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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 23 JUNE 2025 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 516

Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes, Deputy Mayor Mr W D Craig, Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mrs E Leguay, Mr G Preston, Mr G Macarthur,

Town Clerk

Zoom – Mrs K Hawkins-Selly, 1 member of the press

1 member of the public in attendance

516.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. Received and accepted apologies for absence from Councillors, Morel, J Jones, A M Jones, G Morgan and A Morgan.
2. Received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business as follows:
 1. Councillor G Preston – any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.
 2. Councillor T Davies – any matters relating to Royal British Legion Ladies Section as a member and Woosnam & Davies in relation to item 516.3.8.
 3. Councillor G Davies - any matters relating to the Llanidloes Charter Market Committee – item 516.3.2.
 4. Councillor K Hawkins-Selly – any matters relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member of the Youth Club.

516.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES/TOWN CLERK

1. Received the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2025.
RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.
2. Planning applications – the following were considered:
 - a) 37 Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6EF. Removal of chimney and dormer windows. Ref: 25/0797/CAC
 - b) 37 Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6EF. Works to roof, doors and windows. Ref: 25/0798/HH
 - c) 12 Short Bridge Street, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6AD. Replacement chimney. Ref: 25/0775/HH.

RESPONSE: No objections

3. Agreed the following local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
 1. Llanidloes Football Club celebrating 150 years
 2. Llanidloes Rugby Football Club – celebrating 50 years
 3. Llanidloes Fire Station – for services to the community
4. Received minutes of meeting of Regeneration, Development and Events Committee, held on 10 June 2025, from Deputy Mayor W D Craig, with the following noted:
 - 4/2 – Old Market Hall – it was accepted that there was no option other than to wait for a response from Powys County Council following the meeting held at the Old Market Hall. Councillors were dismayed at the apparent lack of pride in the renovation work.
 - 4/3 – Llanidloes Autumn Fayre – a poster advertising the event had been produced together with a booking form for stallholders.
 - 4/4 – Chartists Play – Pum Diwrnod o Ryddid – progress had been made with potentially bringing this historical musical to the town in September. Meetings with the organisers were to be arranged.
 - 4/5 – VJ Day – members were informed that there was a desire to hold a picnic @ Severn Porte on or around the Memorial Day. Further details would follow.
5. No Councillors Questions received.
6. Date of next Council meeting agreed – 21 July 2025, 7pm.

516.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Received the following updates from County Councillor G Preston.
 - i) A new on demand bus service was planned for the Trefeglwys, Caersws, Aberhafesp, Newtown route with better integration with train services at Caersws.
 - ii) An urgent road repair at Bryndu Hill had been undertaken.
 - iii) An enquiry would be made re funding of £500k for toilets which Powys County Council had received.
RESPONSE: distribution details to be sought.
2. Received a general report from the Llanidloes Charter Market Committee – Cllr G Davies.
 Reported Charter Market running smoothly with above average number of stalls. Some concerns over the new indoor market being opened on 28 June in Bethel Chapel where free stalls were being offered for 6 weeks. Organisers had agreed to meet with Councillor to discuss. Market Insurance now covered within the Town Council insurance arrangements saving £666 this year. Bank account is £1,681 in credit.
3. Received an update on progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre. 15 months since this project first started and draft lease has been issued and is with solicitors but cannot be completed as earlier lease has still not been released. Need to review this project with a view to moving forward – National Lottery People & Places funding could be available but consultation with local organisations/residents on the project required first.
RESPONSE: Youth Club to start consultation process and Town Clerk to contact architect to review next steps.
4. Received a report on the situation with Sylfaen Day Centre – Cllrs G Davies & A Bennett. The Town Council confirmed it's opposition to any closure of this facility. We had already written to the Head of Service at Powys County Council and had received a holding response. The results of the Powys County Council confidential

report on the future of the Centre were awaited. Councillors were reminded of their declaration of interest requirements.

RESPONSE: arrange meeting with Sian Cox, County Councillor to express Town Council views.

5. Active Travel Llanidloes Phase 2 – email from Powys County Council presented detailing next phase from Hafren Furnishers to Gro Car Park.

RESPONSE: arrange meeting with Powys County Council to give Town Council views.

6. Councillor representations on One Voice Wales Local Committee – email from OVW presented.

RESPONSE: Mayor J G Hughes nominated as the representative.

7. Considered request from a resident to hold a handfasting ceremony in Allt Goch woods.

RESPONSE: Approved.

8. Considered the offer of the donation of a Public Access Bleed kit from Woosnam & Davies.

RESPONSE: Accepted with thanks.

9. There has been no progress with the Town Hall Lift project.

10. Considered the establishment of ‘drop in’ sessions for residents.

RESPONSE: Councillor Leguay to take forward.

516.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Received Bank Reconciliation with CCLA PSDF valuation.

RESPONSE: Approved.

2. List of accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £11,363.23 presented.

RESPONSE: Approved.

3. Received a list of outstanding debtors as at 31.5.25 of £6,639.75. No action proposed.

4. Received and noted a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and bank transfers - £12,215.78. Transfers of £6k & £5k from Deposit Account to Current Account on 20.5.25 and 22.5.25 respectively.

5. Received budget update with commentary – actuals vs budget to 31 May 2025. £4k better than budget.

6. Consider renewal of corporate membership of The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) including payment of £105.00 fee.

RESPONSE: Approved.

7. Consider a motion to adopt revised Financial Regulations.

RESPONSE: Adopted.

516.5 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:

1. Received an update on the reorganisation of operations at the Town Hall and Dolhafren Cemetery from the Town Clerk. No action required.