

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TOWN HALL
LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 PM

Present Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)
 “ A. Bennett
 “ D. Craig
 “ G. Davies
 “ K. Hawkins
 “ J. Hughes
 “ M. Jones
 “ E. Leguay
 “ A. Morel
 “ G. Morgan
 “ 1 Member of the Press
Town Clerk

491/01 APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs Mrs A. Morgan, R. Onions and Mrs T. Davies

491/02 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 and item relating to the Gro Public Toilets as he is a member of the Llanidloes Community Services Group.

Clerk stated that Burial Committee members didn't need to declare an interest as they are Council representatives on the Committee. It was agreed that an item will be included onto each agenda for future updates from Burial Committee.

491/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 27.03.23 *Unanimously agreed as a true record*

Meeting held with representatives from Cricket, Bowling, Tennis and Croquet Clubs held on 27.03.23 *Unanimously agreed as a true record*

Minutes of Burial Committee/Finance Panel meeting held on 17.04.23 *Unanimously agreed as a true record*

491/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Statements from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31.03.23 – *Received*
- ii) Advance notification of Barclays Mixed Payment Plan charges to 12.03.23 - *Received*

491/05 TO DISCUSS ISSUES BROUGHT UP AT A MEETING HELD WITH BURIAL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE PANEL HELD ON 17/04/23 The item was taken in committee as it contained sensitive information. A further meeting will take place on 25th April between Burial committee, Finance panel and Mr Chris Hurst at PCC

Pension dept. The findings from the meeting will be passed on to Full Council at the next meeting. Clerk informed Council that she has contacted PCC with a view to them taking the Cemetery back into their ownership but has not yet received a reply.

491/06 TO DISCUSS SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO SIGNAGE FOR THE ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN AND ON THE BYPASS (Cllr Morel) Cllr Morel suggested setting up a working group to take things forward and suggested holding a Public meeting for stakeholders to have their say on the signage. Cllrs J. Jones, A. Morel, A. Morgan, D. Craig & E Leguay will form the panel and will report back to Council after their meetings

491/07 TO DISCUSS CRAIGLE CWMDU FURTHER TO INFORMATION FROM MR VIC LLOYD AND FURTHER TO THE LAND BEING REGISTERED BY THE LAND REGISTRY Cllr Morgan read out a draft letter to the Land Registry, compiled by himself and Clerk, questioning the right by Mr Bullock to register the land which was public highway. Councillors unanimously agreed that the letter should be sent.

491/08 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS G. MORGAN AND G. PRESTON County Cllr Preston apologised for missing a few recent meetings. Both County Councillors had no further information for Council.

491/09 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PLANS TO CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION The Mayor explained that Council called a meeting on 28.02.23 and only One member of the public turned up. Enquiries had been made at the Schools and it was stated that they would not be taking part in any public celebrations. A Civic service has been organised for Sunday 7th May. A slate commemorative plaque was discussed but Councillors thought money spent on a piece of play equipment at the Recreation Ground would be more beneficial.

491/10 TO DISCUSS OLD MARKET HALL REPAIRS FURTHER TO A MEETING HELD WITH MS ANGELA PROTHEROE ON 24.04.23 Councillors in attendance at the Teams meeting were disappointed that PCC officers didn't attend a site meeting in Llanidloes and didn't come forward with any options. Officers waited for Councillors to speak and did not come up with any suggestions or options for saving the Old Market Hall from being hit in the future. Councillors expressed urgent concern for the yellow lining of New Street which would help lorries travelling to the Maes Y Llan Industrial Estate, and were told that this would not happen until later in the Summer. It was unanimously agreed that we should contact Cadw and the Royal Commission to Historic Monuments in Aberystwyth to express our concerns. Internal Works are still ongoing at the Old Market Hall and therefore is still being treated as a building site.

491/11 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING EQUIPMENT AT VICTORIA PARK A quotation for carrying out repairs and maintenance at Victoria Park playground was discussed. The play equipment was installed in 2011 and had not cost the Council anything since. The annual Rospa inspections have been carried out and this was passed on to the installer of the playground, Ray Parry Playgrounds. It was unanimously agreed by Council that quotations from other companies would be

difficult to obtain and as a Health and Safety issue it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for £3584.00 plus VAT.

491/12 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING AUDITS

2020-21 – Llanidloes Town Council were reported by Cllr McArthur to the Ombudsman (thrown out) and to the Wales Audit Office (still outstanding) After providing information on 1. Public Toilet Refurbishment and 2. Trees being cut back at Victoria Park, I have still not received a report and conclusion.

2021-22 – We were chosen by Wales Audit Office for a full Audit, this happens every 3 years and was the first time this has taken place. The Audit was brutal and took over 40 hours of Clerks time, with Clerk having to answer over 70 questions further to passing the Internal and External Audit. The Audit has not yet been returned and no report received.

2022-23 – Interim Internal Audit completed. Cllr Hughes read out the recommendations from Internal Auditor and Councillors filled in the “Follow Up” column as attached to these minutes

491/13 THERE WERE NO PLANNING CONSULTATIONS TO DISCUSS

491/14 TO DISCUSS AGM AND MAYOR MAKING Clerk informed Council that she had received numerous nominations for Cllr J Jones to become Mayor and Cllr J. Hughes to become Deputy Mayor. It was unanimously agreed that Mayor Making and AGM will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00 pm when Cllrs J Jones will be officially elected as Mayor and Cllr J Hughes will be officially elected as Deputy Mayor.

491/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH WERE CONFIRMED

101516	Manthrig Scaffolding	1,610.00
101517	Mrs J Houliston	800.00
101518	Wynnstay	59.98
101519	Viking	128.37
101520	J.C. Rowlands	350.00
101521	B.T.	54.43
101522	Banwy Fuels	1,443.75
101523	Simon Owen	1,250.00
101524	Scottish Power	347.38
101525	EDF Energy	394.88
101526	M. Bufton	342.00
101527	C. Taylor	422.40
101528	Llanidloes Community Services	1,500.00
101529	LAS Recycling	124.06
101530	PC -Q	80.29
101531	Inland Revenue	1,232.53
101532	Void	00.00
101533	Hafren Furnishers	480.00
101534	PCC (Pension)	847.20
101535	City Environmental Services	540.00

Total £ 12,007.27

491/16 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS – THERE WERE NONE

491/17 ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Brynposteg	Ongoing	Council
Cwmdu	Ongoing	Council
Double Yellow Lines	Meeting planned for Nov	Clerk
Trunk Road Signage	Contact MWTRA	Clerk
Recreation Ground	Playground Equipment	Council/Cllr Bennett

Discussion took place regarding Brynposteg. Clerk informed Council that she had contacted Natural Resources Wales to set up a meeting but had not had a response as yet. The possibility of obtaining Landfill tax money was discussed. Cllr Margot Jones expressed concern over obtaining money when there are so many objections to the smells coming from the site. Clerk was asked to look in to obtaining Land fill monies, this was agreed by the majority of Councillors with one abstention.

491/18 NEXT MEETINGS

Cllr J Jones informed Council that he has set up an initial Chamber of Trade meeting for 26th April at the Council Chamber to gauge interest.

Clerk informed Council that a Lottery grant funding workshop has been arranged for Wednesday 3rd May at the Council Chamber

AGM/Mayor Making will take place at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9th May at the Council Chamber

Council Meeting - Monday 22nd May