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Minutes of a Council meeting held at The Chamber, Town Hall, Llanidloes on 26 February 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 D Craig, Mr G Macarthur.

Youth Panel: A Turner, L Schultz, M Earp,

Town Clerk.

PRE-MEETING

A presentation from a member of C.A.R.P. (Crown and Anchor Regeneration Project) was received.

A scheduled presentation by Zero Carbon Llanidloes did not proceed due to non-attendance of representative.

501/1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. apologies for absence were accepted from Mr A Morel, C Hawkins-Selly (Youth Panel) and J Morales-Cartwright (Youth Panel). No apologies received from Mr G Preston and Mrs E Leguay.
2. received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business:

Councillor G Morgan in items relating to Powys County Council as County Councillor and Llanidloes Community Services Committee as a member in items relating to the Gro Toilets.

Councillor K Hawkins in items relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member and C.A.R.P.

Councillor T Davies in item relating to C.A.R.P.

501/2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2024 were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.
2. An update was received on the Talking Bench project – a suitable site was identified in Severn Porte. Town Clerk to progress.
3. Youth Centre project – following the site visit by some members on 23 February 2024 it was agreed to instruct a surveyor to report on the building. It is understood that Powys County Council are supportive of the Town Council proposals. Initial discussion suggests 25 years lease @ peppercorn rent being offered.
4. No planning applications received.
5. Local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community – No candidates proposed.
6. Councillors Questions – No questions presented.
7. C.A.R.P presentation was considered – agreed that a survey of local businesses was needed before further comment.
8. Zero Carbon Llanidloes presentation did not take place.
9. Town Clerk confirmed that staff appraisals for 2023 had been completed.
10. Community Speed watch set up proposal – not proceeding.
11. Town Clerk advised possible new tenant for News Room. Would involve storage of substantial collection of recorded material. Council declined.
12. Date of next meeting – 25 March 2024, 7pm.

501/3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. New signage for the Town – Councillor Morel advised no further update.
2. Updates from County Councillors:

Councillor G Morgan commented on Old Market Hall situation.
3. Gro Public Toilets – Councillor G Morgan had requested the Town Council consider taking over management responsibility for the Gro Toilets. Council agreed with review after 12 months. Town Clerk and Councillor G Morgan to liaise re requirements.
4. Llanidloes Charter Market – agreement between Powys County Council and Llanidloes Town Council was considered and approved for signature. Powys County Council to issue engrossment.
5. Portrait of the Monarch – Council agreed to accept the offer of a portrait via One Voice Wales.
6. Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee (LBJC) – Town Clerk confirmed dissolution of this committee will be taking place on 31 March 2024 with Town Council assuming responsibility for the Cemetery with effect from 1 April 2024. Town Clerk and LBJC Clerk will be working together on transfer matters and further report will be provided at next meeting.

501/4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE PANEL/TOWN CLERK

1. Bank Reconciliation to 31 January 2024 and list of debtors (1 item - £215) presented and approved.
2. Councillor G Morgan was appointed as the member to verify and sign bank reconciliation and original bank statements as per Financial Regulations.

3. Received and noted Reserves information.
4. Accounts for payment of £11,079.32 + vat were noted and approved.
5. A schedule of payments totalling £23,196.10 was presented to Council as having been paid from the Council bank account during January 2024 under ongoing arrangements (direct debits etc). This was ratified. Town Council Petty Cash account had been audited by Chair of Finance Panel and Town Clerk on 16 February 2024 with no payments having been made in January. Town Clerk advised that Petty cash was being demised due to security risk and minimal use.
6. Community Event on 16 March 2024 – Town Council will be present. Council agreed to request for £100 donation towards this event.
7. Interim audit had taken place and response had been submitted back to auditors.

501/5 COMMITTEE

No items were brought forward for discussion.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.