

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th JANUARY, 2022 AT
7.00 PM ON ZOOM

PRESENT Cllr J. Crisp (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ E. Breeze
“ T. Davies
“ L. Evans
“ K. Hawkins
“ J. Hughes
“ M. Jones
“ S. Lees
“ G. McArthur
“ A. Morgan
“ G. Morgan
“ R. Onions
3 members of the Public
1 member of the Press
Town Clerk

476/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Jones

476/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF
BUSINESS

Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC as he is a member
Cllr E. Breeze declared in 4e as he is a member of Dial a Ride committee
Cllr L. Evans declared in 4e as she is a member of Dial a Ride committee
Cllr G. McArthur declared in 4g & h as he is a member of the LBJC
Cllr A. Bennett declared in 4g & h as he is a member of LBJC
Cllr T. Davies declared in 4g & h as she is a member of LBJC
Cllr R. Onions declared in item 11 20/0887/HH planning application as he is the
applicant

476/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 13/12/21 – True Record unanimously agreed

475/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statements of account from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30.11.21 and 31.12.21
- Received
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank November –
December 2021 - Received
- c) Thank you letter from Llanidloes Cricket Club – Received
- d) Thank you letter from Hope House - Received
- e) Thank you letter from Llanidloes and District Community Transport Scheme –
Received

- f) Request for funding from Urdd National Eisteddfod – Council decided that as this was not in our area (Montgomeryshire) then we would not donate
- g) Letter from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee, regarding Precept request – Received
- h) Bank Reconciliation November 2021 and Accounts to December from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee - Received

476/05 TO DISCUSS HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE AS LETTERS RECEIVED FROM RT HON MICHAEL GOVE MP AND BRUNO PEEK PAGEANT MASTER Cllr Crisp explained that this Council will be changing in May and therefore it would be difficult for Council to organise any events. It was agreed by the majority of Council that the Mayor will call a meeting to find out how many people are interested in organising events for the occasion. Clerk has spoken to members of Rotary and they are going to organise a Beacon. Cllr Crisp has spoken to Llanwnog Choir and they are going to get together with other local choirs. Cllr Margot Jones suggested a Town Crier competition. The Mayor will advertise the initial meeting to all organisations via the local press and local media.

476/06 TO DISCUSS QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR REDUCING TREES AT VICTORIA PARK (Cllr Bennett) Cllr Bennett explained that 3 quotations have been received for reducing 9 Lime trees at Victoria Park. 3 of the trees are very large and have branches which could become dangerous in the near future if not cut back. These trees are next to the Children’s Playground. The 3 quotations were very similar and it was therefore agreed by Council that this work should take place as soon as possible. Councillors wishing to attend a site visit on Thursday 27th January at 11.00 am will meet with Chair of Environment, Cllr Bennett, where a decision on which contractor to use will be made.

476/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM A RESIDENT UNHAPPY ABOUT CONTACTLESS ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC TOILETS It was agreed to receive the letter and send a reply to the author of the letter informing her that contactless is now widely being used for toilets, car parks etc. This was the only letter of complaint received by Town Council. It was agreed to make access/instruction for use clearly visible on the toilet doors.

476/08 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR ANDY JOYNSON REGARDING ERRORS ON THE DRAGON TRAIL LEAFLET Cllr Crisp thought Council could have been too heavy handed with the alterations. Cllr A Morgan said she had marked the errors which were marked so that spelling/grammatical errors could be corrected for the next print run. Clerk confirmed that the errors were not sent maliciously but the purpose was to point out errors for correction next time.

476/09 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON BROADBAND FROM JOE LOWE PC-Q AND TO LISTEN TO HIS VIEWS ON COUNCIL ENDORSING BROADWAY BROADBAND Mr Lowe from PC-Q was welcomed to the meeting. The Mayor

explained to Council that she had been contacted by Mr Lowe before Christmas as soon as a leaflet from Broadway Broadband was delivered to all residents in the Town. The leaflet had her name on it along with the names of Cllr Gareth Morgan and Cllr Phyl Davies, and was promoting Broadway Broadband. The Mayor explained that she had agreed to her name going on the letter as Council had endorsed Broadband at the November Council meeting further to a presentation from Cllr Phyl Davies. Cllr Morgan said he had not agreed to his name going on to the letter, although he said that Cllr Phyl Davies had contacted him and asked if he would approve the Broadway plans in Principle, which he had agreed to do. Mr Lowe has contacted Cllr Phyl Davies but has not had any response from him. Cllr Onions explained that Council understood Cllr Phyl Davies was recommending to Council, something that no one else could provide. The fact that there are 200 other approved suppliers of this scheme was not mentioned by Cllr Phyl Davies to Town Council. Councillors agreed that they had been hoodwinked and misled into something which was promoted by PCC and Mr Lowe was urged to go back to PCC with his concerns. Town Council will write to Broadway explaining that they have taken the Town Council name in vain as we were endorsing a scheme for improved Broadband for the area surrounding the Town and were misled into endorsing one individual company.

476/10 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ZERO CARBON LLANIDLOES TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL BY CLLR HUGHES Cllr Hughes explained the 2 sheets of information sent to Councillors by Zero Carbon Llanidloes. The first being a Renewable Energy proposal and the second, a PACE Document (Home Energy Audit Project). Cllr Hughes explained that there would be no financial or officer time involved with these projects as at this stage, ZCL are trying to raise awareness and request general support for the project. It was agreed that point 1, setting up a joint company between LTC and ZCL was not necessary at this time otherwise points 2 – 10 were approved by the Council. A grant has been applied for and Councillors agreed that if successful Council will look further at the project. A proposal that Council will support in principle, ZCL in their endeavour to roll out the programme of PV installation in Llanidloes was unanimously agreed upon.

476/11 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM HH4MW ON THE 2022 HERITAGE FESTIVAL Cllr Crisp informed Council that she and Cllr Davies attended an event in Newtown in 2019 which was very interesting and informative. Cllr G Morgan asked if the event planned for Llanidloes this year could coincide with the Jubilee celebrations. Councillors were unanimously in favour of supporting the project but were mindful that there is more to Llanidloes than Laura Ashley. It was agreed that Clerk will write back and ask for more information and what they are expecting of us.

476/12 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Cllr McArthur) As Councillors were unable to hear Cllr McArthur's presentation, he will distribute via e mail.

476/13 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/2142/FUL Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission (approved drawings) Removal of flat roofed section withing the approved scheme. Existing approved drawings to be replaced with new drawings Land Adjacent to Dolafon, Newtown Road, Llanidloes Powys - As the link on PCC Planning Portal is not working, Clerk will ask for the correct link to be advertised and therefore a delay to the closing date for comments

21/2288/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission 20/0887/HH to allow for amended plans Clywedog Caravan Park, Van Llanidloes Powys SY18 6NE – Cllr Onions declared an interest and left the meeting. No Objections – unanimously agreed.

476/14 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER WERE CONFIRMED

101318	Banwy Fuels	1,036.35
101319	Scottish Power	83.02
101320	C. Taylor	432.00
101321	Hafren Dyfyrdwy	690.38
101322	Border Janitorial Supplies	83.25
101323	PCC (Pension)	777.10
101324	Inland Revenue	1,132.59
101325	Dial A Ride	2,240.00
101326	LAS Recycling	120.48
101327	Viking	45.21
101328	PC-Q	62.66
101329	EDF Energy	149.99

Total £ 6,853.03

476/15 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr A. Morgan asked Cllr Evans if the Millennium Garden committee had received notification of what was happening with the hedge between the garden and Green Villa. Cllr Evans had sent a letter from Millennium Garden committee but had not received a reply. Clerk will send a letter to Mr Powell, owner of the premises

Cllr Breeze informed Council that they need to officially accept the Internal Auditor John Henry to carry out the Internal Audit for the fiscal year 2021-22. Council unanimously agreed that Mr Henry should carry out the Internal Audit, completing all the checks he usually carries out.

Cllr Onions asked if Council could look again at works required at the Severn Porte area. It was agreed to set up a site meeting for the Environment Panel on Thursday 27th January at 10.30 am.

Cllr Crisp asked Cllr Davies if she was on patrol with PC and PCSO recently as a Councillor or member of the Public. Cllr Davies said she was asked to attend with the Police as a Business owner, Councillor and resident. Cllr Crisp asked that any Councillor asked to attend a public event checks first with the Clerk.

Cllr Crisp brought up an e mail received from Russell George MS earlier in the day which stated that there is no further development on the Hafren Terrace road scheme. The Liberal Democrats have organised a meeting this week but that has been organised by a Political party and not officially by Welsh Government.

476/16 DATES FOR FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Monday 28th February 7.00 pm – Full Council

Tuesday 8th February 6.30 pm – Finance Panel meeting to look through the Financial Risk Assessment

The meeting ended at 7.33 pm