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## **MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 22 APRIL 2024 AT 7PM**

Cat Edwards, Community Engagement Officer - Hope House, delivered a presentation on their activities prior to the meeting.

### **MEETING NUMBER: 503**

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, Mrs E Leguay, Miss K Hawkins, Mr A Morel, Mr G Preston.

Youth Panel: Miss C Hawkins-Selly, Miss M Earp, Miss L Schultz

### **503.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR**

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr A M Jones and Miss A Turner. No apologies, but absent, were Cllr G Macarthur and Mr Joaquim Morales-Cartwright.
2. Councillors G Morgan and G Preston confirmed personal and pecuniary interests in items of business relating to Powys County Council as County Councillors. Councillor K Hawkins declared an interest in any items relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member.

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

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2024 were approved as a true record.
2. No planning applications had been received.
3. Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor – 2 nominations for Mayor, 1 for Deputy Mayor. Following a vote Councillor Jamie Jones was elected as Mayor. Councillor Dr John Hughes was elected as Deputy Mayor.
4. Annual General Meeting, to include Mayor Making, was confirmed as 10 May 2024.
5. A proposal for the setting up of new Committees was circulated and accepted for formal approval at the Annual Meeting. Proposed that maximum of 2 Non-Council members be agreed.
6. No individuals/organisations were suggested for a letter of thanks.
7. The .gov.wales domain had been purchased and Councillors were asked to advise their preferred name for the @llanidloestowncouncil.gov.wales email arrangements.

8. Email from Llandrindod Town Council re seeking as referendum on wind turbines and pylons in Powys was discussed. Agreed that more research was needed before a decision was made.
9. No Councillors Questions had been received.
10. Agreed date of next Council meeting – 20 May 2024, 7pm.

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

1. County Councillors updates: (G Morgan/G Preston). Councillor Preston confirmed that an Active Travel Scheme from Caegwyn to the School was being progressed. Double Yellow Lines issue was also progressing.
2. Discussion took place on the controlling of moles by the Town Council near the skate park which had prompted a local response. The previous contractor had been unable to complete the task so a different contractor was used. Councillors agreed that providing this contractor was operating within the accepted rules and regulations then no further action was required.
3. Progress with regard to acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre was slow. The Town Clerk had been advised that Powys County Council had agreed the transfer and that Terms of Agreement would be issued. A local architect had been commissioned to assist with preparing a specification and quotes were already being obtained for the work.
4. Gro Toilets – confirmation that the Town Council had assumed responsibility for these toilets was received.
5. Allt Goch Woods, joint project with Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust (MWT) and Tir Coed was advised. MWT were preparing a grant application for £250,000, which would be submitted in the name of the Town Council, to undertake an ambitious project at the woods. This would involve having a restored ancient woodland better managed for wildlife, encouraging local community involvement, better understanding of the wildlife that inhabit the woodland and encourage upskilling and skill sharing. Council confirmed that this project should proceed.
6. A request from a local resident to use the Riverside Walk area for a children's cycle event on 21 June 2024 was approved.
7. A report was received that the administrative and financial integration of Dolhafren Cemetery had proceeded and Council agreed a press release which had previously been approved by the Burial Joint Committee.

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

1. Received and approved Bank Reconciliation with PSDF valuation and aged debtor list as at 31 March 2024.
2. Received and noted reserves paper.
3. Approved membership of One Voice Wales for 2024/25 – £640.
4. Approved membership of Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management for 2024/25 – £95.
5. Approved accounts for payment awaiting authorisation – £1,891.93 + vat.
6. Note and ratified payments made through an ongoing variable instruction – £5,979.52. Petty Cash balance now nil. Audited by Chair of Finance Panel and Town Clerk. No further use to be made of this method of payment.

7. Received minutes of Finance Panel meeting held on 8 April 2024 and approved the following:
  - i) S137 grant applications to the following:

Llanidloes Explorer Scouts -	£200
The Quilt Association -	£200
Llanidloes Carnival -	£250

### **503.5 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:

The audit report for 2021/22 was discussed and the action plan prepared by the Town Clerk was approved.