

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER, 2022
AT 7.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES

PRESENT Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ D. Craig
“ G. Davies
“ T. Davies
“ K. Hawkins
“ J. Hughes
“ M. Jones
“ E. Leguay
“ G. McArthur
“ A. Morel
“ A. Morgan
“ G. Morgan
Town Clerk
Cty Cllr Glyn Preston
1 member of the press

Council met with Mr David Jones, Chilmarsh Consultancy prior to the start of the meeting. Mr Jones wished to inform Council of plans for regeneration of the Town which were being funded through Powys County Council in the wake of the Covid pandemic. Mr Jones explained that 10 towns in Powys would benefit from the funding, he is overseeing 5 towns. It was agreed that Mr Jones will meet with Environment Panel for a brainstorming session on 10th October at 7.00 pm. Environment Panel will feed back to Town Council

The Mayor welcomed all Council members to the meeting. Cllr Hughes gave an inspiring and uplifting reading and new Councillors were made to feel welcome and encouraged to take part.

484/01 APOLOGIES There were No Apologies

484/02 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 T. Davies declared in item 4 viii as she is a member of the Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee

Cllr G. McArthur declared in item 4 viii as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee

Cllr A. Bennett declared in item 4 viii as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee

484/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 25.07.22 – *True Record unanimously agreed*

Meeting to discuss Christmas Lights 22.08.22 at 6.30 pm – *True Record unanimously agreed*

Meeting to discuss co-option of Councillors 22.08.22 at 7.00 pm – *True Record unanimously agreed*

Minutes of meeting held on 06.09.22 to ratify the Annual Return – *True Record unanimously agreed*

484/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund at 31.08.22 - *Received*
- ii) Letter from Hope House Children's Hospices - *Received*
- iii) Thank you, e mail, from Llanidloes Guides – *Received*
- iv) Letter from Cerebral Palsy Cymru requesting funding – *pass on to next Finance panel meeting*
- v) Information from Llanidloes Futures Project (in lieu of workshop) via e mail - *Received*
- vi) Letter from PCC advising of members elected on to the Standards Community Sub-Committee – *Received*
- vii) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee - *Received*

484/05 TO DISCUSS REFURBISHMENT OF CHAIRS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Councillors thanked Cllr Bennett for liaising with Hafren Furnishers. It was agreed after looking at the sample chair, that another 5 Chairs (making it 6 in total) would be refurbished this year. The total spend would be £480.00.

484/06 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS ANNUAL RETURN (ratified at the last meeting) AND THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND AGREE ON FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Cllr Hughes read out the conclusion of the Internal Audit Report and explained the report and actions plan. The action plan as attached, was unanimously agreed.

484/07 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LIFT FOR THE TOWN HALL

Cllr Hughes explained that the plans were reviewed last year and at the July 2022 Council meeting, it was agreed that an estimate from the Architect for obtaining planning and listed building permission would be sought. The Architect would charge £1,250 + £460 (to PCC) in total £1,750. Cllr J Jones stated that he would be happy if the funding for the lift, a total of approx. £80,000 was in place first. Cllr Hughes and the committee will investigate funding opportunities through PAVO before any further work takes place. Cllr McArthur stated that as technology has improved, the cost of the lift may have reduced.

484/08 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CLOSURE OF AIR AMBULANCE BASE AT WELSHPOOL

Cllr J Jones explained that he understood the closure is not down to cost savings but due to efficiency. It was agreed to invite the trustees of Wales Air Ambulance to come to Llanidloes to meet with town council.

484/09 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS G. MORGAN AND G. PRESTON

Councillors discussed the new housing development,

Clos yr Hen Ysgol, which they visited last week and stated how impressive it is being quite a success story for PCC. Cllr Preston informed Council that the Council houses in Caegwyn are now being renovated after a long delay. Cllr Morgan informed Council that he is dealing with the closure of the road from Short Bridge Street to Chapel Street and is obtaining signatures for a petition. Cllr Bennett asked if the weeds growing in gutters around the long bridge could be reported to PCC

484/10 TO RECEIVE E MAIL FROM MR VICTOR LLOYD AND TO DISCUSS ANY DEVELOPMENTS AT CWMDU It was agreed that a site visit is required to keep all Councillors updated on the problems, this will take place at 6pm on Monday 10th October.

484/11 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM PCC REGARDING NAMING A NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT It was unanimously agreed that Swn yr Afon will be suitable.

484/12 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM PCC REGARDING GLASS AND PAPER RECYCLING BANKS TO BE REMOVED FROM COMMUNITY RECYCLING SITES It was agreed that this will not affect us as we only have Clothing and Cardboard recycling on the Gro.

484/13 TO DISCUSS BRYNPOSTEG ISSUES Councillors were informed that Brynposteg is currently accepting waste to fill up an active cell. The operator is permitted to do so until the void is filled. However, Clerk informed Council that after speaking to the site manager, there will be a planning application in the near future for an extension of the site.

484/14 TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM MRS CLARE BOUND, TRUSTEE OF LLANIDLOES FOOD BANK Mrs Bound was invited to explain to Council the way in which the food bank works. She thanked Council for providing Toilet Rolls and helping out with photocopying etc especially during Covid lockdown. She explained that there are more people using the food bank now and donations from the public are getting less. 2 grants have been received from PCC. Mrs Bound asked if Council would consider getting involved in a group which could bring organisations together to come up with plans during the fuel crisis. The purchase of Air Fryers was discussed. Councillors unanimously agreed to get involved and it was agreed to hold the initial meeting of a Cost of Living Task Force on 10th October at 6.30 pm

484/15 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Clerk informed Council that she has a meeting next week with the RBL Ladies to discuss plans for Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Bennett as Chair of Environment will also attend the meeting. Clerk has recently spoken to Rev Alison Gwalchmai and she is keen to hold a Church service this year and then meet at the Cenotaph after the service. It was unanimously agreed that the service at the Cenotaph should take place at 11.00 am to make it inclusive for all. Clerk will report back to the next meeting with final plans

484/16 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED YELLOW LINES AROUND THE TOWN Councillors were given the opportunity to look at the plans before the meeting. It was agreed to invite Mr Chris Lloyd and Mr Tony Caine to a meeting to discuss further.

484/17 TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AT THE OLD MARKET HALL It was agreed that PCC are dragging their feet over the repairs. Clerk informed Council that she has recently let contractors into the building to enable them to quote for the works. It was agreed to invite Ms Angela Protheroe to meet with Council to explain the repairs and the time scale involved.

484/18 TO DISCUSS PANELS FOR COUNCILLORS As attached unanimously agreed except for Community Transport membership.

484/19 TO COMPLETE DECLARATION FOR INSURANCE BROKERS Declarations were completed and handed back to Clerk

484/20 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION WAS DISCUSSED
22/0079/FUL External works consisting of modified entrance canopy (consisting of glass to the roof), raised paths, entrance steps and ramp, new surface to internal courtyard, installation of a scooter store and bin store enclosure at Bodlondeb, Llangurig Road, Llanidloes SY18 6ES NO OBJECTION

484/21 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED FOR JULY

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| 101407 | Sunshine Playgrounds | 11,997.60 |
| 101408 | Void | |
| 101409 | C Taylor | 432.00 |
| 101410 | M. Bufton | 192.00 |
| 101411 | PC-Q | 66.46 |
| 101412 | Inland Revenue | 1,209.25 |
| 101413 | PCC (Pension) | 810.56 |
| 101414 | Scottish Power | 132.72 |
| 101415 | LAS Recycling | 215.75 |
| 101416 | EDF Energy | 728.15 |
| 101417 | Hafren Dyfyrdwy | 645.78 |
| 101418 | Wynnstay | 93.31 |
| 101419 | Simon Owen | 340.00 |

Total £ 16,863.58

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED FOR AUGUST

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| 101420 | C. Taylor | 385.80 |
| 101421 | J.C Rowlands | 140.00 |
| 101422 | Simon Owen | 500.00 |
| 101423 | JB Tree Services | 3,000.00 |
| 101424 | Banwy Fuels | 1,256.64 |

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| 101425 | Inland Revenue | 1,209.25 |
| 101426 | PCC (Pension) | 810.56 |
| 101427 | PC-Q | 213.60 |
| 101428 | Millennium Garden Cttee | 200.00 |
| 101429 | Llanidloes Guides | 100.00 |
| 101430 | Border Janitorial Supplies | 168.40 |
| 101431 | EDF Energy | 210.72 |
| 101432 | Information Commissioner | 40.00 |
| 101433 | J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers | 4,260.51 |
| Total | | £ 12,495.48 |

484/22 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

There were no Councillor questions. Councillors were reminded that any questions should be sent to Clerk 7 clear days before a meeting.

484/23 ACTION POINTS

| ACTION POINT | STATUS | ACTIONED BY |
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| Brynposteg | Ongoing | Council/Liaison Cttee |
| Cwmdu | Ongoing | Council |
| Town Hall Lift | Awaiting Costs | Cllr Hughes |
| Wales Air Ambulance | Awaiting Meeting | Clerk |
| Old Market Hall | Awaiting Meeting | Clerk |
| Double Yellow Lines | Awaiting Meeting | Clerk |
| Cost of Living Task Force | Awaiting Meeting | Clerk/Clare Bound |

484/24 NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th October, 6.00 pm site meeting at Cwmdu
Monday 10th October, 6.30 pm Cost of living task force at the Council Chamber
Monday 10th October, 7.00 pm Environment Panel meeting with David Jones,
Regeneration of Llanidloes

The meeting ended at 8.56 pm