

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 7.00 PM

Present Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ D. Craig
“ G. Davies
“ T. Davies
“ J. Hughes
“ M. Jones
“ G. McArthur
“ A. Morel
“ A. Morgan
“ G. Morgan
Town Clerk

Prior to the meeting, at 6.30 pm Council met with Tamlin Watson to discuss Park Planting. Cllr Bennett, Chair, introduced Tamlin to the meeting. Tamlin is representing Zero Carbon & Comptons Yard Trust who wish to leave areas of Severn Porte to go wild by planting bulbs and shrubs to attract birds and bats. Scouts are also keen to be involved.

It was suggested that bulbs could be planted on the roadside from the Bypass into Town near the School.

It was agreed to hold a lunch time site visit on either 28th November or 1st December. It was agreed to invite Mr Bob Smith, Council Groundsman along to the meeting. Clerk will liaise with Councillors and Tamlin.

486/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs R. Onions, K Hawkins, E. Leguay and County Councillor G Preston

486/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr G Morgan declared in all items relating to PCC as he is a Member

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

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

Cllr T Davies declared in item 4 iii as she is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

Cllr G Davies declared in item 4 iii as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

486/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 24.10.22 – *True Record 1 Councillor abstained 1 Councillor disagreed*

Minutes of a Finance Panel meeting held on 07.11.22 *Cllr McArthur disagreed with the procedure and stated the Finance Panel minutes should have been a separate agenda item although he had not informed Council of this prior to the meeting. The Mayor and Councillors voted to proceed with adoption of the Finance Panel recommendations 1 abstention. Cllr Hughes as Chair explained each item and took each recommendation separately.*

1. S137 Application Form - *It was agreed to adjust the s137 application form and alter the amount requested from £100 to £200 1 Councillor abstained*
2. S137 Requests – *It was agreed to carry over the unspent monies to the next fiscal year – 1 abstention*
3. Room Booking Charges – *It was agreed not to increase the rental charges as we need to encourage usage. It was also agreed that FSC lease should remain the same – 2 abstentions*
4. Rialtas Accounts Package *It was agreed that we should purchase the package – 1 abstention*
5. Draft Precept 2023-24 *Cllr Hughes explained in detail the figures from 2022-23, the actual expenditure for the first 6 months of the current fiscal year and how the figures were worked out from the precept information which had been forwarded to everyone in Agenda packs. Councillors were given opportunity to question and discuss. It was agreed to accept the Draft Precept as prepared – 1 abstention 1 against*

The clerk and chair were congratulated by Cllr Gareth Morgan for the work they had undertaken to keep the precept the same for the coming year.

Notes on Code of Conduct Training held at 6.30 pm on 08.11.22 – It was agreed to remove Cllr McArthur’s name as he was not present. Otherwise, the notes were unanimously agreed as a true record. Cllr Morgan suggested that this training should be mandatory for all Councillors and should be written into the Standing Orders. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Minutes of a meeting to discuss yellow lining proposals held on 14.11.22 *True record. 1 abstention*

486/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31st October 2022 – *Received*
- ii) Notification of Mixed Payment Plan from Barclays Bank to 13th September & 12th October 2022 - *Received*
- iii) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee for October 2022 – *Received*
- iv) Cost of Uncontested Community Council Elections from PCC – *Received*
- v) Notice from Total Energies that our current energy contract is eligible for the Energy Bill Relief Scheme
- vi) Notice from Barclays Bank that Change Lite will shortly be available at the Post Office

486/05 TO RECEIVE RESPONSE FROM CHIEF AMBULANCE SERVICES

COMMISSIONER RE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF WALES AIR AMBULANCE BASE AT WELSHPOOL It was agreed that as there seems to be a disjointed response to and from the Wales Air Ambulance Service, the Clerk will contact MS’s Russell George, Eluned Morgan, Jayne Dodds, Joyce Watson and Kevin Campbell and request details of plans for a meeting. Clerk will also request information from WAST on how often the local Ambulance station is being manned.

486/06 TO DISCUSS IMPROVED SIGNAGE OFF A470 INTO LLANIDLOES TOWN Cllr Morel had sent around photographs and suggestions for better signage. Councillors unanimously agreed that better signage is required and a “loop sign” would be a great idea for attracting visitors to the Town even if it involves a cost to the Town Council. The recent report by Consultants employed by PCC brought up suggestions for better signage and it was thought that maybe PCC would pay for new signs out of the improvement budget. Clerk will contact the Trunk Road Agency to set up a meeting. Cllr Hughes suggested that the Roundabout needs to be more interesting and suggested using the old Toll Gates currently outside the High School.

486/07 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COST OF LIVING CRISIS MEETINGS As Cllrs Hawkins and Leguay were not at the meeting, it was agreed to move to the December Agenda

486/08 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM NALC ON CLERK’S PAY INCREASE 2023-24 The Town Clerk left the meeting whilst consideration was given to the Clerks annual salary increase. Updated tables from Nalc were looked at showing both Salary scale point increase & Cost of Living increase. The Mayor considered whether the Council should increase the uplift however, it was decided that for this year the Clerk salary is updated as recommended by the Nalc tables. The majority of Councillors agreed with one abstention from Cllr Graham McArthur.

486/09 TO DISCUSS E MAIL RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT OF GARDEN SUBURB COMPLAINING ABOUT THE STATE OF THE RECREATION GROUND Cllr Bennett explained that this area has been looked at previously and it has been suggested that tarmacking the pathway from the gate to the Tennis Club entrance and then laying an alternative ground cover up to the Cricket Pitch boundary should take place. Prices will be obtained. It was agreed to include this onto the Action Points

486/10 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS As Cllr Preston was not present Cllr Morgan gave a brief resume.

- a) Cwmdu –Further to looking through the requested information from Mr Victor Lloyd, Cllr Morgan and Clerk have sent a further letter to Mr Clive Pinney at PCC. It was agreed to give Mr Pinney 3 weeks to respond and then we will report to the Ombudsman. Clerk will write to the Land Registry to inform them that the highway is owned by PCC and not a private resident and try to obtain the status of the appeal. This was unanimously agreed.
- b) Yellow Lines – Cllr Morgan reported he and Cllr Preston met with Matt Perry and officers from PCC and most of the suggestions from Town Council were agreed.

486/11 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CLLR MORGAN ON PROGRESS OVER CRAIGLE CWMDU Covered in item 10

486/12 TO DISCUSS E MAIL FROM ST JOHN’S AMBULANCE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PLACE STORAGE SHED NEXT TO AMBULANCE STATION Cllr Morgan explained that the Gro is owned by PCC on the register of common land and is registered as a Village Green. Exchanging a piece of ground was discussed but Councillors had concerns over PCC marking up the Gro and charging for parking. It was agreed to write to St John’s and explain that the land is not owned by the Town Council and therefore they are unable to give permission for the shed.

486/13 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED YELLOW LINES AROUND THE TOWN Covered in item 10

486/14 TO DISCUSS WHETHER AS A TOWN COUNCIL WE SHOULD HAND OUT AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS It was agreed to defer this item to the New Year

486/15 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

22/1753/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission P/2016/1131 (to provide additional parking within the site) 11,12, 13 & 14 Gwaelod Y Bryn Llanidloes No Objection Unanimous

22/1859/FUL Restoration works and change of use from chapel to commercial shop with kitchen together with side link extension to adjoining Hall, Bethel Chapel, Bethel Street, Llanidloes SY18 6BS No Objection 1 abstention

486/16 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR **OCTOBER** WERE CONFIRMED

101446	S. Matthews	480.00
101447	D. W. Jerman	2,514.40
101448	Simon Owen	250.00
101449	EDF Energy	315.59
101450	LAS Recycling	227.87
101451	Wynnstay	64.63
101452	Void	
101453	Inland Revenue	1,209.25
101454	PCC (Pension)	810.56
101455	PC-Q	140.00
101456	C. Taylor	1,020.00
101457	Smartyres	165.30
101458	SLCC	108.00

Total £ 7,305.60

486/17 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS - NONE.

486/18 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
Trunk Road Signage	Contact MWTRA	Clerk
Recreation Ground	Groundworks	Clerk/Cllr Bennett

486/19 NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting – Monday 12th December – Zoom meeting

Meeting ended at 8.15pm