

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, 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.

465/01 APOLOGIES There were no apologies received.

465/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr Crisp declared in item 4c as she is a member of Old Market Hall Committee

Cllr L Evans declared in item 4c as she is a member of Old Market Hall Committee

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

Cllr M Jones declared an interest in item 8 as she is Chair of Governors at Llanidloes High School

Cllr J Jones declared in item 8 as he is a School Governor

Cllr K Hawkins declared in item 8 as she is a School Governor

Cllr Breeze declared an interest in item 17c and 17d Planning as the applicant is related to him

Cllr T Davies declared in item 13 as she lives on that road

465/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 18.01.21 - Cllr McArthur disagreed that 464/10 was a unanimous agreement – he didn't agree, it was agreed to alter to "Majority". 464/09 Cllr McArthur didn't agree with the comments.

#### 465/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statement of Accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31.01.21 - *Received*
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank December 2020 – January 2021 – *Received Cllr G Morgan expressed his concern regarding having Cllr Edwards name on our Bank details. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain a death certificate to pass on to the Bank*
- c) Application for grant funding from Old Market Hall Committee – *Refer to next Finance Panel meeting*
- d) Letter from Mr Mark Hodges, giving notice of end of tenancy at the Old Library Office – *it was agreed to advertise the vacancy as soon as possible*

465/05 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS E MAIL AND LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR TIM MORGAN, TRUSTEE LLANIDLOES COMMUNITY CENTRE An e mail from Mr Morgan was received explaining as requested by Town Council what the trustees would spend £10,000 on. The Mayor explained that at the last meeting and following a site meeting, Councillors were not happy to hand over the money until some of the major works were completed as it would be throwing good money after bad. Cllr M Jones stated that the responsibility of the Community Centre is not the Town Councils and that trustees were quite happy to take over the building back in 2008 and apply for funding. Councillors were amazed at the fact that almost £75,000 of tax payers money has been given to the Community Centre by the Town Council since 2008. Cllr Jamie Jones was aghast at the fact that all this money has been given to the Community Centre as we are under no obligation, and the state of the building is still in a dreadful state, he now thinks it unthinkable that this Council should hand over any monies at this time. He wishes to take the Health and Safety of the building further and thinks that we are well served in Llanidloes for a variety of community meeting venues, e.g Church Halls, Old Library, School Halls. He thought the Centre should be sustainable and therefore put forward the following proposal

That the funding is allocated only upon :

1. The receipt of a health and safety certificate clearly stating that the whole building is safe to use.
2. An itemised and fully costed list of work to be carried out beforehand with quotations from at least three qualified tradesmen
3. That the work be carried out and invoiced for the work provided before funding is allocated and only up to a maximum of the 10k precepted by the Council
4. That a representative from the Council be allowed onto the premises to ensure that the work has been carried out to an acceptable standard.

Cllr McArthur thinks the trustees are trying their very best for the Town. He stated that they are talking to Windfarms as that is where they have had money from previously, they also have a strong team including a surveyor, engineer and architect

and he would suggest working with them to look at their financial position. He also suggested that the Trustees have a report on the building. The Mayor stated that the Trustees have had 13 years to make this viable and this Council is not there to prop them up. Cllr Lees thought it fair that after 13 years Council should rethink their donations and that if you are in a hole you should stop digging. Cllr Hawkins was concerned about why the Car Park refurbishments have been carried out before any works to the internal renovations which would seem to be a priority. She thinks that the trustees favour certain groups of users at reduced rates and therefore it was difficult for the general public to use. Cllr G Morgan suggested that we should send a small delegation of Councillors to meet all the trustees to discuss funds. Cllr M Jones gave some background on the Idloes Project (of which she was Chair) and the KPMG Report which was drawn up to investigate usage of the Community Centre. She explained that further to this report, local people came forward to run the Community Centre as a Charity and the Town Council had no further responsibility for it. The KPMG report stated that the hall was too big and would never be sustainable. Cllr Hughes expressed concern that if Council had promised the monies and didn't hand it over then that would bother him. Cllr Breeze said that we have promised the trustees the £10,000 but suggested offering to have a survey report done on the condition of the building but pay for it with the £10,000 as this would be a way forward. He also suggested that if there is a report available as suggested by Cllr McArthur then we should be able to see it. Cllr Davies said that Council should only give them £10,000 if it would make the building safe, as it is no good give it to sort out smaller issues if the roof is leaking, or funding toilets if no one is allowed in there to use the building. 11 Councillors voted for the proposal put forward by Cllr Jamie Jones and seconded by Cllr Onions, there were 2 Abstentions and 1 vote against.

465/06 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM CLLR G MORGAN RELATING TO LLANIDLOES COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REQUESTING FUNDING FOR GRO PUBLIC TOILETS (carried over from January meeting) It was agreed to defer this item for 3 months

465/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM MRS FRAN BLOCKLEY REGARDING SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR CONVERTING DERELICT GARAGES AT THE REAR OF BETHEL HALL INTO COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS It was agreed to send a letter of support to the project. Cllrs Crisp, Lees and Davies will attend any meetings to be held in the future. Cllr McArthur expressed concerns over the Charity applying for funding for a privately owned building. Majority of Councillors voted to support the application, there was one abstention

465/08 TO DISCUSS PCC ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR LLANIDLOES HIGH SCHOOL AND TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE Cllr M. Jones was asked to give background information on the policy and explained that the feeder Schools to Secondary school entrance could be affected. There could be long journey times to and from School, great concerns about losing Welsh medium teaching, and Siblings could be sent to different Schools. This could impact in the future with role numbers at the school. It was unanimously agreed that Council will support as a stakeholder.

465/09 TO RECEIVE BANK RECONCILIATION OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020

Received

465/10 TO RATIFY THE FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2021-22 Cllr Breeze

explained that this is a process we have to go through every year. Cllr G Morgan asked that on page 5 (Register of Members interest) we hold a book where members can insert their interests. This was unanimously agreed by Council.

465/11 TO DISCUSS PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR DELIVERING CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN AS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MAYA BIMSON, ZERO CARBON LLANIDLOES AND TO RECEIVE NEW WORDING TO THE ZCL CONSTITUTION FROM CHAIR OF ZCL Cllr Hughes informed Council that further to Council declaring a Climate Emergency it would be good to have discussions on this subject through the Environment Panel. Council agreed to this. Cllr Hughes asked if he could become a member of the Environment Panel, this was agreed to. Cllr Hughes informed Council that ZCL have willingly agreed to enter the word “lawful” into their Constitution further to a request from Town Council. The 7 page document originally produced by ZCL has now been updated to a one page coloured report which was much easier to understand and read and will be discussed at the next Environment Panel

465/12 TO DISCUSS “CONNECTING CLYWEDOG” FURTHER TO A MEETING ATTENDED BY CLLR RICHARD ONIONS AND CLLR JAMIE JONES Cllr Onions informed Council that the online meeting he recently attended was very beneficial. The meetings will be held monthly and the group were grateful of support from Town Council. Cllr Jones was sorry he was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments but has found the Connecting Clywedog group very helpful with resources they have supplied to the School. It was agreed that both Councillors will keep Council informed of any relevant matters.

465/13 TO RECEIVE A COPY LETTER SENT TO PCC REGARDING PARKING ON THE BRYNDU ROAD NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO DOLGWENITH Cllr Morgan supports the concerns of the resident and agreed the situation had become dangerous with so many vehicles parking near the brow of the hill. The double yellow lines which were discussed 2 years ago, have still not materialised. Cllr Morgan will contact Chris Lloyd and find out the reason for the hold up with double yellow lines and ask him to look at a very high speed hump and potholes in the road.

465/14 TO DISCUSS “COMMEMORATION NET” TO MARK THE DEATHS IN WALES FROM COVID 19 (REQUEST FROM CYTUN) The Mayor explained that she had been contacted by Mrs Marjorie Corbett, a member of Cytun, regarding displaying a net for residents to tie commemorative ribbons on to. It was agreed to suggest Millennium Garden or China Street Chapel as a suitable venue to Ms Corbett

465/15 TO DISCUSS QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FROM PCC FOR MAESYDRE PLAYGROUND Clerk informed Council that the quotations have not been received.

465/16 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CAMBRIAN MOUNTAINS INITIATIVE AND TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK AS REQUESTED It was agreed that Councillors will provide feedback as individuals

465/17 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND COMMENTS MADE AS FOLLOWS

- a) 21/0065/OUT Outline application for erection of an affordable dwelling, formation of vehicular access and all associated works (some matters reserved) resubmission of 20/0382/OUT Land North of Parc Derwen Fawr, Llanidloes *No Objection*
- b) 20/1632/FUL Demolition of workshop building and the erection of a replacement workshop building (B1D, B2 & A1) improvements to access and car parking area, and all associated works, The Workshop, Bethel Street, Llanidloes SY18 6BS *This application has now been withdrawn*
- c) 21/0003/FUL Change of use of units M & L from commercial (B1) to form 2 Dwellings and Associated works, Station Building, Units M & L Llanidloes Powys *No Objection*
- d) 21/0004/LBC Internal Alterations to form 2 dwellings to include creation of a mezzanine and installation of secondary glazing, Station Building, Units M & L Llanidloes, Powys *No Objection*
- e) 21/0166/FUL Change of use of part of a commercial selling space (A1) to mixed use (A1 & A3), to incorporate a kitchen and cafe (A3) Bethel Hall , Bethel Street, Llanidloes *No Objection*

465/18 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED FOR JANUARY

101176	Banwy Fuels	1411.41
101177	Viking	295.86
101178	Border Janitorial Supplies	34.85
101179	PC-Q	210.66
101180	Inland Revenue	1148.54
101181	PCC (Pension)	757.22
101182	Audit Wales	334.15
101183	EDF Energy	84.89
101184	One Voice Wales (training)	150.00
101185	Banwy Fuels	1337.39
101186	Border Janitorial Supplies	129.50
Total		£ 5,894.47

465/19 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Full Council Meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.00 pm

Environment Planning Meeting - It was agreed that a site meeting at Severn Porte will take place when the Covid rules relax and Councillors are legally allowed to meet outdoors

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm