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Approved as a true record – 27 October 2025.

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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 518

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, Mr A Morel, Mr G Preston.

Town Clerk

Zoom – Cllr T Davies

Members of the public in attendance

518.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
RESPONSE: apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Hawkins-Selly and Cllr A Morgan.
2. To receive and accept personal and prejudicial interests in items of business.
RESPONSE: Cllr G Preston in any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.

Item 518.3.3. was moved to the head of the agenda by agreement with those present.

518.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2025.
RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.
2. To consider any planning applications, and if desired, provide comment:
Mount Severn, The Cottage, Glan y Nant, Llanidloes, SY18 6PQ. Demolition of existing cottage with replacement dwelling, outbuildings, air source heat pump and all associated works. Ref: 25/1075/FUL. Emailed to Town Councillors on 2 September 2025.
Co-op, Llangurig Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6ES. Installation of 2 rapid electric vehicle charging bays and ancillary equipment including one fully accessible charging bay. Ref: 25/0864/FUL. Emailed to Town Councillors on 13 August 2025.
RESPONSE: no comments/objections.
3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.

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RESPONSE: Staff at Sylfaen Day Centre, Cwmni Maldwyn Theatr and all parties involved in the organisation and performance of Pum Diwrnod o Ryddyd including the donor, Pavo for their assistance with Llanidloes Autumn Fayre.

4. To receive minutes of the Regeneration, Development and Events Committee meeting held on 2 September 2025 and consider any proposals for agreement – Deputy Mayor W D Craig.

RESPONSE: The Deputy Mayor delivered the minutes making particular reference to the highly successful events of the Llanidloes Autumn Fayre (£150 cost to hire Community Centre) and the performance of Pum Diwrnod o Ryddyd. It was confirmed that the Town Council had agreed to fund the performance with costs of c£12k and a donation of £1.5k from a private donor resulting in a net cost of c£10k excluding staff time. New facilities signs proposed by Councillor Morel were agreed.

5. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.

RESPONSE: a. Cllr A M Jones asked that a vote be taken to oppose any future Active Travel plans – an item discussed at previous meetings. All were in favour. b. Cllr A M Jones also asked that the impetus behind objections to the temporary changes, which had been extended, at Llanidloes War Memorial Hospital required a new energy and asked that a meeting with Powys Teaching Health Board be arranged to obtain explanations of future plans.

6. Date of next Council meeting:

RESPONSE: 27 October 2025, 7pm.

518.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillor including developments regarding The Old Market Hall (G Preston).

RESPONSE: a. Cllr Preston is to arrange a meeting with Powys County Council to once again address the deficiencies in the recent renovation work at the Old Market Hall. b. a recent briefing to Powys County Council by a Alan Sotherby regarding a review of wind farm applications was recommended for presenting to Town Council. c. the issue of buses parking on the road opposite the Gro Car park was being addressed.

2. To receive an update on progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre – Town Clerk.

RESPONSE: the lease had been signed and a completion date was awaited. A submission of an expression of interest to Transforming Towns Grant scheme had received a request to move to full application.

3. To discuss and agree any response from the Town Council in connection with the proposed closure of Sylfaen Day Centre.

RESPONSE: this item was moved to the top of the agenda, due to the nature of the issue, to allow members of the public present to make their representations. Following said representations, it was agreed to write to the new Portfolio Holder at Powys County Council and demand that the part closure of the centre be paused until such time as figures, impact assessment and a full review could be completed. The possibility of seeking a judicial review was raised. The following proposal was passed subject to 1 abstention:

'That the Town Council vehemently objects to the closure of any part of Sylfaen Day Centre'

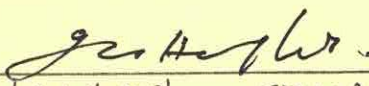
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4. To discuss and agree a response to the letter from William Powell to the First Minister in connection with delays in treatment times for Welsh patients in England.
RESPONSE: agreed to support with letter to be written.
5. To discuss and agree a response to the email from Llanidloes Without Community Council in connection with benches on the cycle track between Llanidloes and Cwmbelan
RESPONSE: agreed to provide basic bench if approached by residents.
6. To discuss representations made regarding parking on Bryndu Hill – Councillor A Bennett.
RESPONSE: it was noted that parking was causing issues near the bridge, but that responsibility lay with traffic enforcement bodies.
7. To receive an update on situation with ground floor (market area) tenant in connection with Environmental Health requirements for improvements to Town Hall building.
RESPONSE: the situation was fluid with the tenant advising possible sale of business, but Councillors agreed to pursue a plan to ensure the Town Hall could meet Environmental Health requirements in future.
8. To receive an email from a visitor regarding parking charges in Mount Lane Car Park.
RESPONSE: Councillors noted the content and confirmed that Powys County Council were responsible for the car park and charges.
9. To receive an email dated 2 September 2025 from Llanidloes Rugby Club regarding letter of support for improvement to facilities.
RESPONSE: agreed to provide letter of support.
10. To receive email from Traffic Powys re Road Closure for Remembrance Day and agree requirements.
RESPONSE: agreed that road closures should be included within the umbrella facility undertaken by Powys County Council with existing marshalling arrangements to remain in place.

518.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliations as at 31 July 2025 and 31 August 2025 with CCLA PSDF valuations
RESPONSE: approved.
2. To approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation.
RESPONSE: payments totalling £29,500.90 including VAT were approved.
3. To receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 31.8.25 and agree action if required.
RESPONSE: noted debtors of £6,313.09 with no action proposed.
4. To receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and bank transfers.
RESPONSE: payments totalling £10,461.38 and internal bank transfers of £6k and £8k for July 2025 and £17,366.66 and internal bank transfers of £5k and £5k were noted.
5. To receive budget update – actuals vs budget to 31.8.25.
RESPONSE: Budget vs Actuals for July and August 2025 were submitted and noted. Financial position remains acceptable.
6. To receive Insurance renewal paper.
RESPONSE: insurance renewals were due on 1 August 2025 and a review was carried out by the Town Clerk with renewal accepted and payment made to ensure cover was in place – full details in paper presented to Town Council which was noted.


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7. To consider request from Llanidloes Community Transport/Dial A Ride for annual donation.
RESPONSE: Town Clerk had agreed with Dial-A-Ride coordinator that the annual grant (£2,620.00, effectively a return of rent payments for their office and car parking) would be gross, with outstanding rent payments of c£1.1k deducted resulting in a net payment of £1,500 being provided. In future Town Council agreed that rental of the office and car park would be gratis thereby removing the need for monthly invoices and grant funding. Licence to Occupy would be amended.
8. Consider request from Lisa Stead for grant support – email dated 20 July 2025 refers.
RESPONSE: request was for support with a Youth project, now in 2nd year, and £200 grant was approved under S137.

518.5 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:

To consider staff pay increases for the year commencing 1 April 2025

RESPONSE: paper provided detailing individual staff members' position. Approved.