

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER, 2022 AT 7.00 PM

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
Town Clerk
Cty Cllr Glyn Preston
1 member of the Press
10 members of the Public

Prior to the meeting, the Mayor and Cllr John Hughes (member of the Twinning Committee) were presented with a picture and plaque from Mr John Shercliffe and Ms Nia Griffiths on behalf of the residents of Derval. This was to celebrate 25 years of Twinning at a ceremony which should have taken place in 2020 but due to covid did not happen until 2022. The Council were grateful to receive such lovely gifts and will write to the Twinning Committee in Derval to say thank you.

485/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs R. Onions, Mrs A and G Morgan

485/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr Mrs M Jones declared in item 7 as she is Practice Manager at Arwystli Medical Practice

Cllr G McArthur declared in item 2 iii as he is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

Cllr A Bennett declared in item 2 iii as he is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

Cllr T Davies declared in item 2 iii as she is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee and item 14 as she is a member of British Legion

Cllr E Leguay declared in item 2 iii as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

Cllr G Davies declared in item 2 iii as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

485/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 28.09.22 – True Record 1 Councillor abstained 1 Councillor disagreed

Minutes of a meeting to discuss Remembrance Sunday held on 03.10.22 – Cllr Bennett as the only Councillor present agreed as a true record

Cwmdu Site Meeting held at 6.00 pm on 10.10.22 – Unanimously agreed true record

Cost of Living task force meeting held at 6.30pm on 10.10.22 – Unanimously agreed true record

Environment Panel meeting with David Jones, Consultant at 7.30 pm 10.10.22 -
Unanimously agreed, true record

485/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30th September 2022 – *Received*
- ii) Notification of Mixed Payment Plan from Barclays Bank to 14th August and 12th September 2022 - *Received*
- iii) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee for August and September 2022 - *Received*
- iv) E mail from Angela Protheroe at PCC regarding works to Old Market Hall - *Received*

485/05 TO DISCUSS NOISE COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING CROWN AND ANCHOR MUSIC NIGHTS (Cllr Leguay) Cllr Leguay read out 3 letters of complaint she had received from local residents. The letters all shared concerns over loud music coming from the marquee at the rear of the Crown and Anchor since summer 2021. The complainants were from Brook Street, High Street and Victoria Square and asked why no further action has been taken further to complaints to Powys County Council for over 2 years. Noise levels were reported to be 130 decibels which Cllr Craig compared to a jumbo jet. The Mayor invited Licensee Jayne Hexley to speak on behalf of the Crown and Anchor. Mrs Hexley explained that a Local resident was feeding back information to the licensees over a 6 week period so that a regular control could be kept. Unfortunately, this suddenly came to a stop and therefore they had no constructive feedback. The music always finishes at 11.00 pm although they have a live music licence until 12 midnight. The noise levels are measured with a proper sound monitor and have never measured above 84 decibels in the marquee. It was agreed that at some properties out of Town the music could be heard clearly while some neighbouring properties could hardly hear it. They had 20 events over the Summer. Cllr Craig thought this was a technical matter for PCC. It was agreed that we pass this on to PCC for technical investigations. It was noted that live music in Llanidloes is welcomed and is needed to support businesses during a tough time. Mrs Hexley was thanked for her explanation to Council.

485/06 TO DISCUSS REGENERATION CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK TO DAVID JONES, CHILMARK CONSULTANTS It was agreed that the report was comprehensive and some Councillors had not had a chance to read it. Lots of advantages came from the report. Some things to feedback - Improved signage & rebranding

- a) As first town on the River Severn
- b) Llyn Clywedog & gateway to Cambrian Mountains.
- c) Twinning
- d) Roundabout needs improvement.
- e) Signage with a picture of Old Market Hall
- f) Tourism Leaflets.

Councillors will contact Clerk over the next few days over feedback points

485/07 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANIDLOES WITHOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGARDING HEALTH CARE PROVISION IN

LLANIDLOES AND TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM ARWYSTLI MEDICAL PRACTICE Cllr M Jones declared an interest and left the room. Clerk suggested that Llanidloes Without Community Council should have written directly to the Medical Practice with any complaints they had. Clerk stated that no complaints had been received by the Town Council. Cllr Bennett expressed concern about the way in which the system works stating that this has all gone wrong since the pandemic. He explained that you can go into the surgery and there is no one in the waiting room whereas before the pandemic the surgery was full. He asked has the NHS got too complacent at giving out guidelines and stated that the Pharmacist, Mr Dylan Jones, is very busy and will burn himself out, we are very lucky we have him doing a 'Doctor's job'. It was noted that Mr Dylan Jones runs the service as a business and is paid for seeing each patient. Cllr J Jones explained the difficulty in attracting GPs to the area. Despite comments made, Councillors did not wish to take the opportunity to ask for information and clarity from the Practice Manager, Margot Jones.

485/08 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM CYTUN (Churches together in Llanidloes) REGARDING MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN Discussion took place further to the letter and as to why Mayoral Sunday did not take place this year. Cllr J Jones stated at the time that he would rather have a community event which he will be organising in the near future. It was agreed to write back to Cytun and explain that a Mayor does not need to have a faith. A Mayor can be Aetheist, Jewish, Orthodox and not necessarily Christian and as a Council we need to be inclusive to all. Councillors voted to send a letter explaining this. There was one abstention

485/09 TO DISCUSS E MAIL FROM WALES AIR AMBULANCE IN RESPONSE TO US INVITING REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH COUNCILLORS Cllr Craig understands that the plans to move the base from Welshpool is all about hitting targets and meeting more demands. Cllr Hughes thinks this should be opposed strongly as we in this area are being downgraded. Cllr Bennett was concerned about the "golden hour" and a move is also proposed for the Carnarvon Air Ambulance. Cllr Morel stated that he has seen signage saying "Save Mid Wales Air Ambulance" and we must remember it concerns lots of people. Cllr Davies stated that there are lots of farming accidents in very remote areas which require an Air Ambulance. Cllr Craig expressed concern that we don't have an A & E department nearby. It was agreed that Clerk will contact a communications officer and express discontent about the letter. We could host a meeting and invite other Councils or it could be held virtually.

485/10 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR GLYN PRESTON Councillor Preston explained he has had the usual complaints about overflowing Bins, and Street Lights which are not working. He was pleased to see that residents have now moved in to Clos Yr Hen Ysgol. Clerk informed Councillors that they have been invited to an opening of the estate on 3rd November from 12.00 mid day.

485/11 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MR VICTOR LLOYD AND TO DISCUS SITE VISIT AND NEXT STEPS FOR ISSUES AT CWMDU At the site visit, Councillors were appalled at the state of the area. Cllr M Jones didn't understand how someone living in a caravan can be registered to pay council tax. Cllr Bennett thought that the environmental health department at PCC should be able to do something as

there is no mains sewerage and it becomes a Health & Safety issue as well as a Fire risk. Discussion took place over finding help for the resident of the caravan if they need rehousing. Cty Cllr Glyn Preston will speak to the Environmental Health and Planning departments at PCC

485/12 TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM LLANIDLOES ROTARY CLUB FOR FUNDING TOWARDS BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS ON 5TH NOVEMBER Cllr McArthur declared an interest as a member of a Rotary Club and left the room. Cllr J Jones proposed we match £300 as last year. This was seconded and agreed with 1 abstention

485/13 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM TAMLIN WATSON REGARDING THE ROUNDABOUT PLANTING AND TO DISCUS REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING MAKING PARKS MORE WILDLIFE FRIENDLY It was agreed that we will invite Tamlin to the next meeting so that she can explain in more detail what her plans are

485/14 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Clerk) Cllr T. Davies declared an interest and left the room. Clerk explained that the Church service will commence this year at 10.00 am so that the wreath laying can take place at 11.00 am at the Cenotaph. Councillors to meet on the Town Hall steps at 9.20 a.m. The cadets in Llanidloes have now finished and therefore we are without a parade marshal. Cllr J Jones will contact an ex service man to ask if he will carry out the duty. Cllr Craig will find someone to play the drum. Clerk explained that a request has been received from British Legion to add another plaque to the cenotaph, Councillors unanimously agreed to this.

485/15 TO DISCUSS E MAIL FROM ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLACE STORAGE SHED NEXT TO THE AMBULANCE STATION It was agreed that the Gro has Village green status and therefore Town Council do not have the authority to grant permission. Cllr G. McArthur explained how village green status can be transferred and offered to bring in forms so that Council could look into it. Clerk explained that Cllr G Morgan has carried out a lot of work on Village Green with PCC so we need to speak to him first. This was unanimously agreed.

485/16 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED YELLOW LINES AROUND THE TOWN Clerk informed Council that further to Mr Lloyd refusing to meet with Town Council, Cllr G Morgan has arranged to meet with Mr Lloyd in November to go through the plans with him. Town Council need to meet prior to the meeting so that our views can be fed through. A date will be passed on once Cllr Morgan returns from holidays.

485/17 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM MRS SHAN DAVIES AND RECEIVE INFORMATION FURTHER TO A SITE VISIT ATTENDED BY CLLR JOHN HUGHES Cllr Hughes explained that on the walk to the school from Smithfield Street it was plain to see that the hedge has grown out over the path by the Green, making it difficult to negotiation with children side by side. Cllr Preston will speak to Highways about approaching the owners of the hedge. Opening the old path by the Co-op was discussed but this would require resurfacing of the path and cutting back the overgrown hedges and trees. Clerk will ask Wynnstay, Potters and Hafren Furnishers if they can avoid using the road between 8.30 & 9.00 am and 3.00 & 3.45 pm.

485/18 UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Cllr J Jones) Cllr Jones informed Council that the meeting was poorly attended although many invitations had been sent out. Mrs Elaine Jones from the Rugby Club was elected as Chair and the date of 3rd December at 6.30 pm was decided for the switch on. Clerk informed Council that Cllr McArthur has resigned as secretary. Cllr McArthur thought he would be better used as an installer of the lights rather than become secretary. He thought it best if the 9 members of the group sorted out things between themselves. Clerk did not think this was a good idea as she needed a contact point. Cllr McArthur then agreed to carry on a Secretary and said he had contact details for organisations. Cllr Graham Davies will organise the market stalls for the evening, he needs to know by 19th November which organisations will require a stall. Cllr Davies stated that the market insurance will only cover the market until 4.00 pm. Clerk will enquire as to public liability insurance and to the extra cost for the event. This decision will be made electronically

485/19 TO DISCUSS WHETHER AS A COUNCIL, WE SHOULD HAND OUT AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS Clerk explained that she has been approached by a member of the public requesting that an ex Councillors receives some recognition from Council for the service he gave to the Council over many years. Cllr T Davies was against awards as they end up singling people out and upsetting others. Cllr Morel suggested that a letter of recognition would be better than an award. Cllr Craig suggested asking the general public to nominate for a citizens award. Cllr Morel made the following proposal – Council would write a letter of recognition to an individual further to a nomination from a member of the public and further to discussion at Council. It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting

485/20 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/1601/FUL Extension to equipment storage building at Redkite Touring Park, Van Llanidloes No Objection Unanimous

485/21 To confirm Accounts for **SEPTEMBER**

101434	B.T.	59.27
101435	Simon Owen	500.00
101436	Scottish Power	131.58
101437	K. P Fire	369.00
101438	JDH Business Services	594.00
101439	PC-Q	70.00
101440	LAS Recycling	101.77
101441	PCC Pension	810.56
101442	Inland Revenue	1,209.25
101443	C. Taylor	618.00
101444	Viking	287.66
101445	Border Janitorial	246.01
Total		£ 4,997.10

485/22 Councillor Questions – There were no Councillor questions but Clerk asked if she

could give some quick answers to questions previously put to her.

- i) Pot Holes in Spar Car Park – this is being looked into by Blakemore & Co owners of the car park. Clerk will report back
- ii) Zebra Crossing – White lines have worn off. Clerk has contacted Chris Lloyd at PCC to ask if the crossing can be remarked.
- iii) Dog Poo – rugby club are frustrated at the amount of dog mess left on the path on the way to the rugby field and on the rugby field itself. Clerk has provided more signage in the hope that dog walkers will take notice.

485/23 ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Brynposteg	Ongoing	Council/Liaison Cttee
Cwmdu	Ongoing	Council
Town Hall Lift	Awaiting Costs	Cllr Hughes
Wales Air Ambulance	Awaiting Meeting	Clerk
Old Market Hall	Work starts in New Year	Clerk
Double Yellow Lines	Meeting planned for Nov	Clerk
Cost of Living Task Force	Meetings organised	Cllr Leguay

Cllr Hughes has e mailed Diana Berriman regarding grants but has not come up with anything suitable as yet. Cllr Hughes is still investigating

Cost of living task force – One further meeting has taken place and another one is planned in the near future. Cllr Leguay as the Chair will keep Council updated.

485/24 NEXT MEETINGS

Finance Panel Meeting – Monday 7th November 7.00 pm
 Code of Conduct Training – Tuesday 8th November 6.30 – 8.00 pm
 Full Council Meeting – Monday 21st November (Due to Clerks holidays)
 December Council Meeting – Monday 12th December

Meeting ended at 9.25pm