

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 24th JULY 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

Present Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ D. Craig
“ G. Davies
“ T. Davies
“ K. Hawkins
“ J. Hughes
“ G. McArthur
“ A. Morel
“ G. Morgan
“ A Morgan
County Councillor G Preston
1 Member of the Press
Town Clerk

At 6.45pm Councillors met with Mrs Chris Shercliff, Trustee of the Quilt Exhibition at the Minerva Centre. Mrs Shercliff brought in a small quilt to show Councillors exactly what a quilt is and explained that the Minerva Centre is owned by the Quilt Association. The exhibition was started in 1998 with 250 quilts now in their ownership. Once the quilts are donated, they are then stored in a freezer, cleaned and documented. There are a total of 5 trustees and many volunteers.

Mrs Shercliff was thanked for coming in and explained the background of the Quilt exhibition and the quilts they own.

494/01 **INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW TOWN CLERK** Introductions of the new Clerk, Mr David Powell were made. Mr Powell was welcomed to Council, he starts his post on 1st August where he will work alongside the current Clerk until the end of August. Mrs Sonia Pritchard was thanked for her service over the past 20 years. A leaving event is planned for 29th September 2023.

494/02 **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs M. Jones and E. Leguay

494/03 **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 in item 11 as he is Chair of the Services Committee running the public toilets on the Gro.

494/04 **MINUTES**

Council Meeting held on 26.06.23 *Unanimously agreed as a true record*

494/05 **THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED**

- i) Statements from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30.06.23 and letter regarding change of account – *Received*

- ii) Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee Financial Report for July 2023 and Bank Reconciliation June 2023 – *Received*
- iii) Advance notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank for 13th April – 14th May and 15th May – 12th June 2023. - *Received*

494/06 TO RECEIVE A LETTER DATED 04.07.23 AND UPDATE FROM LLANIDLOES JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE *It was voted on to take this item in committee at the end of the meeting. The following statement was read out:-*

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the above item.

The Mayor suggested that a meeting should take place between Town Council, LLWOCC and the LJBC, this was unanimously agreed.

The confidential minutes from the June meeting were unanimously agreed as being a true record.

494/07 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SIGNAGE FOR THE ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN AND BYPASS FURTHER TO MEETING OF THE WORKING -PARTY HELD ON 13.06.23 (Cllr Morel). As the funding for this project is currently confidential, this was taken in committee. Cllr Morel provided some suggested draft signage which Councillors discussed. Cllr G Morgan suggested a meeting with the Portfolio holder could be beneficial. Councillors will inform the Clerk of suggested colour schemes for the signage

494/08 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS LETTER REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM LLANIDLOES AND DISTRICT TRANSPORT SCHEME It was unanimously agreed to donate £2,620 which is the cost of the room hire and the same amount that has been donated in past years.

494/09 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS Cllr Preston informed the meeting that he had contacted PCC regarding the Brynposteg planning application but they had said the licence had been granted by Natural Resource Wales. The alarming prospect of hazardous waste was discussed Cllr Preston will carry on his investigations.

Cllr Morgan informed the meeting that he has tried again for a date for the yellow lining but PCC are now focussing more on the 20mph speed limit regulations

Cllr Preston thanked Cllr J Jones for posting the leisure services review on facebook.

494/10 TO RECEIVE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2022-23 AND TO RATIFY THE ANNUAL RETURN Clerk informed the meeting that the information has not been received from the Internal Auditors and a special meeting would need to be called during August to ratify the accounts before sending on the External Auditors

494/11 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM LLANIDLOES SERVICES COMMITTEE AND TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON GRO PUBLIC TOILETS (Cllr G. Morgan) Cllr Morgan explained that there has been significant expenditure

on the toilets since they were vandalised last November. The ladies toilets have now reopened after repairs have been carried out and the increase to 40p entrance fee has resulted in an increase in income. Clerk explained that the ladies toilets at the rear of the Town Hall were now closed also due to a mess made over the weekend and broken door locks. This has resulted in loss of income. It was agreed to defer the request for funding for the Gro toilets to the next Finance Panel meeting.

494/12 TO DISCUSS INVITING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO JOIN COUNCIL

Councillor Morel explained that a youth representative would bring important issues to Council and would feel they were being represented in the Town. An agreement in principal was made, Cllr Morel will look further in to Youth Representation and will take on the initial stages and report back to Council. It was agreed that an item could then be put on our Council Agenda for a representative to speak during the meetings.

494/13 TO RECEIVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION A letter of resignation was received from Cllr Onions. Councillors understood that due to a change in personal circumstances Cllr Onions felt he should resign. Councillors wished him well

494/14 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/0941/FUL Erection of a new maintenance building and MOT test facility at existing bus depot including change of use of land (east boundary) to extend associated curtilage. Land at Bus Depot, Parc Hafren Industrial Estate, Llanidloes SY18 6RB *No Objection*

494/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR MAY WERE CONFIRMED AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

To confirm Accounts for **JUNE**

101560	C. Taylor	824.87
101561	Ray Parry Playgrounds	4,300.80
101562	Ruth Davies	164.00
101563	D.W. Jerman	2,619.85
101564	PC-Q	252.14
101565	Kevin Jones Cars	520.61
101566	Banwy Fuels	2,448.60
101567	B.T.	100.08
101568	Inland Revenue	1,251.13
101569	PCC (pension)	815.14
101570	EDF Energy	166.82
d/d	Barclays Commission	24.10
d/d	Total GP	618.23
s/o	Wages	3,871.82
d/d	Zoom	12.99
d/d	Brightpay	82.80
Total		£ 18,073.98

494/16 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS – There were no questions

494/17 ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Brynposteg	Ongoing	Council/Cty Cllr Preston
Cwmdu	Ongoing	Council
Double Yellow Lines	Meeting planned for Nov	Clerk
Trunk Road Signage	Contact MWTRA	Clerk
Recreation Ground	Playground Equipment	Council/Cllr Bennett
Committee Panel membership	To be discussed	Council

494/18 NEXT MEETING

Council Meeting - Monday 25th September 2023