

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 24th MAY, 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

Town Clerk

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors to the meeting and apologised for sending out the Llanidloes in Bloom poster which contained spelling errors. She reiterated the fact that Councillors should always send apologies when they are unable to attend a meeting.

468/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr R. Onions

468/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr Crisp declared in item 8 as she is a member of the Old Market Hall Committee

Cllr L. Evans declared in item 8 as she is a member of the Old Market Hall Committee

Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC as he is a member.

Cllr K Hawkins declared in item 9 as her partner is involved in the project

468/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 26.04.21 - True Record, unanimously voted for
Environment Panel Meeting held on 29.04.21 – True Record unanimously voted for
AGM held on 23.11.20 – True Record, unanimously voted for
AGM held on 04.05.21 – True Record, unanimously voted for

468/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statement of Accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30.04.21 - *Received*
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank March 2021 – April 2021 – *Received*
- c) Request for funding from Hope House – *It was agreed to pass on to next Finance Panel meeting*

468/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM RESIDENT REGARDING RUBBISH ON THE GRO AND IN THE TOWN Cllr Jamie Jones agreed that the Gro and Riverbank are a mess from the cardboard which has overflowed the recycling bins. Cllr Hughes agreed that the Gro is not the best place for the bins and the Mount Lane car park would be a more suitable site. Cllr Hughes thought that Llanidloes is hard done by as the recycling facilities in other Towns, e.g. Llandrindod, Rhayader and even Llandinam are better than those in Llanidloes. Cllr Bennett thought that other possible areas we have suggested to PCC have been dismissed as there are access problems, but he thought that more regular emptying could solve the issues and suggested that the local PCC Operative could make daily visits to tidy the area and inform PCC when the bin needs emptying. It was agreed that the Clerk will make further enquiries in to the sites at Park Hafren and Parc Dderwen Fawr. Cllr Morgan said we have been here before and asked if it is that important.

468/06 TO DISCUSS ZERO CARBON LLANIDLOES ACTION PLAN (Reducing, re-using and recycling) AND RESITING RECYCLING SKIPS AS DISCUSSED AT ENVIRONMENT PANEL MEETING (Cllr Hughes) Cllr Hughes explained that Zero Carbon initially produced a 7 page document on turning Llanidloes Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan into reality, this has now been reduced to a one page document which is much easier to understand. It was unanimously agreed to:-

- a) Post on the website that Llanidloes Town Council recommend reducing single use plastics by people organising Town events
- b) post on the website, information about what to recycle and where, including unusual items e.g Spectacles, Ink Cartridges, Crisp Packets etc
- c) Improve recycling facilities which would reduce landfill.

Clerk will arrange an Environment meeting and will invite Mr Ashley Collins along to discuss options for alternative sites.

468/07 TO APPOINT COUNCILLORS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING WITH PCSO MAIR DAVIES ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE It was agreed that Cllr Alan Bennett and Cllr John Hughes will join the meeting

468/08 TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO DISBAND OMH COMMITTEE AND TRANSFER THE RUNNING OF OLD MARKET HALL TO LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL (Cllr Crisp) Cllr Crisp informed the meeting that the OMH Management meeting have been unable to meet due to Covid restrictions but Catherine Richards, Officer from PCC has now arranged a meeting for Wednesday this week. She explained that this is a fact finding mission to find out what interest there is from the Town Council. Cllr Margot Jones understood the frustration of not being able to meet and explained how distressed she was at the photos of deterioration of the internal of the OMH. Cllr G Morgan stated that the agreement was drawn up by him 18 years ago and the committee should be allowed to meet and make decisions. Cllrs M. Jones, Breeze, Hawkins, Lees, Davies all offered to volunteer if needed. Cllrs J Jones and Hughes suggested that the OMH could be marketing local produce. The following proposal was unanimously agreed upon:-

Town Council as a body give their utmost support to the OMH Management Committee and will wait for information further to the meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th May.

468/09 TO RECEIVE AN E MAIL FROM MR JOHN SELLY REGARDING PROPOSED PUMP TRACK Councillors who attended the site meeting were not in favour of the Football Club site and preferred the Riverside option. Clerk suggested Environment Panel meet with Mr Selly to look at the proposed sites. However, contrary to the Environment panel recommendation, Councillors were in agreement that the Football Club site was more suitable for the pump track. Cllr Breeze was not in agreement as he was conscious of the noise to neighbours which could cause a problem. A proposal was agreed as follows:-

Town Council agree in principal to the Football Club site so that the Pump Track Committee can move forward with plans.

This was voted for by 12 Councillors. 1 Councillor voted against.

468/10 TO A LETTER FROM A TENANT OF THE TOWN HALL, COMPLAINING ABOUT THE MESS A STALL HOLDER IS CAUSING OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL Cllr Lees agreed that the area is messy and an eyesore. It was agreed that Clerk will speak to the Tenant as he sub-lets to the stall holder, and ask him to have the area tidied up and remove hanging garments from the Town Hall gates. The new platforms outside the Crown and Anchor were discussed and Councillors agreed that they are a monstrosity. It was agreed to complain to the Owners.

468/11 TO DISCUSS MEETING AT THE HANGING GARDENS (Cllrs Crips, J Hughes and J Jones) Cllr J Jones explained that a meeting took place on 13th May with the Wilderness Trust, and he was very impressed with such an exciting Community project which will include a Cinema, Café etc. 4 festivals per annum, one for each Season, will be arranged. Cllr Hughes was also very impressed with the plans in place.

468/12 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A YOUTH COUNCIL (Cllr Crisp) Cllr Crisp thought that involving youths between the ages of 14- 18 to join the Council could be a possibility. They could also have their own meetings in the Chamber as happened some years ago. Clerk has asked Russell George AM for advice as to how this was recently set up in the Senedd. Cllr J Jones thought this would be a good plan for Pupils at the High School to be involved in.

468/13 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/0761/FUL Change of use of unit 5C including the land to the rear of the units 5C and 5D from class B8 use to class B8 use and A1 retail use – Unit 5C Derwen Fawr Business Park, Llanidloes SY18 6FE - *No Objections*

21/0858/HH Side and Front extension Fernhill, 6 Gorn Road, Llanidloes SY18 6DQ - *No Objections*

468/14 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL WERE CONFIRMED

101210	C. Taylor	380.00
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101211	Border Janitorial Supplies	86.47
101212	Seren Web	240.00
101213	Banwy Fuels	764.93
101214	PC-Q	62.66
101215	EDF Energy	90.24
101216	Vine Pest Control	60.00
101217	EDF Energy	224.84
101218	LAS Recycling	221.60
101219	Viking	113.66
101220	Inland Revenue	1,112.39
101221	PCC (Pension)	688.09
Total		£ 4,044.88

468/15 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE GWEN PRINCE - Cllr Bennett attended a meeting at the Orchard on 20th May where he met with a group of Quakers and the Stonemason. He explained that plans are being drawn up by the Stonemason for a plaque of 12" x 24" which would be placed on the central tree in the Community Orchard. The Quakers were under the impression that the Orchard had been planted in memory of Gwen Prince but Council were never told that that this was the case. Mr Phil Stallard, who planted the Orchard, had admitted to making a mistake and not informing Council of this intention. Cllr G Morgan had no objection. Councillors had a problem with the Orchard being dedicated to one person.

The following Proposal was made

A plaque of approx. 6" x 6" will be allowed to go on to one of the trees in memory of Gwen Prince but the whole orchard will not be named in her memory.

12 Councillors voted for the proposal

1 Councillor voted against.

MONIES FROM PCC FOR LOCAL CAUSES

The following suggestions to pass on to PCC were made

Maesydre Playground

Hanging Baskets (Llanidloes in Bloom)

Llanidloes Pump Track

Defibrillator

Old Market Hall Committee

3 G PITCH AT LLANIDLOES HIGH SCHOOL

Cllr J Jones expressed concern over rumours that charges for use of the pitch are going to be excessive. Clerk will find out the proposed costs for hire of the pitch.

E MAIL FROM ROWAN JONES REQUESTING USE OF THE RIVERSIDE WALK – PENYGREEN ROAD. Councillors agreed to the use of the area for a cycle event in the Summer. Clerk will obtain Insurance and Risk Assessment from the organisers.

Cllr G Morgan explained that he has been approached by the family of the late Lady Hooson, asking if Council would like to have a portrait of Sir George Hamer. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Cllr Bennett expressed concern over the state of the grounds at Llanidloes Hospital. Clerk will find out why the grass area has not been cut.

468/16 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meeting at Glandwr	–	Friday 28 th May 12.30 pm
Finance Panel Meeting	-	Monday 28 th June 6.30 pm
Full Council Meeting	-	Monday 28 th June, 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm