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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 21 JULY 2025 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 517

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

Town Clerk

Zoom – Cllr T Davies, 1 member of the press

2 members of the public in attendance

517.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
RESPONSE: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr J Jones & Cllr K Hawkins-Selly
2. To receive and accept personal and preducial interests in items of business.
RESPONSE:
Cllr G Preston in matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor
Cllr G Davies in matters relating to Llanidloes Chamber of Trade as a Committee member

517.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2025 were considered.
RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.
2. To consider any planning applications, and if desired, provide comment –
 - i) Ty'r Pennaeth, China Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6AB. Erection of Sun Room.
Ref: 25/0925/HH
RESPONSE: no objections raised.
 - ii) Land opposite Parc Derwen Fawr, Llanidloes, SY18 6DQ. Publicity and consultation before applying for planning permission.
RESPONSE: Councillor requested further details of development.



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- iii) 23 Short Bridge Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6AD. Change of use of part of ground floor (A1) to form an extension to existing dwelling. Ref: 25/0985/FUL. Emailed to Councillors on 16 July 2025.
RESPONSE: no objections raised.
3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
RESPONSE: Lisa Stead, Llanidloes Carnival Volunteers (Cllrs G Macarthur & D Davies declared membership of the Committee), Llanidloes Charter Market organisers (Cllr G Davies declared membership of the Committee).
4. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.
a) Proposed closure of Llandinam School – Cllr E Leguay.
RESPONSE: this item was moved to the Committee section of the Agenda.
5. Agree date of next Council meeting.
RESPONSE: 22 September 2025, 7pm.

517.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillor (G Preston).
RESPONSE: request received for the new County Councillor, Fleur Frantz-Morgans to provide updates in the absence of Cllr G Preston – agreed
New on demand bus service serving the villages of Trefeglwys, Caersws, Aberhafesp was welcomed.
Old Market Hall: a full response was awaited following the meeting with Matt Perry from Powys CC. The suggestion that Jake Berriman (Powys CC leader), Dr Sam Johnson (Conservation Officer, Powys CC) should be asked to come to a meeting regarding the situation. It remains the Town Council view that the recent refurbishment work was not completed satisfactorily.
Also suggested that CADW be contacted with a view to some involvement as the current lease expiry of 2031 would see potential significant liabilities returned to the Town Council.
There had been recent publicity regarding funding agreed for toilets in 4 locations in Powys – this was provided to Powys CC by Welsh Government following instructions from Visit Wales.
2. To receive an update on progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre – Town Clerk.
RESPONSE: A draft lease had been received via solicitors. Queries had been raised which had prompted a delay. Councillors confirmed their desire to continue to proceed to acquisition with 1 abstention.
3. To receive a report on proposals for reorganisation of Health services presented at a meeting on 24 June 2025 – Deputy Mayor W D Craig.
RESPONSE: Deputy Mayor W D Craig presented on a recent meeting he attended on the reorganisation of Health Services. Some concerns were raised over the impact on Llanidloes Health Services.
4. To consider email from Democratic Services Officer re Code of Conduct training
RESPONSE: agreed to accept this offer of reduced cost refresher training.



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5. To note email from resident regarding speeding traffic on road towards Trefeglwys
RESPONSE: resident had been forwarded link to report any activity to Community Speed Watch.
6. To receive update on arrangements for staging Pum Diwrnod o Ryddid on 14 September 2025 - Deputy Mayor W D Craig/Town Clerk
RESPONSE: arrangements were proceeding with an anticipated cost of c£10k of which £1.5k would be funded by a private donation. Other funding avenues were being explored but Councillors confirmed the commitment to fund this one-off opportunity. Road closure plans had been commenced with letters delivered to affected local residents.
7. To receive details of changes to Governance arrangements at One Voice Wales, determine the Town Council position on the changes and nominate a Councillor to attend an EGM on 3 September.
RESPONSE: Mayor Dr J G Hughes was nominated as the Town Council representative to attend the EGM. Deputy Mayor W D Craig was nominated as a substitute.
8. To receive an update on Town Council leases – Library/Museum, Llanidloes Cricket Club, Bro Arwystli and Balcony Office – Town Clerk.
RESPONSE: Powys CC had been chased re Library/Museum lease which was continuing as a periodic tenancy, Llanidloes Cricket Club lease was being renewed for a further 50 years from September 2025, Bro Arwystli lease on the Old Coach House would be renewed for a further 2 years on 1 September 2025 and there was a possible tenant for the Balcony Office.
9. To receive an update on the establishment of a beacon and agree arrangements for installation – Town Clerk.
RESPONSE: the Beacon had been constructed and had been gifted to the Royal British Legion Ladies section as per previous agreement. Installation and any site agreement would then pass to them.
10. To receive email regarding Active Travel survey and consider response.
RESPONSE: Councillors were invited to contribute to this survey.
11. To receive an update on progress with the Victoria Avenue Playground project – Cllr E Leguay/Town Clerk
RESPONSE: a meeting with Sovereign Playgrounds had taken place with a plan produced for the new playground. £7,500 had been invoiced to Powys CC re Sandringham Leather development which would be put towards this development.

517.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2025 with CCLA PSDF valuation.
RESPONSE: approved.
2. To approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation.
RESPONSE: Approved payments totalling £3,726,96 including vat.
3. To receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 30.6.25 and agree action if required.
RESPONSE: noted debtors totalling £12,299.41 outstanding of which £6,700 had been received post end of month and no action required with outstanding amounts.



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4. To receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and bank transfers.
RESPONSE: list of payments totalling £12,370.44 and bank transfers of £5,000 and £10,000 noted.
5. To receive budget update – actuals vs budget to 30.6.25.
RESPONSE: Actuals vs budget with commentary noted. No action taken.
6. Receive information on revised governance arrangements of CCLA Investment Management and consider if any action required – Email provided.
RESPONSE: Revised governance arrangements noted and no action to be taken.
7. Consider requests from Llanidloes Chamber of Trade for grants to support upcoming planned events.
RESPONSE: £200 agreed for Llani Live to be held in September 2025 and £200 agreed for the Chocolate Festival to be held in October 2025.

517.5 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:

Receive an update on Town Hall operations – Town Clerk

RESPONSE: the restructuring of operations was proceeding as indicated in previous meetings. The contractor was now undertaking maintenance works at Dolhafren Cemetery and Town Hall assets with no issues thus far. Equipment handover had taken place with proceeds to be received in due course.

Llandinam School

The proposed closure of the school was discussed with concerns raised on both the closure and the comments made by a local councillor in relation to any impact on Llanidloes Schools.

RESPONSE: No action proposed.

Corn Room letting

Cllr G Preston declared an interest. The new County Councillor, Fleur Frantz-Morgans, had enquired regarding renting this room for weekly surgeries.

RESPONSE: Councillors agreed subject to a commercial rent being paid.