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MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 7 APRIL 2026 AT 6PM.

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, Mr G Preston.

Town Clerk

Zoom – a member from the Community Investment Team, Bute Energy

In person – 1 member of the public

PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
RESPONSE: Apologies received and accepted from Councillors, G Morgan, A Morgan, K Hawkins-Selly, J Jones. Absent without apologies were Councillors E Leguay, G Macarthur, A Morel.
2. To receive and accept personal and pecuniary interests in items of business.
RESPONSE: None.


ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR

1. To consider the situation with regards to proposals for wind turbines in the local area and agree a Town Council position on such proposals.

The Deputy Mayor provided an overview of the position and proposed the motion that Llanidloes Town Council adopts the Powys County Council position on such developments as follows:

‘Powys is abundant in opportunities to generate renewable energy. and is proud of the part it already plays in decarbonising the Powys economy and tackling the causes and impacts of global warming impacting Powys communities.

Llanidloes Town Council concurs with the Welsh Government that as much renewable electricity as possible should be generated and consumed locally.


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Llanidloes Town Council supports local ownership of energy generation and distribution designed to support the wider Powys community transition towards low carbon energy use reflecting the circular economy.

Llanidloes Town Council supports the principles for generating green hydrogen locally alongside other energy storage and redistribution measures acknowledging the capacity constraints of the local distribution network.

Llanidloes Town Council calls on the Welsh Government to pause its open invitation to submit any more DNS applications for major on-shore wind farms in Powys until:

- the Government clearly sets out how it will ensure that cumulative impact (including the associated infrastructure) across all outstanding DNS applications is to be properly managed and considered. The existing case by case basis cannot keep pace with the rate at which competing applications are emerging, leaving communities unconvinced that the declared “presumption in favour” of large-scale projects will adequately protect their interests which is undermining confidence in the impartiality of the planning system.
- the Government sets out a clear and coherent plan for upgrading the power transmission and distribution network, confirming their commitment to undergrounding new lines of 132kva and above, and demonstrates how electricity generated can be accessed and used by local residents.
- the Government demonstrates how it intends to align the two consenting regimes for wind farms and transmission lines and not permit more energy parks to be granted planning consent unless and until there is demonstrable evidence that they can be implemented and connected up to the grid’

The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm.