposes and that the recording will be deleted after the minutes have been recorded to a hard copy. This was unanimously voted for.

464/01 APOLOGIES There were no apologies received.

464/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF
BUSINESS

Cllr G. Morgan declared a personal interest in all matters concerning PCC as he is a member and in item 6 as he is a member of the Community Services Committee

Cllr T Davies declared in item 4e as a member of Llanidloes RBL Women's section

Cllr A. Morgan declared in item 4e as she wrote the letter

Cllr Breeze declared an interest in anything to do with Dial A Ride as he is Chair of the committee and a cheque to Kevin Jones Cars as they are his employer

464/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 23.11.20 - Unanimously accepted as a true record

Finance Panel Meeting held on 17.11.20 – Unanimously accepted as a true record

464/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statement of Accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30.11.20 and 31.12.20
- *Received*
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank October –
November 2020, and November – December 2020 - *Received*

- c) Application for grant funding from Bracken Trust Cancer Support Centre – *Refer to next Finance Panel meeting*
- d) Application for grant funding from Wales Air Ambulance Charity – *Refer to next Finance Panel meeting*
- e) Letter from Women’s section Royal British Legion Llanidloes Branch – *Received Cllr Crisp stated that this was a personal attack and reminded Councillors of the code of conduct. She stated that she is aware that RBL Womens Section always hold an Act of Homage on 11th November but stated that this was an alternative ceremony as the format was completely different to other years as commented on by other people.*
- f) Notification of Appropriate Sum under Section 137 (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 – Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-22 *Received*
- g) Notification of NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers day 5th July, 2021 - *Received*

Cllrs G and A Morgan left the meeting

464/05 TO INFORM COUNCIL THAT A SUM OF MONEY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE LLANI LTD BANK ACCOUNT. A CHEQUE FOR £821.26 HAS BEEN RECEIVED, THIS MONEY MUST BE USED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOURISM IN LLANIDLOES. THIS WILL HELP PAY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LEAFLETS ON TOWN WALKS AND LLANIDLOES WALKING ROUTE PLANNER. Mayor explained that she and the Clerk have been drawing up some draft leaflets with Aztec Print, these will hopefully be ready for the Spring – Council unanimously agreed that the funds will be used towards this project.

464/06 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM CLLR G MORGAN RELATING TO LLANIDLOES COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REQUESTING FUNDING FOR GRO PUBLIC TOILETS It was agreed to wait for Councillor Morgan to re-join the meeting for this item

464/07 TO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FOR TOWN TRANSITION GRANT (from PCC) FROM GREAT OAK CAFÉ AND COBBLERS TEA ROOMS Clerk informed the meeting that 80% of the requested funding has been allocated to the two businesses. Councillors unanimously agreed with the applications.

464/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM AUDIT WALES ON 2019-20 ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN Received Clerk and Cllr Breeze were thanked for their work on successfully finalising the audit.

464/09 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2020-2021 Cllr Breeze explained the comments from the Auditor and admitted we have learned lessons for the next time we spend a large sum of money. The report from the Internal Auditor was received and the comments unanimously agreed upon.

464/10 TO DISCUSS VISIT BY COUNCILLORS TO LLANIDLOES COMMUNITY CENTRE (Cllr Crisp) AND TO DECIDE ON FUNDING FOR 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 Cllr Crisp stated that 6 Councillors attended the site visit and were

shown around by Tim Morgan (Trustee). Cllr Onions explained that the trustees have been exploring avenues to raise £250,000 for the repair of the roof. Councillors were shocked by the state of the building, with radiators off the walls, ceiling looking in a dangerous state and the outside looking an eyesore. Councillors agreed they would be reluctant to put money into the budget for the future. Cllr Lees said they had no where else to go for funding, Cllr Jamie Jones though the building was not fit for purpose. Cllr Davies said it was a sad building and she would not entertain anything going on in there. Cllr Hughes expressed concern over the Safety of the roof and unstable ceiling tiles, should they fall they could cause a nasty injury. Cllr Bennett suggested that they should be looking to bigger organisations for funding, e.g. Lottery.

Councillors unanimously agreed to withhold the funding from 2019-20 (£5,000) and funding from 2020-21 (£5,000) and ask for detailed information on how this money would be spent if it was handed over. It was agreed not to include £5,000 in the precept for the financial year 2021-22. It was noted that £25,000 has already been received this year from the PCC Covid Grant fund.

464/11 TO DISCUSS NOTIFICATION FROM PCC OF A STRATEGY CONSULATION ON PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE CATEGORY OF YSGOL BRO HYDDGEN, MACHYNLLETH It was agreed that this would not affect Llanidloes greatly.

464/12 TO DISCUSS CLIMATE EMERGENCY (Cllr Hughes) AND TO CONSIDER DECLATING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY (Council action plan attached) Cllr Hughes explained that this had come about further to a letter to Council from Llandrindod Wells Council which he had been asked to deal with. He could not find minuted evidence that Llanidloes Town Council have declared a Climate emergency and therefore requested that Council do 3 things which would ensure that we do declare a Climate emergency

- 1) Remove the word “Draft” from the Policy on Climate Change document displayed on the Council web site.
- 2) Note in the Minutes that we have declared a Climate Emergency
- 3) Form a working party to report back to Town Council meetings. This could be an item added to each Environment Panel agenda

This was unanimously voted for. Cllr Hughes was thanked for his work on this subject

464/13 TO DISCUSS “CONNECTING CLYWEDOG” AS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RADIATE ARTS After much discussion and many positive comments, it was agreed that Cllrs J Jones and R. Onions will attend the online meeting and report back to Town Council

464/14 TO FINALISE THE PRECEPT 2021/22 REQUEST Clerk informed Council that they need to consider the possible cost of repairs to the Courtyard at the rear of the Town Hall and donation to the Playground at Maesydre. Cllr McArthur asked that resurfacing/repairs to the paths at Severn Porte is taken into consideration also. Councillors unanimously agreed that the £10,000 currently in the budget for Day

Centre Services but which has not been requested, is moved to purchase equipment for the Maesydre Playground. It was unanimously agreed not to hand over the monies until we have received further information from PCC on the plans/quotations they have. It was unanimously agreed that the total sum to raise for the precept for the fiscal year 2021-22 will be £118,540 – a reduction of £42,140 from £160,680 in 2020-21. Councillors thought that this would be very beneficial to all residents at this difficult time of uncertainty. The paths at Severn Porte will be looked at by Councillors individually. Cllr McArthur will take photographs and it will be discussed at the next Environment Panel meeting. It was unanimously agreed that funding for repairs to the Courtyard will be taken out of reserves or Public Sector Deposit Fund if necessary.

464/15 TO DISCUSS PLANTING SCHEME AT PEN CLUN, NR VAN HILL AS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM IONA BLOCKLEY, COED CYMRU
Councillors thought this was a positive step towards Biodiversity

464/16 TO DISCUSS MEETING AT MAESYDRE PLAYGROUND (Cllr Crisp and Cllr Bennett) AND IMPROVEMENTS AND GRANT FUNDING FROM PCC, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SOME FUNDING FROM LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL Councillors were pleased that PCC are committing funding (£10,000) to the project as when they met on site with officers from PCC Playgrounds and Housing, they did not have many positive vibes. As above item 14, £10,000 will be moved from the Day Centre monies budgeted previously and sitting in Town Council account. Any monies for the Day Centre will be looked at as and when requested in the future.

464/17 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND COMMENTS MADE AS FOLLOWS

- a) 20/1940/HH Erection of extensions Green Hedges, Gorn Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6DQ *No Objection*
- b) 20/1919/HH Rear extension to garage and link extension from utility to garage Plot 2 Pen Rhos Y Maen, Gorn Road, Llanidloes, Powys *No Objection*
- c) 20/2006/HH Erection of an extension at Plot 1 Pen Rhos Y Maen Llanidloes SY18 6FA *No Objection*
- d) 20/2022/HH Side and front extension Fernhill, 6 Gorn Road, Llanidloes SY18 6DQ *No Objection*
- e) 20/2065/HH Rear single storey sunroom extension Cysgod Y Coed, 5 Pen y Borfa, Llanidloes SY18 6HP *No Objection*
- f) 20/2042/HH Erection of log store Mount Severn, Glan Y Nant, Llanidloes sy18 6PQ *No Objection*

464/18 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

1. NOVEMBER

101144	C. Taylor	325.00
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101145	W.H. Crisp	39.20
101146	EDF Energy	83.50
101147	Kevin Jones Cars	84.11
101148	LAS Recycling	187.99
101149	Banwy Fuels	621.81
101150	Border Janitorial Services	164.02
101151	Inland Revenue	1,148.54
101152	PCC (Pension)	757.22
101153	EDF Energy	92.64
101154	Wynnstay	154.89
101155	LAS Recycling	109.40
101156	BT	94.96
101157	J.C.Rowlands	75.00

£ 3,938.28

DECEMBER

101158	PC-Q	275.32
101159	Viking	164.48
101160	Hafren Dyfyrdwy	1055.71
101161	Beech Tree Services	1746.25
101162	Banwy Fuels	740.25
101163	Border Janitorial Supplies	165.56
101164	M. Bufton	120.00
101165	Scottish Power	67.45
101166	C. Taylor	600.00
101167	Dial a Ride	5,760.00
101168	Ashley Owen	5,000.00
101169	Simon Owen	5,000.00
101170	Security Wise Ltd	157.20
101171	LAS Recycling Ltd	112.94
101172	EDF Energy	88.15
101173	PCC (Pension)	757.22
101174	Inland Revenue	1,148.54
101175	SLCC	208.00

£ 23,167.07

464/19 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Full Council Meeting Monday 22nd February, 7.00 pm

Meetings for 2021 (as attached sheet)

The Mayor wished Councillors to consider information sent out from Zero Carbon Llanidloes relating to Making Welsh Hay – a project bid. Councillors agreed to send a letter of support to the project as it fits in with the Biodiversity plan of the Town Council

Cllr Margot Jones was asked to update the Council with the plans from Llanidloes Health Centre over the vaccination programme. Cllr Jones assured Council that the Health Centre are doing all they can to vaccinate as many people as possible in the shortest time. If they can get hold of the vaccines, they will administer them.

It was agreed that a letter of support and thanks at this difficult and challenging time is sent from Council to Staff at Maesywennol

The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm