

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022 AT 7.00 PM ON ZOOM

PRESENT Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)  
“ A. Bennett  
“ T. Davies  
“ J. Hughes  
“ M. Jones  
“ A. Morgan  
“ G. Morgan  
“ R. Onions  
Town Clerk

482/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr G. McArthur

482/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr G. Morgan declared in all matters concerning PCC as he is a Member  
Cllr T. Davies declared in Finance Panel s137 donations as a member of Llanidloes Millennium Garden Committee

482/03 MINUTES

**Council meeting held on 27/06/22 – Unanimously agreed**

**Minutes of Housing meeting held with Mrs Ceri Davies, PCC on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00 pm – Unanimously agreed**

**Minutes of Environment Panel meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm - this meeting was cancelled due to illness**

**Minutes of Finance Panel meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm – Unanimously agreed. Cllr Davies declared an interest. Recommendations for s137 donations were unanimously accepted. Cllr J Jones was thanked for his generous donation of the Mayors allowance - £500 to go back in to s137s.**

482/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Receipt for £15,000 precept payment to Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee - *Received*
- ii) Advance notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays 13<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May & 13<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> June *Received*
- iii) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 - *Received*

482/05 TO DISCUSS REFURBISHMENT OF CHAIRS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER (Cllr Bennett) Cllr Bennett had taken a chair to Hafren Furnishers and received an estimate of £80 per chair fully refurbished and re webbed and covered in expanded vinyl. Councillors had received photographs of the sample chair. It was agreed that approx. 10 Chairs are in a very poor state. Cllr Davies proposed that 5 chairs should be done each year as a rolling programme and the cost should be built in to the budget. It was agreed that the sample chair would be available at the next meeting

where Council would make a decision on how many chairs to refurbish in this fiscal year.

482/06 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LIFT FOR THE TOWN HALL Cllr Mrs Angela Morgan informed the meeting that the group (Cllrs A Morgan, G. Morgan and J. Hughes) had met with Charles Cowan to discuss the plans which were drawn up in 2004. These plans (which had been distributed to Councillors via e mail) do not need any changes. Listed building consent and Planning permission will have to be applied for and Cadw will need to be consulted. Three quotations will be required. Councillors unanimously agreed to give the group consent to go ahead and apply for quotations and look into sources for funding.

482/07 TO DISCUSS HOUSING MEETING HELD WITH MRS CERI DAVIES, PCC It was agreed that the meeting was very comprehensive and there were no more questions to ask. Councillors agreed that it is disheartening in many ways that local Councils no longer have any say in local people having houses due to current legislation.

482/08 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS G. MORGAN AND G. PRESTON Cllr Morgan had no comments to make. Cllr Preston was not present at the meeting

482/09 TO DISCUSS PLANTING ON THE ROUNDABOUT NEAR LONGBRIDGE AND MAKING PARK AREAS MORE NATURE FRIENDLY Ms Tamsin Watson, member of Zero Carbon Llanidloes joined the meeting to explain the proposed planning of the roundabout. ZCL are keen to make Llanidloes Peat free and reduce the use of plastic, therefore they approached Rotary Club and offered to take over the planting of the roundabout. They would use donated plants such as Creeping Thyme, Rudbeckia, Honesty and Ice plants, with plants no higher than 1.5M. Councillors expressed concern over visibility in such a busy area of the Town. Ms Watson assured Councillors that the suggested plants conform to Highways legislation. She expressed it was a popular community project involving many volunteers as well as many members of Rotary. Ms Watson was thanked for attending the meeting. The majority of Councillors agreed to allow the group to plant up the roundabout only.

482/10 TO RECEIVE A 10 MINUTE PRESENTATION FROM MATT HEXTER, CAMLAS CYMRU ON BUTE ENERGY PROJECT REGARDING TWO RENEWABLE ENERGY PARKS IN THE LLANGURIG AREA. Mr Alastair Adey Project manager for Bute Energy and Mr Steven Jones, Camlas Cymru joined the meeting. Mr Adey explained that this is an initial scoping meeting including local stakeholders and just the start of a 24 month project to include 2 separate energy park developments in the Llangurig area. Cllr M Jones asked if there would be any Community financial benefit to the Town, Mr Adey was hopeful that there would be.

482/11 TO DISCUSS BRYNPOSTEG ISSUES Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a response to an e mail sent to NRW. Lorries are now tipping in permitted

areas which were not filled previously. Clerk will distribute the e mail to all Councillors and include onto the Action Plan for the next meeting.

482/12 TO DISCUSS RESPONSE FROM LLANIDLOES WITHOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGARDING HIRE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER. It was agreed to write back to LWOCC to point out that we are separate Councils with individual precepts and ask if they wish to contribute half of the costs of running the Council chamber? Cllr G Morgan abstained, otherwise it was a unanimous vote for not allowing any reduction in the rate charged.

482/13 TO DISCUSS RESPONSE FROM MR CLIVE PINNEY Councillors were disgusted by the response after waiting 4 months. It was agreed to write to Chief Executive of PCC to complain about the shoddy way in which this has been dealt with.

482/14 TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURE OF BARCLAYS BANK IN NEWTOWN AND WELSHPOOL Clerk informed Council that the closure in Newtown would be very difficult for this Council as we are unable to have online banking and often Clerk has to visit the bank to change standing orders etc. Cllr Margot Jones suggested we should join the campaign to keep the branches open. Clerk will contact MP and MS

482/15 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/1190/DEE Deed of revocation to discharge the s106 agreement attached to permission P/2017/0765 in relation to affordable housing contribution Dyfnant, Llanidloes, Powys *It was unanimously agreed to **object** to the application*

22/1168/ELE diversion of an existing overhead line at Land Off Gorn Road SY18 6LD *It was agreed that more information is required to make a decision*

482/16 The following Accounts for **JUNE** were confirmed

101392	Mrs Ruth Davies (planters)	160.00
101393	J.A. Jones (window cleaner)	100.00
101394	Churches Fire (OMH)	55.63
101395	B.T.	298.67
101396	Viking	228.97
101397	PC-Q	129.06
101398	C. Taylor	432.00
101399	Inland Revenue	1,209.25
101400	PCC (Pension)	810.56
101401	Dragon Trail	15.00
101402	Llanidloes Burial Committee	15,000.00
101403	Border Janitorial	72.78
101404	J.C. Rowlands	275.00
101405	Void	
101406	Kings Nurseries	128.00
Total	£	18,914.92

#### 482/17 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr Davies wished to ask a question regarding the Millennium Garden. Cllr Davies had sent a request on e mail some weeks ago requesting that the gate could be repaired and some works to the footpath carried out by the Town Council in the Millennium Garden. Council agreed that these works could be carried out.

#### 482/18 ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Chairs – Council Chamber	Unresolved	Cllr Bennett/Council
Brynposteg - tipping	Response for next meeting	Clerk
Cwmdu – Clive Pinney	Unresolved	Council
Barclays Bank Closure	Join Campaign	Clerk/MP/MS

#### 482/19 MEETINGS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 6.30 pm to discuss Co option candidates

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 7.00 pm to discuss Christmas Lights 2022

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Full Council Meeting

482/20 POWYS DIGITAL TOWNS SUPPORT PROGRAMME Councillors were joined by Mr Gary Howell, a consultant for the programme as Holly Jones was unable to attend. He explained that the programme involves technology to allow the ability to monitor things like footfall, fridge temperatures, parking bays, as well as monitoring pollution and air quality. Welsh Government have provided pots of money spread around various large Towns in Wales to trial the project, and to see the benefits of helping regeneration. Holly Jones will inform Councillors of the next steps on her return from holiday.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm