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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 522

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

Town Clerk

Zoom – Cllr T Davies, Cllr G Morgan, Cllr A Morgan

1 Member of the public in attendance

AGENDA – MEETING NUMBER: 522

522.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
RESPONSE: Accepted apologies from Cllr K Hawkins-Selly & Cllr A Morel. Absent without apology: Cllr G Macarthur.
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.

522.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026 and approve as a true record.
RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.
2. To consider any planning applications, and if desired, provide comment:
RESPONSE: none received.
3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community – Mayor
RESPONSE: Millenium Garden Committee, Llanidloes Ladies Football Team
4. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given. Mayor
RESPONSE: None received.
5. Agree date of next Council meeting – 23 March 2026, 7pm.

522.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR/TOWN CLERK (APPENDICES 2 – 5)

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillor – Cllr G Preston
RESPONSE: Councillor Preston advised:
 - a). A meeting of Powys County Council was expected to approve the annual budget with a 4.9% increase.
 - b) The latest Active Travel scheme was raised with concerns over bus stops. This matter was deferred to the Environment & Planning Committee.
 - c) A grant fund of £80k was being made available to Llanidloes
2. Receive update on St Davids Day celebration events – Deputy Mayor
RESPONSE: Congratulations were extended to everyone involved in the events to commemorate St David’s Day. Recommendations were received for a similar effort annually.
3. Receive minutes of the Old Market Hall Committee meeting held on 26 January 2026 and an update on current and future developments – **Appendix 2** – Mayor
RESPONSE: The Mayor reported that a meeting with CADW and the Conservation Officer was scheduled for 26 February 2026, a report would be made to the Old Market Hall Committee at the next Committee meeting on 10 March 2026. A further vehicle collision had occurred with a report made to Powys County Council who would ensure safety and repairs.
4. Receive update on local wind farm developments and details of Rhiwlas Wood pole route consultation. Establish Town Council position on such developments – **Appendix 3** – Deputy Mayor
RESPONSE: The Deputy Mayor provided an in-depth analysis on the implications of all the possible/proposed wind farms in the local area. He asked that Councillors consider these implications in order that a Town Council position can be established at the next meeting.
5. Receive copy email from Llanidloes Football Club to owner of adjoining field re boundary fence for information purposes – **Appendix 4** - Town Clerk
RESPONSE: Councillors noted contents of email.
6. Receive email from Comptons Yard Charitable Trust requesting permission to erect an information stall at Severn Porte on 25 April 2026 (International Earth Day) – **Appendix 5** – Mayor
RESPONSE: Approved.
7. Approve a motion to acquire 3 Tourist Street Signs (Mount Lane, Gro Car Park, Church Lane) under a Community Asset Transfer from Powys County Council, funding received for upgrades – Town Clerk.
RESPONSE: Approved.
8. Receive report on asbestos situation in Library/Museum with assessment of cost of remedial work – Town Clerk
RESPONSE: Council were advised that remedial work on the ceiling in the library to ensure that asbestos safety issues can be addressed was required. A quote of £2,100 + Vat had been received and further quotes were expected. Councillors agreed that the work should proceed with an appropriately approved company being a requisite.
9. Consider holding an event for Covid 19 – Day of Reflection – 8 March 2026 – Town Clerk
RESPONSE: a service of dedication for the bench installed at Severn Porte in 2025 would be arranged.

10. Receive update on Market Area of Town Hall and future arrangements for occupation – Town Clerk

RESPONSE: A meeting with CADW, the Conservation Officer and Town Council architect had been arranged for 26 February 2026.

522.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK (APPENDICES 6 - 10)

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2026 with CCLA PSDF valuation – **Appendix 6**
RESPONSE: Approved.
2. Receive and approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation – **Appendix 7**.
RESPONSE: payments totalling £7,383.49 including vat were approved for payment.
3. Receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 31.1.26 and agree action if required – **Appendix 8**.
RESPONSE: £10,839.67 outstanding of which £3.5k had been received since month end. County Court Judgement had been obtained on long outstanding debtor and enforcement action was in progress.
4. Receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and bank transfers for month ending 31 January 2026 – **Appendix 9**.
RESPONSE: Payments totalling £12,349.43 including vat and transfers of £5,000, £2,000, £5,000 & £5,000 between deposit and current account were noted.
5. Receive budget update – actuals vs budget to 31.1.26 with commentary – **Appendix 10**.
RESPONSE: Commentary and Budget vs Actuals to 31 January 2026 were noted.
6. Receive details of Legionella Monitoring Report for Llanidloes Youth Centre and agree amendment to contract confirming payment of £75 + vat per month to cover full scope of works – Town Clerk
RESPONSE: Legionella risk assessment on Youth Centre had been completed. Ongoing monthly monitoring and compliance with statutory requirements at £75 + vat per month was approved by extension to existing contract with Assured Air & Water who undertaken similar service @ Town Hall & Gro Toilets.
7. Receive further information regarding minute reference 521.4.10, Friends of Llanidloes Rivers and confirm facilitation of purchase of river testing kits @ c£2k to be fully reimbursed by Powys CC - Mayor.
RESPONSE: The Town Council had undertaken further investigation and agreed the purchase of the kits, with reimbursement by Powys County Council, in full.

522.5 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:

The Town Clerk provided a staffing update. Effective 1 March 2026 the caretaker would be undertaking reduced hours to 10 per week. The Council Van would be purchased by the contractor undertaking maintenance work.

The Town Clerk advised that the recent medical operation had been successful and he had returned to normal working hours. The advertisement for a new Town Clerk/RFO would be rewritten as no applicants had come forward.