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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 24 MARCH 2025 AT 7PM.

Present: Mayor J Jones, Dr J G Hughes (Deputy Mayor), Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mr D Craig, Mrs A M Jones, Mrs E Leguay, Mr G Macarthur, Mr A Morel, Mr G Preston.

Town Clerk

Zoom – no participants

Year 9 Great War Digital Project presentation was received prior to the meeting.

MEETING NUMBER: 513

513.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:
Cllr G Morgan, Cllr A Morgan, Cllr K Hawkins-Selly
Absent without apology was Cllr T Davies
2. Received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business from:
Cllr G Preston in matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.

513.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2025 were presented as a true record.
RESPONSE: Approved.
2. Planning applications: the following were considered:
Clywedog Caravan Park, Van Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6NE. Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (change of wording) and removal of condition 3 (seasonal use) of planning application M96588. Ref: 25/0325/REM. Emailed to Councillors on 19 March 2025.

Co-op Supermarket, Llangurig Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6ES. Replacement and upgrading of refrigeration plant and associated works. Ref: 25/0295/FUL. Emailed to Councillors on 25 March 2025.

RESPONSE: No objections

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community

RESPONSE: Mr R Onions and team at Red Kite Caravan Park for their contribution to the local economy.

4. The statutory requirement to publish electronically the following details of Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting was noted:

- i. Names of members attending and any apologies for absence
- ii. Any declarations of interest
- iii. Any decisions taken at the meeting, including the outcomes of any votes.

RESPONSE: Draft minutes will be published within timescale.

5. Councillors noted that nominations for Mayor/Deputy Mayor were required by April 2025 meeting.

RESPONSE: Note deadline for nominations of Midday on 21 April 2025, in writing, to Town Clerk. Mayor Making scheduled for 9 May 2025.

6. Received minutes of Regeneration, Development and Events Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025:

RESPONSE: progress matters with the Old Market Hall (Powys County Council), VE Day 80th (8 May 2025), and Llanidloes Autumn Fayre (13 September proposed date).

7. Received minutes of Finance, Staffing and Town Hall Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025:

RESPONSE:

1. Internal audit report – Minute Ref: 502.2 – received copy of report with action plan which included addendum to Financial Regulations as follows:

4.11. No expenditure may be authorised that will exceed the amount provided in the revenue budget for that class of expenditure other than by resolution of the council, or duly delegated committee. During the budget year and with the approval of council having considered fully the implications for public services, unspent and available amounts may be moved to other budget headings or to an earmarked reserve as appropriate ('virement').

4.12. The RFO shall provide monthly, the council with a statement of receipts and payments to date under each head of the budgets, comparing actual expenditure to the appropriate date against that planned as shown in the budget. These statements are to be prepared at least at the end of each financial month and shall show explanations of material variances. For this purpose "material" shall be in excess of £5,000 or 15% of the budget.

Audit Report and Addendum approved.

2. Restructure of Operations – Finance Committee Minute Ref: 502.4 – referred to Committee.

8. No Councillors Questions received.

9. Agreed date of next Council meeting – 28 April 2025, 7pm.

513.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (Cllr G Preston).
 - i. Hafren Forest traffic issues. Powys County Council were involved in possible change of signage for route.

- ii. County Councillors were receiving £5,000 per Councillor for anti-poverty projects. Youth Club was suggested where young people were able to socialise and have a basic meal.
- 2. Received an update on progress with proposal to lease Llanidloes Youth Centre.
RESPONSE: awaiting lease from Powys County Council Legal team.
- 3. Advice from solicitors in connection with the signing of the lease from Powys County Council for Gro Toilets related to concern of ongoing cost of maintaining. Subsidy is included in annual budget.
RESPONSE: Lease sealed and signed.
- 4. Received a report regarding Llanidloes Tourist Signage from Councillor Morel. Project is ongoing.
- 5. Considered the proposal for a sign in Allt Goch woods in memory of a local resident.
RESPONSE: Removal of the reference to the surname and woods was required before the sign could be erected.
- 6. Considered the re-siting of a memorial bench @ Victoria Avenue Playpark which also involves removal of deteriorating bench.
RESPONSE: Agreed.
- 7. Council noted a complaint from a local resident about speeding in High Street, Llanidloes – confirmed resident had been referred to local police.
- 8. Town Hall lift project – contacted local project manager with meeting to be arranged.
- 9. Town Hall Clock – auto wind project completed.

513.4 FINANCE/AUDIT – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

- 1. Received the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 28.2.2025 with CCLA PSDF statement.
 - ii) Aged debtor list as at 28.2.2025 totalling £4,116.19. No action proposed.
 - iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 28.2.2025 with commentary.
RESPONSE: Approved.
- 2. Accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £17,152.21.
RESPONSE: Approved.
- 3. Noted accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions totalling £7,203.99.
- 4. One Voice Wales membership for 2025/26 @ £675.
RESPONSE: Approved.
- 5. Tree Safety work – quotation for tree safety work in Allt Goch Wood of £2,850 + vat – email from Town Clerk of 4 March 2025 referred.
RESPONSE;Approved.
- 6. Tree safety work – quotation of £1,650 + vat for work at Severn Porte – 3 lime trees and small ash tree.
RESPONSE: Approved.
- 7. Risk Assessment and Internal Controls 2025/26 assessment presented and reviewed. Prepared by Town Clerk.
RESPONSE: Approved.
- 8. Request from Year 9 Great War Digital Project for funding of £50 towards siting a QR code near the Cenotaph.
RESPONSE: Approved.

513.5 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 items:

Confirmed that Staff Appraisals for 2024 had been completed.

Discussed Town Clerk salary uplift due to progression from SCP 24 to 25 as per terms of employment contract dated 1 August 2023. Hourly rate increases from £17.79 to £18.26 with effect from 1 April 2025.

RESPONSE: Approved

Discussed Finance Committee recommendation in respect of restructure of operations. Paper prepared by Town Clerk.

RESPONSE: Approved