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Minutes of a Council meeting held at The Chamber, Town Hall, Llanidloes on 22 January 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs J Jones (Mayor), Dr J Hughes, Mr G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Miss K Hawkins, Mrs M Jones, Mr G Preston, Mr D Craig, Mr A Morel, Mr G Macarthur, Miss E Leguay.

Youth Panel: A Turner, L Schultz, M Earp, J Morales-Cartwright.

Town Clerk.

1 member of the press.

500/1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. apologies for absence were accepted from C Hawkins-Selly (Youth Panel).
2. received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business:

Councillors G Morgan & G Preston in items relating to Powys County Council as County Councillors.

Councillor K Hawkins in items relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member.

Mayor J Jones and Councillor G Davies in item 12 as members of Llanidloes Chamber of Trade.

500/2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2023 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.
2. An update was received on the Talking Bench project – it was requested that a suitable site was identified and brought back to next Council.
3. Councillor Morel formally welcomed the members of the Youth Panel.
4. Town Clerk confirmed that an expression of interest form had been lodged with Powys County Council re the Llanidloes Youth Centre building. Had requested keys

so a site visit could be made before a business case is submitted. The donation of £2,000 to Llanidloes Youth Club which was agreed at the November 2023 meeting was ratified.

5. 1 planning application received and had been circulated via email to Councillors on 14 December 2023. The Chapel, Longbridge Street, Llanidloes – change of use to holiday let and install solar panels. No objections noted.
6. Insurance report dated 4 January 2024 prepared by Town Clerk was considered and approval given to increase sum insured for Town Hall to £1.5M.
7. D-Day 80th anniversary proposals considered and agreed to liaise with Llanidloes Rotary Club.
8. PAVO Community Connect event on 16 March 2024 – agreed to take table at this event.
9. Criminal Justice system in Wales correspondence was considered. Sympathy with situation was acknowledged but no response was agreed.
10. Approval given to new Llanidloes Town Council website with .wales domain together with requirement to have new email addresses for all Councillors for Town Council business.
11. David Davies Hunt Boxing Day - letter from a resident asking for the Town Council to ban was considered. Town Clerk had responded upon receipt of letter confirming that Town Council was not in a position to ban and it was agreed that the response was appropriate.
12. Mid Wales Travel Magazine launch – Mayor Jones withdrew from the room. Agreed that a S137 grant application should be made and Finance Panel will then consider and make recommendation. Broadly agreeable in principle.
13. Local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community – Helen Powell who organised the choir and band at Xmas. List of recipients will be provided to next meeting.
14. Councillors Questions – Mayor Jones asked that the old xmas lights be donated to Trefeglwys individual – no value to them so request agreed.
15. Date of next meeting – 26 February 2024, 7pm.

500/3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. New signage for the Town – Councillor Morel advised good progress following meeting with Chris Lloyd from Powys County Council. Urgency in completion needed as funding required completion by 31 March 2024. First invoice has been requested. Councillors noted appreciation for the considerable input and effort from Councillor Morel.
2. Updates from County Councillors:
 - a). Councillor G Preston reported difficulties with Powys County Council Budget – it looked inevitable that the recycling skips on the Groe Car Park would be removed. Old Market Hall work is proceeding but needs continual chasing. Traffic Lights are causing turnover drop with businesses in the town and impact requires calculation.
 - b). Councillor Morgan commented on Old Market Hall situation.
3. Town Hall and Groe Public Toilets were a continuing source of concern with vandalism a recurring problem. Agreed that funding would be sought to make more secure – 1 abstention was noted to the vote.

4. Support was given to a proposal for a new agreement to be enacted between Powys County Council (PCC), Llanidloes Town Council and Llanidloes Charter Market. 3 year period to 2027 so PCC can match up renewals of all markets. PCC to produce documentation for approval.

500/4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE PANEL/TOWN CLERK

1. Bank Reconciliation to 31 December 2023 presented and approved.
2. Received and noted valuation as at 31.12.23 of CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.
3. Received and noted Reserves information.
4. Minutes of Finance Panel meeting held on 8 January 2024 were noted and approved – 1 abstention was noted.
5. 2024/25 Budget and precept recommendation from Finance Panel was approved - 1 abstention was noted.
6. Accounts for payment of £5,309.86 + vat were noted and approved.
7. Received and noted December 2023 Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee Bank Reconciliation.

500/5 COMMITTEE

The following was read by the Chair (Mayor).

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 following items (the member of the press and members of the Youth Panel left the meeting):

1. Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee – a report on the financial situation, together with recommendation for future structure, prepared by the Town Clerk, was noted by Councillors. It was agreed that the recommendation be progressed. 1 abstention was noted.
2. The meeting received a paper on, and approved, revised pay arrangements for staff in connection with the 2023 award, effective 1 April 2023, as per agreement with NJC.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.