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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 24 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 520

Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes (Chair), Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs A M Jones, Mrs K Hawkins-Selly, Mrs E Leguay, Mr G Macarthur, Mrs A Morgan, Mr G Morgan, Mr A Morel, Mr G Preston.

Town Clerk

Zoom – Cllr J Jones

Zoom – 1 member of the press.

2 Members of the public in attendance

520.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

RESPONSE: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr T Davies and Cllr W D Craig.

2. To receive and accept personal and prejudicial interests in items of business.

RESPONSE:

Cllr G Preston – any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.

Cllr G Macarthur – any matter relating to Rotary Club of Llanidloes as a member.

Cllr G Davies – any matter relating to Charter Market as a Committee member.

Cllr K Hawkins-Selly – any matter relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member.

520.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK (APPENDICES 1 – 7)

1. To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2025 and approve as a true record.

RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.

2. To consider any planning applications, and if desired, provide comment:

Application Reference: 25/1568/FUL Grid Reference: E:296019 N: 284408 Proposal: Affordable residential development comprising 40 houses and 20 flats together with new access and associated works Site Address: Housing Development, Land Opposite Parc Derwen Fawr, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6DQ.

RESPONSE: no objections/comments to be raised.

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
RESPONSE: Llanidloes Junior Football Club for their assistance on Bonfire night. Rotary Club of Llanidloes for their contribution to the success of Bonfire night.
4. To agree a small group to produce a Welsh Language Scheme proposition – Montgomery Town Council scheme attached for information.
RESPONSE: proposed that the specimen scheme be adopted save amendment to Llanidloes Town Council. Approved and adopted.
5. To receive and note One Voice Wales Practice Development note 21 – Annual Council Meeting.
RESPONSE: Town Clerk reminded Councillors that the Annual Meeting is a statutory obligation.
6. Receive email from One Voice Wales with date of AGM (21.1.26) and nominate Town Councillor to attend and substitute in the event of an inability to attend.
RESPONSE: Mayor Dr J G Hughes was nominated to attend. Deputy Mayor W D Craig was nominated as the substitute.
7. To receive report from Llanidloes Guided Walks and note donation to Samaritans of £86.
RESPONSE: Report noted as well as donation to Samaritans.
8. To receive, for information purposes, the minutes of the Regeneration, Development & Events Committee held on 3 November 2025.
RESPONSE: minutes noted. Grant application for St David's Day celebration had been submitted to Welsh Government with result expected by 19 December 2025.
9. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.
RESPONSE: no questions received.
10. Agree date of next Council meeting.
RESPONSE: proposed and agreed that no meeting would take place in December 2025 due to other activities limiting attendance. If an urgent matter arose then a meeting would be convened. Next meeting scheduled for 26 January 2026.

520.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillor.
RESPONSE: Councillor Preston reported that Anti-Poverty Fund donations had been made to 4 organisations, Powys Together, Llanidloes Youth Club, Llani Pantri (Foodbank) and Rotary Club for Bonfire night. A meeting had been held with James Thomson, PCC regarding waste enforcement, street cleaning, bins, winter maintenance and a new grit bin for Caegwyn area.
2. To receive a report from the Sylfaen Day Centre Committee – Cllr A M Jones
RESPONSE: Cllr Jones reported a meeting of the Committee had taken place before the Council meeting and the public meeting on 1 December 2025 was proceeding.
3. To receive Old Market Hall update – Mayor
RESPONSE: the newly formed Committee had met before the Council meeting and renewed the request for a face to face meeting with Powys County Council officers. Quotations for obtaining a structural engineers report were to be sought.
4. To receive Llanidloes Youth Centre update – Town Clerk/Cllr K Hawkins-Selly
RESPONSE: Town Clerk reported Youth Club licence to occupy had been completed, property insured, fire extinguishers checked, fire alarm upgrade quote being sought, builders quotes for roof and window replacement requested and 2 hire enquiries from

local organisations had been received. Cllr Hawkins-Selly reported a good start to the Youth Club occupying the building with significant redecoration undertaken and 53 young persons attending.

5. To receive Charter Market Committee update – Cllr G Davies

RESPONSE: Cllr Davies reported Charter Market finances were good with £2k in bank and limited affect of the new market at a local café being shown.

520.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK (APPENDICES 8 - 14)

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31 October 2025 with CCLA PSDF valuation

RESPONSE: Approved.

2. Receive and approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation

RESPONSE: £19,822.86 of payments were approved on a tabled list.

3. Receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 31.10.25 and agree action if required

RESPONSE: £7,685.00 outstanding with small claims court submission made for £2,482 outstanding since 02/25. No other action proposed.

4. Receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and bank transfers.

RESPONSE: £11,272.56 noted with bank transfers with card payments.

5. Receive budget update – actuals vs budget to 31.10.25 with commentary

RESPONSE: Income is £28k ahead of budget, expenditure is £17k worse than budget resulting in net £11k ahead of budget. Timing differences have had an effect.

6. Receive 2026/27 draft budget and approve budget and Precept request.

RESPONSE: Draft budget approved including a precept request of **£132,000**. This represents a 2.5% inflationary increase over 2025/26. 1 abstention due to a personal interest.

7. Receive and approve/decline a request for a donation from Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Mayor

RESPONSE: request declined as not specific to locality.

8. Appoint a Town Council member to independently verify Bank Reconciliation as per Financial Regulation 2.6.

RESPONSE: Cllr G Morgan was proposed and appointed.

520.5 COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press left the meeting during consideration of the item relating to staffing:

The recent Facebook page advert for the Town Clerk position had received no response. Councillors agreed to utilise the local press and the County Council Job Search function.