

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 27th MARCH 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
1 Member of the Press
Town Clerk

Prior to the Council Meeting, Councillors met with members of the Bowling, Croquet, Tennis and Cricket Clubs to discuss the groundworks required at the Recreation Ground. Minutes attached

490/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Onions

490/02 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 Morel declared an interest in item 4i) Town Guided walks as he is a Guide

Cllrs Bennett, G Davies, T. Davies and Leguay declared in item 10 as members of the Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee

490/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 27.02.23 – True Record – unanimous

Finance Panel Meeting held on 13.03.23 – The following recommendations were read out by Cllr Hughes (Chair)

- i) *Financial Risk Assessment – notes were made and the document was agreed by the majority of Councillors and signed by the Chair and Clerk. There was one abstention*
- ii) *Regular Maintenance Plan for trees - Unanimously agreed*

490/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Request for funding from Llanidloes Guided Walks Group – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*
- ii) Request for funding from Llangollen 2023 Musical Eisteddfod – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*

- iii) Request for funding from Urdd Local Appeal Committee for National Eisteddfod 2024 – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*
- iv) Request for funding from Macmillan Cancer Support – *Move to next Finance Panel meeting*
- v) Thank you letter from Lisa Stead Llanidloes Primary School - *Received*
- vi) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 28.02.23 – *Received*
- vii) Notification of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank to 12th February 2023 – *Received*

490/05 MEETING WITH MRS FRAN BLOCKLEY TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THE HANGING GARDENS PROJECT Mr and Mrs Blockley were welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Blockley explained that the Project is going well – they have just opened a little theatre and are starting an indoor market in the near future. The market could be used for street stalls during inclement weather and will open throughout the year selling locally produced foods, plants and crafts. A larger kitchen is being planned which would encourage training and would provide a larger menu. The majority of Councillors agreed to support the project by providing written endorsement for the project during grant applications. One Councillor voted against.

490/06 MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP LLANIDLOES Mrs Mary Browning and Brenda were welcomed to the meeting and informed the meeting that they started a group called Croeso I Llanidloes in 2021. The group started after terrible scenes on TV involving refugee families and is aimed at helping a displaced family currently living in hotel accommodation. The plans are all Home Office approved and involve settling a family into Llanidloes and introducing them to Medical help, Schools and Benefits. The group of 9 people with various skills, have raised £13,000 to date and have secured a rental property for the family to move into in 2 -3 months. They have the backing of RESAT and Citizens UK as well as having help from PCC Officer Megan Lewis. The project is a 2 year project with the family being independent after 1 year. The Mayor congratulated the group on their work so far.

490/07 TO DISCUSS GROUNDWORKS AT THE RECREATION GROUND FURTHER TO MEETING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CLUBS It was agreed that Council will write to head teacher at the Primary School to ask if the Clubs could use the School car park. Cllr M Jones declared an interest. It was agreed to let the Cricket Club repair the damaged ground once the weather improves and erect a sign stopping cars entering the Recreation ground unless they are authorised to do so. A gate will be discussed if the signage proves unsuccessful. Clerk explained that the lead piping on the entrance to the Football club has burst again and the water to the toilet block in the Childrens play area has been turned off. She explained that the Football Club have refused to pay any monies towards improvements to the entrance. Cllr Bennett proposed that we carry out the works at the Football Club as the quotations received – It was unanimously agreed that Malcom Coats will carry out the works for the sum of £7,000.

490/08 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NHS WALES REGARDING THE LAUNCH OF A PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON LOCATION OF NEW PLANNED AND URGENT CARE HOSPITAL It was agreed that the Clerk will write in support of Bronglais as a new venue.

- 490/09 TO DISCUSS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANIDLOES AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME IN RELATION TO MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES After some discussion, Cllr G Morgan thought that we should give the monies as we have done in previous years. It was agreed that further discussion will take place at the next Finance Panel meeting.
- 490/10 TO DISCUSS ANNUAL RETURN 31.03.22 AND MINUTES FROM LLANIDLOES JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE 06.02.23 This item was taken in committee. Clerk explained that she had picked up concerns from the minutes and asked for an explanation. Cllr Bennet as Chair of the Burial Committee, explained that £18,000 is raised between Llanidloes Town Council (£15,000) and Llanidloes Without Community Council (£3,000) for the running of the Burial Committee. Due to a decline in burials, the income has been considerably reduced with only 19 earth burials in the whole of the past year. This compares to 47 burials in 1993, 31 burials in 2016 and has been declining ever since and was made worse in the aftermath of Covid. The Committee have recently spent £26,000 on the removal of headstones due to Health and Safety issues with many in excess of 100 years old. It was agreed that PCC are contacted and asked to take the cemetery back under their ownership. Staff Pensions were discussed and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
- 490/11 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS G. MORGAN AND G. PRESTON Cllr G Preston was not present. Cllr G. Morgan expressed his pleasure in seeing that PCC are carrying out the repairs on the Old Market Hall and are carrying out the works to a very high standard although stated that further damage is a great concern. Cllr Morgan will meet with PCC to discuss double yellow lines and report back at the next meeting.
- 490/12 TO DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES (£599) It was unanimously agreed to join OVW for the coming year
- 490/13 TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE FOR A470 Cllr Morel explained that there are 3 different types of signage required, i) Layby town signage into the town (with loop) ii) welcome signage x4 and iii) 2 tourist signs on A470. Clerk explained that Council have been successful in the first stage of the grant application for £20,000. It was agreed that a separate meeting will be called to discuss the signage
- 490/14 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LLANIDLOES MARKETING PROJECT (Cllr J Jones) Cllr J Jones will organise an initial meeting to start up the Chamber of Trade. It was agreed that the Marketing Project have carried out a great job and Council will support them in the future.
- 490/15 TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONTROL AROUND THE OLD MARKET HALL (Prior to the meeting with PCC 24/04/23) Councillors will attend the meeting on 24th April with Angela Protheroe to discuss options for traffic control.
- 490/16 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING EQUIPMENT IN VICTORIA PARK Clerk explained that a quotation for the repairs at Victoria Avenue and for new equipment at the Rec has not arrived . It was agreed to move to next meeting

490/17 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

23/0358/FUL Demolition of existing factory/warehouse and erection of 8 no. dwellings, formation of access road, car parking and associated works at Former Sandringham Leather Goods Factory, Eastgate Street, Llanidloes SY18 6HE *No Objection*

23/0398/HH Demolition of a section of existing rear lean to extension and erection of a rear extension with balcony over 19 Penygraig Street, Llanidloes SY18 6AL *No Objection*

23/0356/FUL Change of use of upper floors from C3 to A5 (Dwelling to hot food take away) Llanidloes Fish and Kebab Bar, 53 Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes SY18 6EF *No Objection*

490/18 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR **FEBRUARY** WERE CONFIRMED

101500	Beech Tree Services	2,400.00
101501	PC-Q	143.95
101502	Viking	65.62
101503	J.C. Rowlands	230.00
101504	One Voice Wales	320.00
101505	Scottish Power	162.55
101506	Banwy Fuels	1,859.55
101507	Simon Owen	860.00
101508	C. Taylor	475.20
101509	EDF Energy	243.36
101510	PCC (Pension)	847.20
101511	Inland Revenue	1,232.73
101512	LAS Recycling	106.30
101513	Smith of Derby	318.00
101514	SLCC (Membership)	236.00
101515	Mid Wales Accountants	120.00
Total	£	9,620.46

No monies have been spent on Debit Card

490/19 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – There were no Councillors questions.

490/20 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 set up a meeting with NRW to discuss Brynposteg
Clerk will report Mr Clive Pinney to the Ombudsman
Clerk will chase MWTRA Re meeting over signage – also apply for grant for signs

490/21 NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting – Monday 24th April
OMH Meeting – Monday 24th April 4pm

Meeting ended at 9.05 pm