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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 21 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7PM.

Present: Councillors Mr J Jones (Mayor), Mr A Bennett, Mr G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mr D Craig, Mrs E Leguay, Mrs K Hawkins-Selly, Mr G Macarthur, Mr G Preston.

Via Zoom: Councillor Dr J G Hughes (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Mrs A M Jones.

1 member of the Press
2 members of the public

A presentation by Fleur Frantz-Morgans from Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre was received prior to the meeting.

508.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor A Morel.
2. Personal and pecuniary interests in items of business were received and accepted from:

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

Councillor G Preston in any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor

Councillor K Hawkins-Selly in any matters relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member

Councillor G Davies in any matters relating to Llanidloes Chamber of Trade as a Committee member

Councillor T Davies in any matters relating to Royal British Legion, Llanidloes Rotary and Llanidloes Chamber of Trade as a member.

508.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. A motion to amend the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 September 2024 was received as follows:

Item 507.2. ADMINISTRATION. Item 3. Add iii. Mr Colin Jones for services to the Community. The motion was approved and the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 September 2024, as amended, were approved as a true record.

2. The following planning applications had been received:

Affix a connectorised block terminal at the following properties:

- a. 1 Longbridge Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6EE. Ref: 24/1430/LBC
- b. Elephant Hotel, 46, Longbridge Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6EF. Ref: 24/1426/LBC

No objections were raised.

3. Minutes of meetings of the following Committees were received:

1. Development, Regeneration and Events Committee – 16.10.24. Chair. Councillor D Craig, advised the meeting had considered the future operation of The Old Market Hall. It had been agreed that a traffic plan was needed prior to any future commitment. The refurbishment work was nearing completion according to Powys County Council. The possibility of a ‘Llani Day’ was also discussed.
2. Finance, Staffing and Town Hall Committee – 16.10.24. Chair, Councillor Dr J G Hughes, advised the meeting of the following S137 grant applications with recommendations:

- i. Llanidloes Rotary Club - £181.69. Payment of Insurance for Annual Bonfire and Fireworks night. Recommended that this be approved and included in annual budget in future.
- ii. Llanidloes Croquet Club - £200. Purchase of hoops – Recommended approval.
- iii. Montgomery YFC - £100 – Eisteddfod support. Recommended approval.
- iv. 1st Llanidloes Scout Group - £100 – assist with costs of trip. Recommended approval.
- v. Llanidloes Chamber of Trade – £1,000 – declined as already provided assistance during this financial year but recommended £200 as a gesture of continued support.
- vi. Urdd – blanket request – recommended decline as already supported annual Eisteddfod.

All recommendations were approved.

4. Local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community:

- i. Llanidloes Guided Walks.

5. Visit by cubs was planned for next meeting but due to the absence of Councillor Morel this item was deferred.
6. A report from Llanidloes Guided Walks was received. Another successful year had passed.
7. Llanidloes War Memorial Hospital update was received from Mayor J Jones. An Action Committee was being formed with a meeting scheduled for 4 November 2024.
8. The appointment of Youth members was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Councillor Morel.
9. Councillors Questions – none received.
10. Agreed date of next Council meeting to be 25 November 2024, 7pm.

508.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Update on the following matters was received from County Councillor Mr G Preston:
 - i) Thanks were expressed to Powys County Council following the installation of some new signs in the town.
 - ii) Play Parks – meeting with Powys County Council was scheduled for 23 October 2024. A member of the public provided information on the lack of facilities in Llanidloes, particularly with disabled friendly equipment/access. Councillor Preston will report back to the next meeting.
2. Progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre was continuing to cause frustration. Quotations were awaited and a request for funding had been submitted to the local wind farm charity.
3. Remembrance Sunday – 10 November 2024 – arrangements confirmed.

508.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Received and approved the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 30.9.24 with CCLA PSDF statement.
 - ii) Aged debtor list as at 30.9.24 - £947.98 outstanding from 1 debtor of which £387.81 had been paid during October. Councillors confirmed no action to be taken.
 - iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 30.9.24 were considered. Budget needs adjustment re Cemetery and Gro Toilets acquisitions but overall actual position is c£4k better than budget after adjustment for £9.5k rates refund re Library/Museum.
2. Approved accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £5,476.19 inc. vat.
3. Councillors noted accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions for September 2024 of £7,271.01 inc. vat.

508.5 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 brought forward.