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## **MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 19 MAY 2025 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 515**

**Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes, Deputy Mayor Mr W D Craig, Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mr J Jones, Mrs E Leguay, Mrs A M Jones, Mr G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, Mrs K Hawkins-Selly, Mr G Preston, Mr G Macarthur, Mr A Morel,**

**Town Clerk**

**Zoom – no attendees**

### **515.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR**

1. No apologies for absence were received.
2. Received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business as follows:  
Councillor G Preston – any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.  
Councillor G Davies – any matters relating to Llanidloes Carnival as a Carnival Committee member.  
Councillor G Macarthur – any matters relating to Llanidloes Carnival as a Carnival Committee member.  
Councillor K Hawkins-Selly – any matters relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Youth Club Committee member.  
Councillor T Davies – any matters relating to Royal British Legion Ladies Section as member.

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

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2025 were approved as a true record.
2. Planning application considered:

- i. Travellers Rest, 9 Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6EE. Change of Use from café to Travel Agent & Tourist Information. Commercial Kitchen from use class E to C3 and associated works. Ref: 25/0472/FUL  
**RESPONSE: No Objections.**
3. The following were considered to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.  
**RESPONSE: Mrs R Evans for maintaining gardens @ Hafrenydd.  
Royal British Legion Ladies Section for the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary arrangements in the Millenium Garden.**
4. The policy on Councillor Allowances was considered:  
**RESPONSE: The allowances of £156 (home working) and £52 (Consumables) are mandatory and should be paid but Councillors can decline. Councillors to contact the Town Clerk re payment. It was decided that, as a matter of policy, attendance allowances would not be paid.**
5. The policy on Information Technology was considered.  
**RESPONSE: Approved.**
6. The 2024/25 Annual Report, including Section 6 Biodiversity report was considered.  
**RESPONSE: Approved for publication.**
7. The time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council was considered.  
**RESPONSE: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month save August or if Bank Holiday conflicts.  
December meeting only if required.**
8. Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given. Councillor J Jones had been contacted regarding the possibility of staging a Chartists Plot play by local playwright in Great Oak Street.  
**RESPONSE: Deferred to Deputy Mayor to progress.**
9. Agreed date of next Council meeting – **23 June 2025**, 7pm.

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

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (G Preston).
  - a) The retirement from Powys County Council, after 52 years, of County Councillor Gareth Morgan was noted. Members gave Councillor G Morgan a standing ovation to acknowledge this service achievement.
  - b) Powys County Council has a new leader, Councillor J Berriman.
  - c) It was confirmed that the road from 'the conker tree' (Van Road) to Cerist was earmarked for resurfacing in Mid June.
2. A draft lease re Llanidloes Youth Centre had been received on the meeting date. This was being considered by solicitors and the Town Clerk with report to next meeting.
3. Progress with re-opening the Market Hall was stalled although a meeting with Powys County Council had been scheduled for 5 June 2025.
4. Progress with the Town Hall Lift project – a local architect had met with the Town Clerk and was considering the project. Further report to follow.

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

1. Received Bank Reconciliation with CCLA PSDF valuation as at 30 April 2025.
2. Received a list of accounts for payment, awaiting authorisation, totalling £8,954.19.
3. Received a list of outstanding debtors as at 30.4.25 totalling £4,695.72 with no action recommended.

4. Received a list of payments made through ongoing arrangements totalling £9,085.57.
5. Received actual vs budget figures to 30.4.25 (Month 1) with commentary.

**RESPONSE – Items 1 – 5 above approved.**

6. Councillor T Davies left the room. Considered a possible donation to, or purchase of a Beacon for, Royal British Legion Ladies Section in connection with VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and future events.

**RESPONSE: make enquiries from Rotary to establish if they would manage Beacon.**

2 S137 grant applications had been received for consideration and it was agreed that, for reasons of efficiency, these would be dealt with directly by Council rather than an initial submission to the Finance Committee. Applications were tabled for Councillor's attention.

1. Llanidloes Carnival - £100 sought towards this year's event.

**RESPONSE: Council agreed that this event was of such importance to the Town that a grant of £500 would be provided. This amount would then be included within the annual budget in future.**

2. Free Spirit Dance School: £200. A local person was proposing to provide a 5 days summer dance class for children aged 5-15.

**RESPONSE: Approved.**

7. Considered the following:

- i. Internal Audit – the 2024/25 report from the internal auditor:
- ii. Annual Governance Statement – considered the questions:
- iii. Accounting Statements – considered the accounting statement figures:

**RESPONSE: authorised the signing of the annual return**

- iv. Elector's Rights – noted the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 1 July 2025 to 28 July 2025.

**RESPONSE: notice to be placed on notice board and website.**

## **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 item:

No items brought forward.