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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 29 JUNE 2026 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 526

Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes (Chair), Deputy Mayor W D Craig, Cllr A Bennett, Cllr G Davies, Cllr A M Jones, Cllr J Jones, Cllr E Leguay, Cllr G Preston, Cllr K Hawkins-Selly.

Responsible Finance Officer, Town Clerk
1 Member of the public in attendance

526.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

RESPONSE: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Morgan, Cllr G Morgan and Cllr A Morel. Cllr G Macarthur and Cllr T Davies were absent without apologies.

2. To receive and accept personal and pecuniary interests in items of business.

RESPONSE: Cllr G Preston in any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor. Cllr G Davies as a member of Llanidloes Chamber of Trade (item 526.4.6).

526.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2026 and approve as a true record.

RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.

2. Planning Applications

Application Reference: P/26/0262/FUL

Proposal: Improvements to the existing car park including replacement toilet block with new septic tank/drainage mound together with the creation of an additional car parking area

Location: Hafren Forest Car Park, Rhyd Y Benwch, Old Hall, Llanidloes, SY18 6SY

RESPONSE: Cllr Preston advised that he had requested this application be 'called in'. Councillors confirmed that the numerous issues that had arisen due to visitor numbers needed to be addressed, in particular road access and exit.

Application Reference: P/26/0316/LBC

Proposal: Structural repair works including reinstatement of 8 first floor joints and removal/replacement of timber post within stairwell

Location: Llanidloes Old Market Hall, 1, Shortbridge Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6BN

RESPONSE: No objections raised, however Powys County Council to be requested to consider a recently arrived report, commissioned by Llanidloes Town Council, on the comprehensive structural work needed to repair and protect the Old Market Hall before the work is started.

The following additional planning matters were tabled to the meeting having been received on the day.

Cyfeirnod y Cais / Application Reference: 26/0255/FUL

Cynnig / Proposal: Erection of a replacement wind turbine together with all associated infrastructure and works (blade hub height 31.5, blade tip height 46m)

Cyfeiriad y Safle / Site Address: Glynhafren, Old Hall, Llanidloes, SY18 6PS

RESPONSE: This was for information where a meeting was being held at County Hall on 8 July 2026, the application having been 'called in'.

Application Reference: P/26/0521/REM

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission P/2017/0765 in respect to drainage

Location: PLOTS 1-3, VAN ROAD, LLANIDLOES, SY18 6HR

Allocated Officer: Rhian Griffiths

RESPONSE: this related to a change of drainage. No comments made.

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community.

RESPONSE: The Dragonettes cheerleaders, who had recently won two European titles. Runners in the recent Kings Baton Relay event.

4. Receive the minutes of the Old Market Hall Committee meeting held on 16 June 2026.

RESPONSE: Powys County Council have been asked by Llanidloes Town Council to install a traffic camera to capture the identity of vehicles that damage the Old Market Hall to claim compensation from insurers and assist with any potential prosecution.

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 – 20 July 2026. 7pm.

RESPONSE: Agreed.

526.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (Cllr G Preston).

RESPONSE: Cllr Preston reported that annual weed spraying that had not taken place, is planned for before carnival weekend. Annual tree reducing is also confirmed from the tree officer. A banking hub application is being progressed. A new bus stop is being installed opposite the garage in Victoria Avenue. The pause of major energy development projects is to be reasserted to the new government at the Senedd.

2. Receive an update on Youth Centre refurbishment – Town Clerk.

RESPONSE: Work has now started on the youth centre renovation work, with a new roof, including solar panels, and 6 new windows to be installed.

3. Receive a paper entitled ‘Requests for Benches’ and agree response.

RESPONSE: A potential location for a new bench between Hafren Terrace and the Town Centre had been identified and instruction for repairs to benches in the riverbank area near the skate park has been given. A request for four benches in the Llangurig area was rejected by council as this is outside the LTC area.

4. Receive email and report re latest developments with Llais.

RESPONSE: The Deputy Mayor had previously accepted the invitation to join Llais and informed council that any feedback on NHS services given to him would be passed onto the government. A Llais team recently visited Llanidloes Memorial Hospital and a report from that should be forthcoming.

5. Receive a report on matters arising in connection with Llanidloes War Memorial Hospital.

RESPONSE: It was agreed that this would be moved to the Committee section.

6. Receive email dated 10 June 2026 from Jeremy Over re People’s Emergency Briefing.

RESPONSE: An email invitation to a screening was extended to all council members. Deputy Mayor will be attending, and Cllr Preston is taking part in a discussion after the screening.

7. Receive email from JJP Services re Westgate Street Development and consider offer of donation in lieu of green area.

RESPONSE: Approved swap of green space in new development for investment in existing playground offering with compensation to be negotiated by the RFO and town clerk. £20,250 had been offered.

526.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliation as at 31.5.26 with CCLA PSDF valuation

RESPONSE: Approved

2. To approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation – list provided

RESPONSE: Payments totalling £11,631.57 were approved.

3. To receive a list of outstanding debtors as at 31.5.26 and agree action if required.

RESPONSE: Noted that long outstanding debtor re Cemetery had been cleared.

4. To receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and inter account bank transfers in May 2026
RESPONSE: Payments totalling £9,617.51 noted. 3 inter account bank transfers noted.
5. To receive and note actual vs budget figures to 31.5.26 with commentary
RESPONSE: No comments received.
6. To receive and consider request from Llanidloes Chamber of Trade for a grant of £250 towards the Chocolate Festival.
RESPONSE: Approved.

526.5 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:

RESPONSE: Item 526.3.5 was moved to this section due to the potential nature of the information. Cllr A M Jones declared an interest as an employee of the Arwystli Health Centre. A general discussion on potential changes to the hospital was held.