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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 1 JUNE 2026 AT 7PM.

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

Town Clerk
Public – one member

MEETING NUMBER: 525

525.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
   RESPONSE: Apologies accepted from Cllrs G Morgan, A Morgan, E Leguay. Absent without apology: Cllr T Davies.
2. To receive and accept personal and pecuniary interests in items of business.
   RESPONSE: Cllr G Preston in matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor. Cllr A Morel in matter relating to agenda item 525.4.7 as a Scout Leader.
3. Introduction of the new Town & Cemetery Clerk.
   RESPONSE: The Mayor welcomed Darren Bender, who had accepted the position of Town & Cemetery Clerk. The existing clerk would be undertaking a new role of Responsible Financial Officer. Both would be working on a handover during June with the new positions filled from 1 July 2026.

525.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2026 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: P/26/0205/CAC
   Proposal: Alterations to dwelling involving replacement chimney, new front door and new step, new roof slates, 2 roof lights and new gutters & downpipes
   Location: 8 SMITHFIELD STREET, LLANIDLOES, SY18 6EJ

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Application Reference: P/26/0203/HH
Proposal: Alterations to dwelling involving replacement chimney, new front door and step, new roof slates, 2 roof lights and new gutters & downpipes
Location: 8 SMITHFIELD STREET, LLANIDLOES, SY18 6EJ
Allocated Officer: Aled Williams

Application Reference: P/26/0110/FUL
Proposal: Construction of extension to front elevation to form accessible toilet & improved W/C & baby changing facilities
Location: ST IDLOES GOLF CLUB, VAN, LLANIDLOES, SY18 6LG
Allocated Officer: Aled Williams

RESPONSE: No objections raised.

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.
   RESPONSE: The Eisteddfod Committee for the choice of the town for the Proclamation ceremony on 9 May 2026.
4. To consider the 2025/26 Annual Report and confirm publication on the website.
   RESPONSE: Considered and approved for publication, subject to confirmation of Town Council tier of government.
5. Determine the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.
   RESPONSE: Agreed that the existing arrangements would remain in place.
6. Receive and, if desired, adopt the 2026/27 Training Plan.
   RESPONSE: Adopted.
7. Undertake a review of Committees, a) Finance, Staffing & Town Hall, b) Regeneration, Development and Events and c) Environment & Planning.
   RESPONSE: Reviewed – existing structure and members to remain in situ.
8. Undertake a review of the following Council policies: a) Equality & Diversity, b) Information Technology & c) Working Environment. Councillors are requested to review the policy documents on the Town Council website prior to the meeting.
   RESPONSE: Reviewed with amendment made to Equality & Diversity policy with regard to staffing.
9. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given.
   RESPONSE; Cllr Morel asked: 'What can the Town Council do to improve disabled access for residents and tourists visiting the Town's shops/cafes etc'. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Chamber of Trade.
10. Agree date of next Council meetings – 29 June 2026, 20 July 2026. 7pm.

525.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (Cllr G Preston).
   RESPONSE:
   a) Active Travel Scheme, Smithfield Street – snagging issues were being dealt with.
   b) Recycling Collections – poor performance in this area, following introduction of a new timetable, had been raised with Senior Management at Powys County Council.
   c) Pride in Place – funding of £83k had been agreed. Projects to be formalised.

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d) Hafren Furnishers entrance – the new entrance which was to be created with the Active Travel project had not materialised. Planning permission had not been achieved and money allocated was not spent in time. It may move at some stage in the future.

2. Receive an update on Youth Centre refurbishment and award contract.
RESPONSE: a report from the Town Clerk was presented to the meeting with 3 quotes for a new roof with solar panels and replacement of old windows. It was agreed to award the contract to JJBuild who had indicated a start date of late June with completion during July. Funding had been agreed from Transforming Towns and Price in Place schemes.
3. Receive an update on the Old Market Hall.
RESPONSE: a meeting had been arranged for 5 June 2026 with Powys County Council Highways personnel to discuss traffic management in the light of another lorry damaging the Old Market Hall.
4. Receive and consider terms of lease in respect of Market Area – see email of 20 May 2026.
RESPONSE: an email was presented from Milwyn, Jenkins & Jenkins outlining some amendments to the lease proposed by the new tenant and their advisor. Of 6 items concerns were raised over:
   a) the proposal that possible closure would result in rent cessation given such a situation could give rise to a significant period of stagnation. It was agreed that the solicitors would be requested to seek some time limit, say 6 weeks, on such a clause.
   b) Additionally, the Town Council refused to accept the request that the Landlord pay the legal fees of preparing the lease.

525.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliation as at 30.4.26 with CCLA PSDF valuation.
RESPONSE: Noted and approved.
2. To approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation – list provided.
RESPONSE: A total of £12,508.89 was approved.
3. To receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 30.4.26 and agree action if required.
RESPONSE: £11,710.33 outstanding of which c£5.5k had been received post month end. This included £500 from the long outstanding Cemetery debtor which left £1,097 outstanding.
4. To receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement.
RESPONSE: £11,880.25 paid during the month. Transfers between Deposit and Current account of £2 x £5k and between Current and Deposit account of £2k & £40k were noted.
5. To receive and note actual vs budget figures to 30.4.26 with commentary.
RESPONSE: month 1 of the new financial year and little activity to report.
6. To review inventory of land and other assets including buildings and office equipment – see Asset Register.
RESPONSE: Reviewed and no action required.
7. To receive and consider grant application under S137 from 1st Llanidloes Scout Group - £152.
RESPONSE: Approved.
8. To consider funding (£200) of Food Resilience Project – see email.
RESPONSE: A vote was taken and the request was declined.

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9. To consider and, if desired, approve the following:
   i. Internal Audit – receive the 2025/26 report from the internal auditor
   ii. Annual Governance Statement – consider the questions and approve accordingly
   iii. Accounting Statements – consider and agree the accounting statement figures and authorise the signature of the annual return
   iv. Elector's Rights – to note the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 1 July 2026 to 28 July 2026.

   RESPONSE: Internal audit report, Annual Governance Statement and Annual Return reviewed. Annual return signed. Elector's Rights dates noted.

10. Consider, and if desired, approve the following resolutions:

    i. the continued use of variable direct debits for the payment of utility supplies (energy, telephone and water), subscriptions, memberships and any National Non-Domestic Rates be agreed for a period of 2 years – Financial Regulation 6.7.
    ii. the continued use of banker's standing orders for the payment of certain items (principally salaries) be agreed for a period of 2 years – Financial Regulation 6.8.
    iii. the continued use of BACS or CHAPS for payment of certain items (principally approved invoices) in accordance with bank procedures for creation and authorisation be agreed for a period of 2 years – Financial Regulation 6.9.

    RESPONSE: Resolutions approved.

525.5 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:

A final, verbal, report on the restructuring of operations originally agreed in 2024/25 was provided by the Town Clerk/RFO. It was reported that all equipment and the council vehicle had been sold with funds received. Revised staffing arrangements were now in place with a contractor undertaking all grass & hedge cutting with ad hoc jobs as required. It was agreed that the contractor would have a 3 years contract for operations.