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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 28 APRIL 2025 AT 7PM.

Present: Mayor J Jones, Dr J G Hughes (Deputy Mayor), Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mr D Craig, Mrs A M Jones, Mr G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, Mrs K Hawkins-Selly.

Town Clerk

Zoom – 1 member of the press

MEETING NUMBER: 515

515.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. The following apologies for absence were received and approved:

- i. Councillor A Morel
- ii. Councillor G Preston
- iii. Councillor E Leguay

Councillor G Macarthur was absent without apology.

2. The following personal and pecuniary interests in items of business were declared:

- i. Councillor G Morgan – items relating to Powys County Council (PCC) as a County Councillor.
- ii. Councillor K Hawkins-Selly – items relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member.

515.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2025 were approved as a true record.
2. The following planning applications were considered:
 - i. The Orchard House, 10 China Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6AB. Section 19 application of variation of condition 9 (mezzanine floor) of planning approval P/2017/0734. Ref: 25/0463/REM
 - ii. The Orchard House, 10 China Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6AB. Section 73 application for variation of condition 8 (mezzanine floor) of planning approval P/2017/0733. Ref: 25/0462/REM.
 - iii. Trinity Church, Short Bridge Street, Llanidloes. Reconfiguration and alterations to access path and gate, including installation of concrete gate slabs, replacing existing gate with 15mm upstand and upgrading existing stone slabs. Ref: 25/0387/LBC.
 - iv. Penrhiw Farm, Highgate Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6NB. Erection of cover over existing manure store and associated works. Ref: 25/0491/FUL.
- v. 15 Foundry Terrace, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6AY. Erection of dwarf wall and railings to reinstate front garden. Ref: 25/0246/FUL. Received on 28 April 2025 and emailed to Councillors pre meeting.
RESPONSE: No objections
3. The following local organisations/individuals were selected for a letter of thanks for services to the Community:
RESPONSE:
 - a. Millenium Garden Committee:
 - b. Llanidloes RFC on their league win and promotion.
4. Councillors Questions, of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification had been given to the Town Clerk as follows:
Councillor Bennett raised the issue of the rumoured closure of Sylfaen Day centre in Llanidloes.
RESPONSE: - Town Clerk to contact other local Town/Community councils who may also be affected to coordinate a concerned response. Councillor G Morgan to establish who at Powys County Council to contact.
5. Date of next Council meeting:
RESPONSE: agreed 19 May 2025, 7pm.

515.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. Received information and updates from County Councillors as follows:
Councillor G Morgan advised a new edition of A Municipal History of Llanidloes had been published.
2. No further progress with proposal to lease Llanidloes Youth Centre – awaiting formal lease document from PCC.
3. Progress report on reopening the Old Market Hall. No progress had been made with arranging a meeting with Powys County Council (PCC) to discuss the many issues with the building. It was noted that officials from PCC and the architect had attended the premises recently, but no contact had been received by the Town Council. It was felt that PCC were not addressing the many concerns the Town Council had raised.

RESPONSE: A meeting should now be demanded, contacting the Chief Executive of PCC. A threat of legal action was to be made given they were in breach of their lease terms.

4. Nominations for the Election of Mayor/Deputy Mayor had been received with 1 candidate for each post.

RESPONSE: Councillor Dr J G Hughes was proposed as Mayor, Councillor W D Craig was proposed as Deputy Mayor. Nominations were agreed and formal confirmation would take place at Mayor Making ceremony on 9 May 2025.

5. Community Speed Watch – following further report on speeding in High Street, Llanidloes, from a concerned resident the Town Clerk had contacted the local Police who had provided a link for residents to report improper behaviour.

RESPONSE – provide link to resident.

6. A report on an Operational Efficiency Review of the Town Clerk position was presented to Council for review and approval.

RESPONSE: Agreed that The Town Clerk would continue the contracted 28 hours per week but this would be spread between Monday to Thursday each week rather than across 5 days.

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

1. Received and approved the following financial documents:

- i) Bank Reconciliation as at 31.3.2025 with CCLA PSDF statement.
- ii) Aged debtor list as at 31.3.2025 – list provided. No action proposed.
- iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 31.3.2025 with commentary. 2024/25 expenditure had exceeded income by c£4k where a budget figure of -£28k had been anticipated in order to reduce cash reserves. £18k of non-recurring income was received so result was c£6k better than expected.

2. Accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £11,061.70 were presented.

RESPONSE: Approved for payment.

3. Accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions list totalling £12,110.06 was presented.

RESPONSE: Noted without issue.

4. Burial Fees for Dolhafren Cemetery effective for 12 months from 1 June 2025 were reviewed. Powys County Council had not amended their current fee structure.

RESPONSE: Agreed that there would be no change to the current fee structure for a further 12 months from 1 June 2025.

5. An update on Internal and External Audit arrangements for 2024/25 was provided by the Town Clerk. The Internal Audit had been completed and the Internal Auditor report was awaited at which point the Annual Governance Statement can be considered and approved. Early indications are that all the accounting information will be unqualified and a small number of issues may be raised but these have already been addressed. A full external audit is due this year with submission required to Audit Wales by 7 August 2025.

RESPONSE: A resolution to appoint JDH Business Services Ltd as internal auditor for 2024/25 was approved.

515.5 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:

An update on the restructure of operations at the Town Hall and Dolhafren Cemetery was provided by the Town Clerk. This was proceeding as planned and further updates would be provided as required.