

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 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  
“ A. Morel  
“ A. Morgan  
“ G. Morgan  
Town Clerk

489/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Onions

489/02 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 and items relating to the Gro toilets as he is a member of the services committee

Cllr A Morgan declared in items relating to Gro Toilets

Cllr A Morel declared in item 4 i) as he is a Scout Master

489/03 MINUTES

**Council Meeting held on 30.01.23 – True Record – unanimous**

**Finance Panel Meeting held on 30.01.23** – The following recommendations were read out by Cllr Hughes (Chair)

- i) *It was unanimously agreed to increase staff wages*
- ii) *Cleaning contractor hourly rate to increase – 1 Abstention. Majority agreed*
- iii) *Roof Repairs – Unanimously agreed*

*Cllr Hughes explained to Council that office furniture has been offered to the Town Council from Archaeology Wales for the total cost of £800. Councillors viewed the furniture and were pleased with the condition and considered it beneficial in the transition of the Reading Room to a Hot desking facility. It was unanimously agreed to purchase the furniture for £800*

**Finance Panel Meeting held on 06.02.23** Cllr Hughes presented the recommendation for Gro Toilets funding – This was unanimously agreed

**Notes from Environment Panel Meeting held on 08.02.23** Cllr Bennett explained the site visit and now has 3 quotations for the works to be carried out. As the quotations are far in excess of the monies budgeted for this work, it was agreed that representatives from the clubs should be invited to the next Council meeting so that Council can consider how the grounds have got into the state they are now in. It was agreed to meet at 6.30 pm before the next Council meeting.

*Cllr Bennett informed the meeting that he has received 3 quotations for the entrance to the Football Club. This is also in excess of the budgeted figure. It was agreed to write to the football Club and ask if they could provide the difference between the budgeted figure and the actual figure which would be £2,350. Cllr T Davies suggested that there could be grant funding available*

**Notes from Meeting held on 13.02.23 to discuss threat of closure of Llanidloes Sports Centre – True Record unanimously agreed**

489/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Request for funding from Llanidloes Explorer Scouts – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*
- ii) Request for funding from Cruse Bereavement support – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*
- iii) Letter from Wales Air Ambulance, Grants and Trusts Fundraiser – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*
- iv) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – *Received*
- v) Notification of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank to 9th January 2023 – *Received*

489/05 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS TO TAKE ON LLANIDLOES SPORTS CENTRE FURTHER TO THE MEETING HELD ON 13.02.23 Councillors agreed that the meeting went well, with a great attendance of users of all ages. The Mayor informed Council that a further meeting will take place soon, with dates to be published in the next couple of weeks. The Flash in Welshpool have recently obtained grants for solar panels, it was thought this was needed at Llanidloes although it was stated by Cllr Selby at the meeting, that the roof is not strong enough for PV panels. Cllr Hughes thought this should be challenged. It was agreed that financial reports should be available for the next meeting. Cllr Leguay suggested that a soft play area would make better use of the Squash Courts.

489/06 TO DISCUSS TREES AT WELL LANE/PENGEULAN AND SEVERN PORTE FURTHER TO SITE VISIT ON 08.02.23 AND PHOTOGRAPHS SUPPLIED Cllr Bennett explained:-

- i) Complaints have been received from a resident of Well Lane wishing for the trees in front of her property to be cut back (picture Well Lane/Pengeulan 2) Council unanimously agreed that these trees do not need cutting back.
- ii) The large tree on the bank below Pengeulan was discussed (Picture Well Lane/Penguelan 1) Council unanimously agreed that this tree should be monitored but not cut back at this time
- iii) Picture Severn Porte 2 - it was agreed that this tree if it were to fall would cause a lot of damage to the path and the river bank
- iv) Picture Severn Porte 1 – Cllr Bennett explained that the trees are very near to the house and the resident is complaining that debris is falling onto her roof. It was agreed that a site meeting should take place before these trees are pollarded.  
Cllr Margot Jones expressed frustration as Council only seem to act on complaints and we need to act on a Maintenance plan which was suggested

some months ago. Cllr G Morgan suggested obtaining an independent report on the trees. Councillors thought that would be too costly. A proposal to cut back the 14 trees by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> as originally discussed was taken and agreed by the Majority of Councillors with 2 abstentions.

**489/07 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCIL Cllr**

Morgan has spoken to officers regarding the double yellow line project but has been told there has been no further progress. Clerk will chase up with Mr Chris Lloyd. Cllr M. Jones expressed her concerns over the parking in Town, with areas outside the School, New Street and the Hospital being particularly dangerous areas.

Cllr J. Jones informed Council that he and the Clerk had met with Ms Angela Protheroe, PCC and Mr Doug Hughes, Architect on site at the Old Market Hall last week. It was an interesting meeting but were informed that the scaffolding will be in place until 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and then there will be little work taking place until later in the year or early next year. The finish date will be Spring 2024. Council will meet with PCC officers in coming months to discuss the future plans for imposing restrictions and protecting the building.

**489/08 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HERITAGE HUB FOR MID WALES – Received. It was agreed to advertise as much as possible.**

**489/09 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND – Cllr Bennett explained that one quotation has been received and another is in the pipeline. Clerk and Cllr Bennett will meet with Ray Parry Playgrounds later in the week. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting**

**489/10 THERE WERE NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO DISCUSS**

**489/11 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR **JANUARY** WERE CONFIRMED**

101485	EDF Energy	195.21
101486	C. Taylor	432.00
101487	Scottish Power	163.60
101488	PCC (election expenses)	1,603.87
101489	Kevin Jones Cars	194.03
101490	Viking	272.24
101491	Banwy Fuels	1,744.05
101492	Agri Power Services	1,439.23
101493	PC-Q	70.00
101494	Mr J Stephens	366.84
101495	Mr R Smith	1,091.83
101496	LAS Recycling	126.23
101497	PCC (Pension)	847.20
101498	Inland Revenue	1,533.11
101499	PCC (Pension Deficit)	18.34
Total	£	10,097.78

489/12 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS - NONE.

489/13 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

Clerk will contact NRW for any further information  
Clerk will report Mr Clive Pinney to the Ombudsman  
Clerk will contact Mr Chris Lloyd re double yellow lines  
Clerk will chase MWTRA Re meeting over signage – also apply for grant for signs

489/14 NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Clerk will send out a full list of meetings arranged this evening on e mail

Meeting ended at 9.05 pm