

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023 AT 7.00 PM

Present            Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)  
                      “    A. Bennett  
                      “    D. Craig  
                      “    G. Davies  
                      “    T. Davies  
                      “    K. Hawkins  
                      “    J. Hughes  
                      “    M. Jones  
                      “    G. McArthur  
                      “    A. Morel  
                      “    A. Morgan  
                      “    G. Morgan  
                      “    R. Onions  
Town Clerk  
1 member of the Press

488/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cty Cllr Glyn Preston & Cllr E Leguay

488/02 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 of PCC  
Cllr G McArthur declared in item 4 iv) as he is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee  
Cllr A Bennett declared in item 4 iv) as he is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee  
Cllr T Davies declared in item 4 iv) as she is a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee and item 11 as she is a member of RBL  
Cllr G Davies declared in item 4 iv) as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee & item 9 School Dispensation as he is employed at Schools  
Cllr J Jones declared in items 9 School Dispensation & item 20 Complaint to the Ombudsman  
Cllr K Hawkins declared in item 9 School Dispensation as a School Governor  
Cllr M Jones declared in item 9 as Chair of Governors of Llanidloes School  
Cllr A Morel declared in item 9 School Dispensation as an employee of Llanidloes School  
Cllr D Craig declared in item 9 School Dispensation as an employee of Llanidloes School

488/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 12.12.22 – *True Record - unanimous*

488/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Request for funding from Marie Curie Cymru - *Received*

- ii) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – *Received*
- iii) Notification of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank to 13th November 2022 – *Received*
- iv) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee and new fees which will commence from 01.01.2023 – *Received*
- v) Information from Total Energies on Energy Bill Relief Scheme - *Received*

488/05 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS E MAIL FROM RESIDENT REGARDING BUS SHELTER AND GRO TOILETS Clerk informed Council that the shelter has now been cleared out, the settee removed as well as the broken book shelf. There are still a few books left in there, but youths remove them and take them over to the Skatepark where they set fire to them. Cllr G Morgan explained that the reason for the ladies toilet being closed is due to serious criminal damage caused in December. Repairs are currently being carried out and the toilets will re-open shortly

488/06 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM PTHB REGARDING REFURBISHMENT OF BIRTH UNIT AT LLANIDLOES HOSPITAL The Mayor agreed that the refurbishment was positive news, but it was agreed that a close eye needs to be kept on progress.

488/07 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE SUM UNDER SECTION S137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2023-24 Cllr Hughes explained the amount available to spend under section s137 is £9.93 per elector for the next fiscal year. It was agreed that this Council spends well under the threshold of this amount on s137 expenditure

488/08 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCIL Cllr Morgan gave apologies from Cllr Preston. Cllr Morgan expressed his relief that the swimming pool is staying open at present. Cllr Morgan is also pleased that work has started on the Old Market Hall. Repairs are being carried out at County Council expense which they are legally obliged to do. Clerk asked Cllr Morgan about the Double yellow lines programme. Cllr Morgan is not aware of when the work will commence but he will chase up. Cllr Morgan will also enquire when the plant boxes will be removed from Great Oak Street as the boxes outside Great Oak Café are no longer required.

488/09 TO RECEIVE FROM PCC GENERAL DISPENSATION IN RELATION TO SCHOOL MODERNISATION AND ANY SCHOOL TRANSPORT ISSUE GRANTED TO ALL TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS (sent by e mail)  
This was unanimously received

488/10 TO RECEIVE E MAILS FROM TAMLIN WATSON AND CLLR J JONES REGARDING PLANTING AT THE SEVERN PORTE AREA Cllr Bennett, as Chair of Environment Panel proposed that Ms Watson is given the go ahead to complete the first stage and then Council can discuss the next stage once the first has been completed. Also allowing the Bird/Bat boxes to be installed, and permission to hold an event at Severn Porte as long as the area is left in the tidy state it is found. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

488/11 TO DISCUSS E MAIL RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY RBL Cllr J Jones will liaise with Mrs Jane Owen as she Chaired the group that organised the Jubilee events. Cllr Graham Davies and Cllr Dan Craig will also be involved in the organisation.

488/12 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS E MAIL FROM RESIDENT REGARDING DISABILITY ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION AT 10 SHORT BRIDGE STREET LLANIDLOES It was agreed that this request is out of our jurisdiction. Council agreed that the applicant should be treated fairly and rules and regulations are not for Town Council to interfere with.

488/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS E MAIL FROM BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE PCC CABINET AND A REQUEST FOR LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL TO JOIN THEM IN A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO ENSURE OUR VOICE IS HEARD DURING THE NEXT REVIEW OF SWIMMING POOL CLOSURES IN POWYS AND TO DISCUSS INFORMATION COMPLIANCE RESPONSE FROM PCC (received by e mail) It was agreed that Council should hold a public meeting before any decisions will be made by the PCC Cabinet in March. Cllr Margot Jones had enquired at Newtown Sports Centre and was told that there are no spaces for Children's swimming lessons. Cllr M Jones also confirmed that Cllr Selby has received a letter from Llanidloes Medical Practice expressing concern for people of all age groups especially those with medical conditions. It was unanimously agreed to encourage members of the public to join with us and campaign as well as joining with Builth Town Council to lobby PCC. It was agreed not to take part in a no confidence vote but to work together with Builth Town Council. The Mayor stated that more than 9,000 people responded to the plea he put out in December. Cllr Morel suggested we should gain some positive stories and how integral the pool is to Llanidloes Schools as well as the smaller surrounding schools. Cllr Trudy Davies expressed concern relating to the cost to transport Children to Newtown in the current economic climate. Cllr J Jones agreed to facilitate a meeting.

488/14 TO DISCUSS GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM PCC AND TO LOOK AT QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR IMPROVED CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AND HOT DESKING FACILITIES AT THE READING ROOM Clerk had been in touch with 2 companies able to quote for installing facilities into the Town Hall. Only one quotation has so far been received. A grant is available from PCC and it is hopeful that we can apply. It was unanimously agreed that Clerk will go ahead and apply for the grant from PCC.

488/15 TO DISCUSS LLANIDLOES FUTURES PROJECT RECEIVED FROM ZERO CARBON LLANIDLOES (sent by e mail) It was agreed that the report is lengthy and therefore Cllr M Jones will read through and present her findings at the next meeting

488/16 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND (Cllr Bennett & Clerk) Cllr Bennett explained that he and the Clerk met on site with a representative from Eibe, the company who initially installed the play equipment at the Rec playground and are currently waiting a quotation for further improving the area. 2 other quotations will have to be found before a contract is awarded.

488/17 TO RECEIVE SPREAD SHEET TO END DECEMBER 2022 AND TO DISCUSS EXPENDITURE FOR THE ¾ YEAR AGAINST BUDGET (sent by e mail) Cllr Hughes as Chair of Finance explained the spread sheet covering the first 9 months of the year which had been sent out to all Councillors. Cllr Hughes asked if anyone had any questions as no one had, the majority of Councillors voted to accept the spread sheet. Cllr McArthur voted against.

488/18 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MR CHRIS BAKER, NATIONAL LOTTERY FUND CO-ORDINATOR Clerk informed Council that she met with Mr Baker last week. He is not hopeful of any funding for the Lift at the Town Hall but wishes to hold work shops involving local groups, e.g. Dial A Ride, Carnival Committee, Christmas Lights Committee, Food Bank as he thinks these community groups would stand a chance of obtaining funding. It was agreed that Council will facilitate the workshops at the Council Chamber

488/19 TO DISCUSS DRAFT LLANIDLOES TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN DOCUMENT RECEIVED FROM MR DAVID JONES, CHILMARK CONSULTING (sent by e mail) The plan was looked at and Clerk explained that she has been in touch with Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency and is in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss signage on the bypass. Clerk informed Council that she had spoken to David and that the plan was ready to be translated into Welsh. There were no further questions or additions to add to the plan. Cllr Angela Morgan showed Council sample artist impressions of signage which could be considered.

488/20 TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE OMBUDSMAN HAS DECIDED NOT TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS MADE TO HIM RELATING TO CLLR J JONES, J. HUGHES, M. JONES AND G. MORGAN This item was taken in committee. Cllrs declared an interest. Cllr McArthur was asked if he was going to leave the room, he declined. The 4 Councillors reported to the Ombudsman by Cllr McArthur were keen for the rest of Council to know that the Ombudsman had not taken the complaint made by Cllr McArthur any further.

488/21 UPDATE TO THE WORK ON THE ROOF/FALLING MASONRY AT THE TOWN HALL Clerk reminded Councillors that she had sent e mails containing photographs from the Builder of before and after and that the works to the corner of the Town Hall roof have now been completed. However, the builder when he was up on the scaffolding, looked into further wear and tear of the flashings and has discovered that a leak coming through into the Clerks office has originated from the roof above the entrance to the Town Hall. Estimates for the works have been looked at and agreed by the Finance Panel. It was agreed to ask the builder to look at putting up netting to stop anything falling off the roof in the future. Cllr Bennett suggested the costs are fairly reasonable at approx. £2,000. It was unanimously agreed that the works should go ahead using one builder and that as it is a Health and Safety issue, one quotation would be acceptable.

488/22 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

22/2099/HH Extend existing drop kerb and widen access to create vehicular parking at Hafod 38 Garden Suburb, Llanidloes SY18 6EU – *No objection unanimous*

22/2027/FUL Proposed siting of PV Panels, internal alterations, installation of entrance doors and demolition of stone wall Llanidloes Pharmacy, 51 Longbridge Street Llanidloes – *No objection - unanimous*

22/2031/CAC Demolition of wall to allow erection of new fence Llanidloes Pharmacy, 51 Longbridge Street, Llanidloes – *No objection - unanimous*

22/2203/FUL Change flat roofs to pitch roofs 19-33 Llys Nant Flats, Brook Street, Llanidloes – *No Objection - unanimous*

23/0037/OUT Outline application for demolition of existing ancillary shed and erection of new dwelling, utilising existing access off Victoria Avenue (some matters reserved) Plot adj to Aberynant, Brook Street, Llanidloes – *No Objection - unanimous*

23/0061/CAC Demolition of existing flat roof stores, garage and boundary wall Old Post Office Yard, Church Street, Llanidloes – *As this item was late coming in, it will be distributed by e mail and will be agreed by e mail responses back to the Clerk*

488/23 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR **DECEMBER** WERE CONFIRMED

101473	C. Taylor	437.99
101474	Kevin Jones Cars	381.60
101475	EDF Energy	773.60
101476	LAS Recycling	108.89
101477	Banwy Fuels	3,158.51
101478	Border Janitorial	339.12
101479	PC-Q	143.95
101480	Hafren Dyfyrdwy	677.98
101481	Inland Revenue	1,645.02
101482	PCC Pension	1,415.51
101483	D.W. Jerman	1,013.18
101484	Sonia Pritchard	1,368.58
Total	£	11,463.93

488/24 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS - NONE.

488/25 ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Brynposteg	Ongoing	Refer to NRW
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

488/26 NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Meeting ended at 8.40pm