

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON MONDAY 12th  
DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM

Present Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)

- “ A. Bennett
- “ D. Craig
- “ G. Davies
- “ T. Davies
- “ J. Hughes
- “ M. Jones
- “ R Onions
- “ E Leguay
- “ A. Morel
- “ A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan
- “ K Hawkins

County Councillor Glyn Preston present

Prior to the meeting, at 6.30 pm Council met with Mr Chris Baker, National Lottery Fund to discuss grant funding for lift in Town Hall and other projects. The Mayor introduced Mr Baker to the meeting. Cllr Hughes described the concept for a lift at the Town Hall expounded on the work carried out to date and where the request had come from. Mr Baker explained that requests for lifts in public places was not uncommon and offered to come to further meeting. He suggested that we needed to demonstrate restricted access and a convinced demand from the public. Improved town signage was discussed but Mr Baker stated this did not qualify as considered commercial status. He went on to explain that a new programme of funding was being established through Peoples and Places Fund with minimum grants of £300 and up to £50,000. Pavo would be undertaking workshops. It was agreed to liaise through the Town Clerk.

487/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from The Town Clerk Mrs Sonia Pritchard. In her absence Cllr Margot Jones took the minutes

487/02 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

487/03 The Mayor requested that he wished to include a new addendum item by evoking standard order 107 which would be discussed later on in the agenda. This was unanimously agreed.

487/04 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 21.11.22 – Unanimously agreed as a true record by those present. There were three abstentions from three members who had been unable to attend the meeting.

Site Meeting at Severn Porte with Tamlin Watson – No minutes available – It is hoped that they will be received by council.

487/05 NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

487/06 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COST OF LIVING CRISIS MEETINGS

Cllr Preston reported on the Booklet being produced. The booklet would include a list of Llanidloes specific groups. Cllr Angela Morgan asked to be included in proofreading the booklet. This was agreed

487/07 TO DISCUSS QUOTATIONS FOR CUTTING BACK TREES AT SEVEN PORTE.

Cllr Bennett had met with other councillors and contractors at the Porte to get an idea of costs and work involved. It was unanimously agreed to wait for Clerk to return and for environment panel to put a plan in place to present to council for further consideration.

487/08 TO DISCUSS INCLUDING MANDATORY CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR ALL NEW COUNCILLORS INTO STANDING ORDERS This was

unanimously agreed with the training being undertaken within one year of office for new councillors, and a refresher within one year of re-election for longer standing councillors.

487/09 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Llanidloes Sports Centre information received same day with regard to the proposed temporary closure of pools at a number of centres including Llanidloes until end of March 2023.

Cllrs Preston & Morgan stated that a cabinet meeting was being held the next day and it was suggested they attend and speak if allowed. It seems only cabinet members were aware previously of the proposal.

All councillors were appalled at the lack of respect to local councillors and the community.

Councillors considered our children were being discriminated against. The pool enhances people's lives, alleviating loneliness and mental health issues It was not clear whether the scrutiny committee had been involved. It was suggested that a financial analysis should be requested as soon as possible. The public need to understand how costings, heating etc., compares with sports centres and what is the deficit. Groups may not be able to go elsewhere. Information is needed to where our children are to go for swimming lessons, presently there are 335 children having lessons and is there capacity to allow them to go elsewhere? How will our school children be transported to a site somewhere else and who will pay for this?

Mayor suggested a public meeting was called immediately and it was agreed to set the date for the Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the School Hall pending permission from the Head Teacher. The Mayor will advertise the event and ensure invitations are sent out ensuring the wider community and all cluster schools are notified.

487/10 TO RATIFY THE FINAL PRECEPT REQUEST DOCUMENT 2023-24 (CLLR HUGHES)

Following discussion in meeting held on 21.11.22 when a standing order 107 was agreed to allow an agenda item to be added to the agenda, details of the precept request document was discussed as presented to council. It was unanimously agreed that reserves are too high and to use reserves to bring precept down and therefore the final Precept Request from PCC will be £119,000. The Mayor suggested that Town Council make a public statement that it is the wish of the council to put constituents first.

487/11 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

487/12 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS – None received

487/13 TO DISCUSS PLANTING AT SEVERN PORTE

Cllr Bennett reported on a meeting he had with Tamlin Watson. (no minutes available). A planting area had been discussed with shrubs no larger than 2 ft/2ft 6 inches. Tamlin had discussed with neighbours who are said to be on board. Tamlin had indicated she wanted to create a wildlife trail between the church wall and a neighbouring property. The lack of detailed information was considered a stumbling block by some councillors. A proposal was put forward to allow the wildlife area planting only - there were 3 councillors against, 4 councillors in agreement and 4 abstentions. The motion was carried. Discussion was held with regard to the planting on the roundabout with some councillors not happy with the appearance having received comments from the public that it looked 'weed strewn'. It was decided to review it again in 12 months time and then refer back to the Rotary if we are not satisfied.

487/14 TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF IMPROVED CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Councillor Craig indicated that if council were going to proceed with this, they would need to decide the resources available. Prices varied with the type of screen etc and whether it would be fixed or stand alone. A laptop would also need to be purchased. Councillor Craig agreed to have more options available for discussion in next meeting.

487/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR **NOVEMBER** WERE CONFIRMED

101459	British Legion	20.00
101460	C. Taylor	720.00
101461	Simon Owen	480.00
101462	Border Janitorial Supplies	199.71
101463	Banwy Fuels	1,145.34
101464	Rotary Club Llanidloes	300.00
101465	Security Wise Ltd	157.20
101466	Simon Owen	1,250.00
101467	PCC (Rospa)	216.00
101468	BT	112.40
101469	Wynnstay	61.54
101470	LAS Recycling	251.46
101471	Inland Revenue	1,209.25

101472	PCC (Pension)		810.56
Total		£	6,933.46

487/16 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS - NONE.

487/17 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

487/18 NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting – Monday 23rd January