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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 26 JANUARY 2026 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 521

Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes (Chair), Deputy Mayor W D Craig, Mr A Bennett, Mr G Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mrs A M Jones, Mrs E Leguay, Mr G Morgan, Mr G Preston.

Town Clerk

Zoom – Cllr J Jones, Cllr K Hawkins-Selly

Zoom – 1 member of the press.

2 Members of the public in attendance

521.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

RESPONSE: Cllr A Morgan, Cllr A Morel were absent with apology. Cllr G Macarthur was absent without apology.

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.

521.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2025 and approve as a true record.

RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.

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

1. Application Reference: 25/1600/FUL Grid Reference: E:294579 N: 284048
Proposal: Erection of indoor equine exercise arena including log store. Site Address: Dolenog , Penygreen Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6AJ – emailed to Town Councillors on 1.12.25.

2. Application Reference: 25/1787/FUL Grid Reference: E:295262 N: 284099
Proposal: Relocation of electric feeder unit, new lamppost, ancillary equipment and all associated works Site Address: Supermarket and Premises, Llangurig Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6ES - emailed to Town Councillors on 16.12.25

3. Application Reference: 26/0014/FUL Grid Reference: E:295286 N: 284159
Proposal: Proposed relocation of entrance and exit junction. Site Address: Hafren Furnishers , Llangurig Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6ES.

4. Application Reference: 25/1920/FUL Grid Reference: E:295454 N: 284564
Proposal: External works including re-roofing, installing new gutters, refurbishing existing windows and doors Site Address: Flats 1 & 2, 51 Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6EF.

RESPONSE: No objections raised.

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
RESPONSE: Llanidloes Ladies RFC on reaching the Quarter Finals of the Welsh Cup, Jenson Jones for fund raising efforts & Christmas Lights Committee for their efforts in 2025.
4. Receive One Voice Wales Practice Development Notes on Copyright and Participating in Webinars for information.
RESPONSE: Council noted.
5. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.
RESPONSE: None received.
6. Agree date of next Council meeting.
RESPONSE: 23 February 2026, 7pm

521.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillor – Cllr G Preston
RESPONSE:
During the recent cold snap requests for 2 further grit bins had been made – 1 received.
A letter was being sent to Link to request a banking hub in the Town. Town Council to co-sign in support.
1.5 million capital funding to the 18 towns with place plans or town investment plans. Llanidloes can bid for a proportion of the money. More details will be launched in the spring – funds to be spent by May 2027.
2. Receive information on St Davids Day celebration events – Deputy Mayor
RESPONSE: In conjunction with the Chamber of Trade a full programme of events had been planned for the period 13 February 2026 to 12 March 2026.
3. Receive, and if desired, adopt proposed Llanidloes Town Council Mission Statement
RESPONSE: Adopted.
4. Receive and if desired, approve, Grants Application and Points to Note policy.
RESPONSE: Adopted.
5. Receive email of 5.1.26 from One Voice Wales in connection with nominees for Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.
RESPONSE: Cllr A M Jones nominated.
6. Receive update on developments with The Old Market Hall.
RESPONSE: the Mayor updated Councillors on the Committee meeting which had taken place before the Council meeting. Some progress had been made with Powys County Council and the minutes would be placed before the next Council meeting.
7. Receive update on tree management requirements at Severn Porte, Dolhafren Cemetery, Allt Goch Woods & Millenium Garden.
RESPONSE: the Town Clerk advised significant tree management requirements in the near future. The pollard of 3 trees on Severn Porte had been completed, a survey of Dolhafren Cemetery indicated a significant commitment may be looming, 2 trees will require removal at the rear of a property bordering Allt Goch woods for safety reasons

and a tree had suffered damage during the recent snowfall in the Millennium garden which may require removal for safety reasons. Quotations for all work were being obtained.

8. Receive an update on the Town Hall, Market Area, in relation to the existing business and environmental health matters.

RESPONSE: the existing tenant had sold the business but it appears that little will change in the short term as they will remain in situ with the new owners. The Town Council awaits full details of the transfer. A pre application for the pest control proposals had been submitted to Powys County Council.

9. Receive email from Llandrindod Town Council regarding Cross Border Health Care and consider support.

RESPONSE: The Deputy Mayor was proposed and seconded as a representative to this initiative. The Town Council expressed disappointment that the temporary changes that have been applied to Llanidloes Hospital have now been extended, as temporary, for another 2 years.

10. Receive copy email addressed to Members of the Senedd from a local resident regarding issues at Bryn Posteg Landfill Site and agree Town Council action.

RESPONSE: 2 Town Councillors had recently visited the site at the request of the site manager. There are many agencies involved in the issues at the site including legal action. The Town Council agreed to maintain a watching brief.

11. Receive email dated 11 December 2025 (previously emailed to Town Councillors) regarding Severn Valley Water Management Scheme and agree Town Council action.

RESPONSE: Councillors were encouraged to attend the consultations.

12. Receive plans regarding latest Active Travel Scheme – Hafren Furnishers to Gro Car Park – and agree Town Council response.

RESPONSE: Town Councillors continued to express their disappointment that this scheme continues. It is regarded as not being required and a waste of money. However it is acknowledged that it is a statutory requirement instigated by the Welsh Government.

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

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliations as at 30 November 2025 and 31 December 2025 with CCLA PSDF valuations.

RESPONSE: Approved.

2. Receive and approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation.

RESPONSE: Approved payments totalling: £30,295.84 inc vat where charged.

3. Receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 31.12.25 and agree action if required.

RESPONSE: A total of £10,473.66 was outstanding of which £4.2k had been received after the month end. A county court judgement had been obtained for the long outstanding amount of £2.5k and further action is awaited.

4. Receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and bank transfers for months ending 30.11.25 and 31.12.25.

RESPONSE: Noted payments totalling £12,351.41(11/25) and £12,542.18 (12/25) with bank transfers.

5. Receive budget update – actuals vs budget to 30.11.25 and 31.12.25 with commentary.

RESPONSE: Councillors were provided with the actual vs budget figures together with commentary as at 31.12.25. Financial position is close to target acknowledging the intention to reduce cash resources by £19k over the year.

6. Renewal of SLCC Membership – motion to approve @ £253.00.
RESPONSE: Approved.
7. Llanidloes Guided Walks – grant request of £190 for 2026 and 2027 leaflets with consideration to applying as a budget item for the future.
RESPONSE: Approved.
8. Minerva Arts Centre – receive email re problem with roof and requirement for support – consider and agree what Town Council support can be provided.
RESPONSE: The Town Council confirmed it's commitment to supporting the Centre in it's fund raising and had made a suggestion that they approach Powys County Council Transforming Towns for support. This had received a positive response.
9. Youth Centre rental – consider and, if desired, formally approve rent free period for Llanidloes Youth Club.
RESPONSE: Council approved a rent-free arrangement with the Youth Club. It is anticipated that the Club will undertake maintenance at the Centre. Other organisations would be charged an agreed hire charge as appropriate. There was an acknowledgement that the Centre needs to be monetised to cover running costs.
10. Receive email from Nature Recovery Officer at Powys County Council regarding assistance with purchase and reclaim of funds in connection with river testing kits.
RESPONSE: Councillors requested further information on the organisation that has submitted this request.

521.5 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 items:

The Town Clerk confirmed that matters relating to the caretaker position and duties would now be dealt with by the end of February 2026.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a period of medical leave would be required due to an operation and hospital stay commencing on 28 January 2026.

The Mayor confirmed that the location of a bust of Sir George Hamer had been established and it was proposed to have it returned to Llanidloes Library/Museum for display.