

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 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  
“ J. Jones  
“ S. Lees  
“ G. McArthur  
“ A. Morgan  
“ G. Morgan  
“ R. Onions  
Town Clerk

477/01 APOLOGIES No Apologies

477/02 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 L. Evans declared in item 8 as a member of the Millennium Garden Committee

Cllr T. Davies declared in item 8 as a member of the Millennium Garden Committee

477/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 24/01/22 – 476/09 *It was agreed to alter the wording to say Cllr Morgan had spoken to Cllr Phyl Davies and had agreed to approve the Broadband (not Broadway) plans in principal. True Record unanimously agreed Minutes of Environment Panel meeting held on 27.01.22 it was agreed to add the wording – 3 larger trees, Committee were happy for them to be looked at but did not agree for the 6 smaller trees to be done. At 7.09 Cllr Lees left the meeting after not being able to be heard due to microphone malfunction.*

Finance Panel minutes 08.02.22 *Financial Risk assessment for 2022/23 was Unanimously accepted and minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record.*

477/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Invitation from Heritage Hub 4 Mid Wales to event on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at the Royal Welsh Warehouse, Newtown, Powys – *Received*
- b) Letter requesting funding from a member of Llanidloes Explorer Scouts – *It was agreed that Council are not able to fund an individual.*
- c) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund and information on sub-fund interest rates - *Received*
- d) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - *Received*

- e) Letter from resident regarding Public Toilets - *Received*
- f) Letter from AED Donate confirming registration of Defibrillator at the rear of the Town Hall - *Received*

477/05 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Cllr McArthur) Cllr Crisp explained that Council are grateful for the update sent by Cllr McArthur but was not impressed with him belittling a fellow Councillor as the code of conduct states all Councillors should be treated with respect. Cllr Hughes explained that he was concerned with the quality of the lights and is hopeful that this year they will be improved from last year. Cllr Morgan asked if there is grant funding available for Christmas lights, Clerk will look into.

477/06 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM MR PAUL JERVIS REGARDING ROAD SAFETY AUDIT ON GORN ROAD/HIGH STREET ROAD LAYOUT Councillor G Morgan stated that had not received any further information and another site meeting should be organised. Clerk will ask for a copy of the report. Cllr M Jones expressed her concerns over the very dangerous road now that all the contractors vans are parked and doesn't understand why the pavement has been widened. Visibility is now worse that it was previously. She also expressed concern that we should tread carefully as we don't want a one way system or traffic lights. Cllr Breeze stated that there has been a recent accident on that road. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting once the report has been received.

477/07 TO RECEIVE A COPY LETTER SENT TO RUSSELL GEORGE FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING LLANIDLOES SAFETY SCHEME AND UPDATE LETTER FROM RUSSELL GEORGE FURTHER TO THE MEETING HELD WITH PCC AND WELSH GOVERNMENT Councillors were pleased to note that they will be consulted on any future plans after being ignored previously.

477/08 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM OWNERS OF NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY TO MILLENNIUM GARDEN REGARDING REMOVAL OF HEDGE Cllr Evans informed Council that she had met on site with Mr Powell and he will be replacing the hedge in the Spring.

477/09 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS PUBLIC MEETING AND DISCUSS PLANNED EVENTS It was agreed that the committee are carrying on with help of local residents. Clerk is helping with relevant information. Minutes will keep being distributed to keep everyone informed.

477/10 TO DISCUSS RECENT DAMAGE TO OLD MARKET HALL AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ANGELA PROTHEROE AT PCC FURTHER TO A SITE MEETING It was agreed that the recent correspondence received from Angela Protheroe looked positive on improvements being carried out imminently. Clerk was thanked for her prompt and efficient action when the OMH was hit recently. It was agreed that Clerk will write to Wynnstay and Hafren

Furnishers again, asking them to make sure their deliveries are brought in avoiding the Town Centre.

477/11 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM KEITH NIXON PCC REGARDING TREE AT THE GRO AND TO DISCUSS VILLAGE GREEN STATUS AT THE GRO  
Further to discussion it was agreed to leave this item until the new Council take over in May.

477/12 TO DISCUSS ACCESS FROM SHORT BRIDGE STREET TO THE GRO The Mayor explained that residents of Penygreen road are complaining about closure of the thoroughfare due to building works being carried out on the Old Mill. Cllr Morgan informed Council that he started investigating and thinks that a Right of Way could be found if Statutory Declarations signed by Residents, setting out the extensive use of the thoroughfare over many years, could be sent in to PCC to register Right of way. Cllr Morgan will start the process off.

477/13 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM ZERO CARBON LLANIDLOES CONCERNING THE LACK OF INTEGRATION BETWEEN TRAIN AND BUS SERVICES AT CARESWS AND RESPONSE FROM CTY CLLR PHYL DAVIES  
Councillors agreed with suggestions from ZCL and agreed that a feasibility study should be carried out. It was unanimously agreed to take up the offer from ZCL.

477/14 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ZERO CARBON LLANIDLOES ON A GRANT THEY HAVE RECEIVED Cllr Hughes informed Council that ZCL have received a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Fund, with the initial part of the project employing an officer to set up solar and PSV

477/15 TO DISCUSS CLEARING OF DRAINS IN TOWN BY PCC Further to the recent storms it was agreed that the drains were in need of clearing. This is being carried out this week in Town. Clerk informed Council that she had thanked the local highways employees for their hard work in difficult conditions during Storm Franklin.

477/16 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION WAS DISCUSSED

22/0221/FUL Proposed erection of dwelling with detached garage Plot 1 Dyfnant, Van Road, Llanidloes SY18 6HR No Objections

477/17 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY WERE CONFIRMED

.To confirm Accounts for **JANUARY**

101330	C. Taylor	432.00
101331	M. Bufton	96.00
101332	Banwy Fuels	829.08
101333	Smartyres	208.80
101334	PC-Q	62.66
101335	EDF Energy	387.54
101336	LAS Recycling	240.08

101337	Wynnstay	89.50
101338	Simon Owen	630.00
101339	Inland Revenue	1,132.59
101340	PCC (pension)	777.10
Total		£ 4,885.35

#### 477/18 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr Onions informed Council that he had spoken to a Tarmac contractor and to tarmac the Severn Porte area would cost between £10,000 - £20,000

Cllr Breeze explained that we still had £20,000 in our account ringfenced for the Community Centre. Councillors unanimously agreed that now that the works have been carried out to the roof, the monies should be handed over.

Cllr M Jones expressed concern over the trees in the Severn Porte area stating that the responsibility lies with the Town Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain quotations for pollarding the trees and making safe. 2 Councillors voted against.

Cllr Hughes as a member of the Twinning committee asked if Council are prepared to hand over funding as they have done in recent years so that a reception for the Derval visitors can take place on 22nd July 2022. Councillors unanimously agreed that the monies can be handed over.

Cllr G Morgan explained that he had passed on a letter to a Senior Housing officer from a lady with concerns about the Common Housing Register. It was agreed to invite a Housing officer to join our meeting so that Councillors can understand how the Housing Register works.

Cllr Davies asked if Clerk would mention a bent sign near to Town Hall to Powys Highways

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm