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## **Minutes of a Council meeting held in The Chamber, Town Hall, Llanidloes on 25 March 2024 at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs J Jones (Mayor), Dr J Hughes (Deputy Mayor), Mr G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mr D Craig, Mr G Macarthur, Mrs E Leguay.

Youth Panel: A Turner.

Town Clerk  
1 member of the Press.

The following presentation was received pre meeting:

1. Market presentation - File and Fire (Yvonne)
2. Hope House presentation was postponed until April meeting due to illness.

### **AGENDA – MEETING NUMBER: 502**

#### **502.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR**

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from: Mrs A M Jones, Miss K Hawkins, Mr A Morel, Mr G Preston, Miss C Hawkins-Selly, Miss M Earp, Miss L Schultz, Mr J Morales-Cartwright.
2. Condolences were extended to Cllr Bennett on the loss of his brother and a moments silence was held as a sign of respect for the loss of the Council Caretaker, John Stephens. A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family.
3. To receive and accept personal and pecuniary interests in items of business.

Councillor G Morgan in matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.

#### **502.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.
2. The acquisition of the Youth Centre from the County Council was progressing. The Conditions report had been received revealing considerable deterioration in the

premises due to being empty for many years. An expression of interest for funding to the Community Ownership Fund had received a positive response and agreed that costings would now be sought in order that a formal application could be made to the fund. Statutory reports in connection with the building were still awaited from Powys County Council.

3. The following planning applications were considered:  
Planning application reference 24/0313/FUL, installation of new land drain (part retrospective), Cambrian Works, Van Road, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6HN. No objections raised.  
Planning application reference 24/0270/FUL, change of use of ground floor (commercial use) and first/second floors (flat) to form a single dwelling at 28 Short Bridge Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6AD. Comment was made on the loss of a commercial premises, albeit empty - no objections raised.
4. Councillors were advised that nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor were required by the April 2024 Council meeting.
5. Library/Museum lease in favour Powys County Council had expired in 02/23 and the County Council had acknowledged by advising that it continued as a periodic tenancy and would return to the issue later in this year. Councillors requested that a more formal arrangement should be agreed.
6. Considered and approved Local Government Pension Scheme Employer Discretions Policy.
7. The following local organisations/individuals were agreed to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community:  
Mr and Mrs S Turner – for their service to the community  
Landlord of the Whistling Badger for allowing the use of premises by local organisations.
8. Crown & Anchor Restoration Project (C.A.R.P) – Councillors returned to this project. There had been verbal canvassing of local business views with mixed results. Councillors agreed to maintain a neutral position. Cllr T Davies declared an interest as a neighbouring business to the property.
9. Agreement to holding Town Council Surgeries on Saturday mornings in the Library/Museum was given. The first will be on 27 April 2024.
10. Agreement was given to commence a review of Committees to include type and terms of reference.
11. No Councillors Questions had been received.
12. Agreed date of next meeting – 22 April 2024, 7pm.

### **502.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK**

1. Town Clerk advised that the tourist signage grant monies had been paid and the signage was proceeding. However the trunk road signage project had run out of time as monies needed to be spent by 31.3.24. Delays at Highways was the cause. It was agreed to continue with the project and seek funding in the next round.
2. Councillor Morgan commented on the recent Council Tax settlement. Cardboard skips on Gro Car Park were likely to be removed as part of County Council budget cuts.
3. Good progress had been made on the dissolution of the Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee/Dolhafren Cemetery and this was on target for 31 March 2024 with the Town Council assuming responsibility from 1 April 2024.

### **502.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE PANEL/TOWN CLERK**

1. Bank Reconciliation – signed by independent assessor with bank statements - with PSDF valuation and aged debtor list (£387.81), as at 29 February 2024, approved.
2. Reserves paper presented, Noted that £1,412.26 of road signs match funding was being paid via item 3, the remainder would be removed as unable to meet timetable to drawdown of grant funding. £2,200 of recreation ground maintenance would also be removed when settled through item 3.
3. Accounts for payment, awaiting authorisation, totalling £8,772.64 + vat approved.
4. Noted and approved payments of £7,827.13 inc vat made through ongoing variable instructions.
5. Town Clerk left room - Town Clerk's salary scale uplift from SCP 23 to 24 (+49p per hour) as per staff contract, effective 1 April 2024, approved.
6. Risk Assessment and Internal Controls – 2024/25 assessment – reviewed and approved.
7. The following resolutions were considered and approved:
  - i. the continued use of variable direct debits for the payment of utility supplies (energy, telephone and water), subscriptions, memberships and any National Non-Domestic Rates be agreed for a period of 2 years – Financial Regulation 6.7.
  - ii. the continued use of bankers standing orders for the payment of certain items (principally salaries) be agreed for a period of 2 years – Financial Regulation 6.8.
  - iii. the continued use of BACS or CHAPS for payment of certain items (principally approved invoices) in accordance with bank procedures for creation and authorisation be agreed for a period of 2 years – Financial Regulation 6.9.

## **502.5 COMMITTEE**

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 item:

No items put forward.