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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 23 MARCH 2026 AT 7PM.

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

Town Clerk
Zoom – Cllr T Davies

MEETING NUMBER: 523

523.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
RESPONSE: Cllr E Leguay apology received and accepted.
2. To receive and accept personal and pecuniary interests in items of business.
RESPONSE: Accepted personal and pecuniary interests declared by Cllr G Preston in matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.

523.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2026 and approve as a true record.
RESPONSE: Approved and signed as a true record.
2. To consider any planning applications, and if desired, provide comment.
 - a) Application Reference: 26/0255/FUL Grid Reference: E:289492 N: 284747
Proposal: Erection of a replacement wind turbine together with all associated infrastructure and works (blade hub height 31.5, blade tip height 46m) Site Address: Glyn Hafren, Old Hall, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6PS.
RESPONSE: It was noted that this application fell outside the Town Council area. Powys County Council had been advised.
3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
RESPONSE: Rhiannon Brewer & Lisa Stead in connection with the St David's Day celebrations. The Deputy Mayor was also congratulated on his involvement.

4. Councillors to note that nominations for Mayor/Deputy Mayor are required by April 2026 meeting.
RESPONSE: Noted – in writing to the Town Clerk 3 days before the next meeting.
5. Receive minutes of Environment & Planning, Finance, Staffing & Town Hall and Old Market Hall Committee meetings held on 10 March 2026 and consider any recommendations from those Committees.
RESPONSE: Receipt of minutes were confirmed.
Proposed from Environmental & Planning Committee minutes to establish who at Powys County Council has responsibility for the Gro Car Park with a view to discussing bus stops and future management of the area.
Recommendations of the Finance, Staffing & Town Hall Committee were under Finance on the agenda.
Recommendations from the Old Market Hall Committee - It was noted that a structural surveyor had been instructed in connection with the survey on the Old Market Hall at a reduced cost from the original firm who quoted. Progress was being made with Powys County Council with regards to lights, re-opening, repairs and future traffic management. A meeting is to be arranged with Tony Caine from Highways at Powys County Council to discuss the latter.
6. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.
RESPONSE: None received.
7. Agree date of next Council meeting
RESPONSE: 27 April 2026, 7pm agreed.

523.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/COUNCILLORS/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (G Preston).
RESPONSE: Cllr Preston reminded Councillors that the Pride in Place funding scheme was open with a short submission deadline. Town Clerk advised that the application for the 30% shortfall in the Youth Centre funding was ready to be submitted. County Councillors were thanked for their choice of anti-poverty donations recently, which were well received by the recipients.
2. To consider the situation with regard to wind turbine proposals in the local area and establish a Town Council position – minute ref: 522.3.4 refers.
RESPONSE: the Deputy Mayor made a further presentation on this subject. One request for further information on alternatives was requested and no formal position was adopted. Powys County Council had issued a statement which may be suitable for adoption and Town Councillors asked that this be obtained and circulated.
3. To receive information on Clywedog Dam disaster procedures.
RESPONSE: there is no siren located in the Town and Severn Dee had confirmed that regular disaster planning meetings take place with the Army, Police and County Council. A request had been made for Town Council attendance at future meetings.
4. To receive email from Llanidloes Tennis Club requesting transfer of small area of land from Llanidloes Cricket Club to Llanidloes Tennis Club through lease memorandum.
RESPONSE: Approved.
5. To receive an update on developments with the Market Area of the Town Hall.
RESPONSE: the purchaser of the butcher's business located in the Market Area had withdrawn just prior to completion of the paperwork. The Mayor and Town Clerk had met the tenant and were advised that other purchasers were being resurrected. The end

of August 2026 had been scheduled as a possible closure date if no buyers emerge. The Food Hygiene Rating had been reviewed upwards to 4.

6. Receive email and EOI form regarding UK Town of Culture and agree action.
RESPONSE: The Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk had already reviewed the proposal and a response had been sent to PAVO offering support but limited assistance based on timescales and workload.

523.4 FINANCE/AUDIT – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Receive and approve the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 28.2.2026 with CCLA PSDF statement.
 - ii) Aged debtor list as at 28.2.2026 totalling: £10,163.66, of which £3k had been received post month end. The long outstanding debtor of £2,482 had been contacted. The CCJ remains in place but a repayment plan had been agreed.
 - iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 28.2.2026 with commentary.
RESPONSE: Approved. Noted that year to date actual was close to budget where original Precept request anticipated a reduction in cash of £19k – month end showed a reduction of £19.5k.
2. Approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling: £22,161.75 of which £14,719.50 related to retrospective approval as per interim audit report.
RESPONSE: Approved.
3. Note accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions totalling: £11,994.82 and 1 transfer of £5,000 made between Deposit and Current Account.
RESPONSE: Noted.
4. Consider renewal of membership of One Voice Wales for 2026/27 - £706 (£675 – 2025/26).
RESPONSE: Approved.
5. To receive and consider Town Hall Hire Charges for 2026/27 – schedule provided with uplift.
RESPONSE: Approved as submitted.
6. To receive Town Council Risk Assessment and Internal Controls document – 2026/27 – review and approve 2026/27 assessment.
RESPONSE: Approved.
7. To receive interim internal audit report for 2025/26 and consider recommendations from Finance, Staffing & Town Hall Committee meeting on 10 March 2026 as follows:
 1. Retrospectively approve the awarding of the ground maintenance contract for c£35,000 in March 2025 to Beech Tree Services on the basis that existing work was being undertaken and the purchase of Cemetery and Town Hall equipment was included in the arrangements. See Town Clerk restructure proposal of 4 March 2025 approved by Town Council on 24 March 2025 – minute ref: 513.5. Retrospective approval to waive Financial Regulation 5.13 (price negotiated without competition) given lack of interest from other contractors and knowledge of the expertise of the proposed contractor.
 2. Retrospectively approve the awarding of a contract for £6,400 to Owen Builders without 3 quotes given urgency of work – underpinning of Cemetery Lodge following excavation of test holes.
RESPONSE: Approved save 1 vote against.

8. To receive the Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee Annual Return and Governance Report for year ended 31 March 2024 and approve recommendation from Finance, Staffing and Town Hall Committee that the report be filed due to time elapsed and the qualified issues had been dealt with as part of the integration into Llanidloes Town Council in April 2024.

RESPONSE: Approved save 1 vote against.

523.5 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:

Staff Appraisals – Town Clerk advised all appraisals for 2025 had been completed.

The Town Council approved the Town Clerk salary scale increase from SCP25 to SCP26 as per terms of the Town Clerk employment contract. Hourly rate increases from £18.85 per hour to £19.32 per hour.