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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES, ON 20th JULY 2026 AT 7PM. MEETING NO: 527

Present: Mayor Dr J G Hughes (Chair), Cllr A Bennett, Cllr G Davies, Cllr A M Jones, Cllr G McArthur, Cllr G Preston, Cllr A Morel, Cllr G Morgan, Cllr A Morgan.
Responsible Finance Officer, Town Clerk

527.1 PRELIMINARIES - MAYOR

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

RESPONSE: Apologies received from **Deputy Mayor W D Craig**, Cllr E Leguay, Cllr J Jones, Cllr K Hawkins-Selly. Absent without apologies Cllr T Davies

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

RESPONSE: Councillor G Preston confirmed interest relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor. Councillor G Davies confirmed interest relating to Llanidloes Carnival. Councillor A M Jones confirmed interest relating to Arwystli Medical Centre.

3. Public Participation section - Members of the public have the right to speak at Full Council Meetings on any matter identified for discussion in the agenda for the meeting.

RESPONSE: No members of the press or public present or online.

527.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2026 and approve as a true record – **Appendix 1** – Mayor

RESPONSE: Approved as a true record.

2. Planning Applications – **Appendix 2** - Mayor

Application Reference: P/26/0258/HH

Proposal: Replacement of dormer window with re-roofing works included

Location: HOLMSIDE, 37 LONG BRIDGE STREET, LLANIDLOES, SY18 6EF

RESPONSE: No objections.

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

RESPONSE: Carnival Committee and Town Twinning Committee are both to be thanked for organising successful events that contribute to the cultural life in Llanidloes.

4. Report on the Old Market Hall including a committee meeting held on 8 July 2026 – Mayor

RESPONSE: Recent work to fix damage from an HGV has been completed well. Further remedial work has been delayed until 2027. A meeting of decision makers has been organised for early October, to take place in the Old Market Hall itself, to consider the recently commissioned structural report and discuss the change of ownership from Powys County Council to Llanidloes Town Council in 2031. Some council members are anxious that the quality of planned repair work is improved and that responsibility for poor historical work is discussed at the meeting, alongside plans for future protection of the grade 1 listed building, which is unique in Wales. The original schedule of works from the first handover agreement is to be examined. The structural report is to be sent to all council members.

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 – 28 September 2026. 7pm.

RESPONSE: Agreed.

527.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

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

RESPONSE: Pride in Place funding choices need reviewing by Environment and Planning Sub Committee. Further discussion agreed that Wild Oak café to be relayed a one-month deadline regarding use of planters in the road that are currently obscuring parking without being used for tables. Council asked clerk to investigate who is responsible for clearing vegetation after removal by Powys County Council operatives.

2. Report re latest developments with Llais – Deputy Mayor

RESPONSE: Cllr Jones reported ongoing concern among medical professionals and members of the community that changes proposed by Powys Teaching Health Board, under challenging financial pressures, mean that Llanidloes Memorial Hospital might become vulnerable. Medical professionals will be writing to the new government to remind them of their manifesto promises. Council is to write to PTHB and express opposition to the limited choices put forward and invite PTHB to attend a public meeting.

3. Report on work progress at the Youth Centre – Town Clerk / RFO

RESPONSE: Work starting later than expected, perhaps two weeks to be added to finish date.

4. Report from Town Carnival – Mayor

RESPONSE: Carnival was once again a great success, and the town was full of locals and visitors enjoying themselves.

5. Report from Twinning Event – Mayor

RESPONSE: A contingent of visitors from Derval enjoyed visiting our town and there were several events across the week. The visitors left us with a beautiful piece of art featuring two characters (one French one Welsh) in traditional dress holding hands. A suitable background mount will be commissioned from a local artist / maker and the work will be displayed in the town hall later in the year.

6. Report on launch of Lleol Llani Local Magazine – Deputy Mayor – **Appendix 3**

RESPONSE: Council members were very pleased with the launch of the new magazine, designed for both locals and visitors, which has been created with support from the council. It was agreed that council would be happy to support future issues.

7. Gwyl Hafod / Autumn Fayre (Ffair) event in aid of Eisteddfod – Deputy Mayor

RESPONSE: Community Centre has been booked for the 12th of September, and proceeds will be donated to the Eisteddfod cultural fund.

8. Report on vandalism to the Town Hall public toilets

RESPONSE: Recent vandalism in the public toilets behind the town hall. Some names of those who may be responsible have been given to the council. Police and parents to be informed. Once a replacement is costed, Council will invite those involved to apologise directly, with a request for reimbursement from their parents so that the community's taxpayers are not forced to carry the costs.

9. Adverse Weather / General Information list distribution idea – Cllr G. Preston

RESPONSE: A community Third Sector network meeting suggested that the increase of adverse weather events means a list of contacts for support and emergency services could be usefully delivered to each home and business in the area, perhaps as a page in the new Lleol Llani Local magazine. Agreed council will provide practical assistance and collaboration with PAVO.

10. Women's Tour of Britain – Cllr G. Preston

RESPONSE: Stage Four of national bicycle race, the Women's Tour of Britain, will start in Llanidloes on Saturday 22nd of August and end in Hay-on-Wye. Roads in town will be temporarily closed for the start of the race, and a rolling closure will be in place ahead of the race route. Many visitors are expected.

527.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/RFO – APPENDICES 4a to 9

1. Receive and approve Bank Reconciliation at 30.06.26 with CCLA PSDF valuation – **Appendix 4a&b**

RESPONSE: RFO explained current cash in hand £139,841.70 of which £58k is general reserves. No questions.

2. To approve accounts for payment awaiting authorisation – list provided – **Appendix 5**

RESPONSE: RFO explained payments totalling £9,511.04. Mayor approved. No questions.

3. To receive a list of outstanding debtors at 08.07.26 and agree action if required – **Appendix 6**

RESPONSE: No current action required. £5,064.00 outstanding of which £5,025 relates to cemetery debtors.

4. To receive and note a list of payments made through an ongoing arrangement and inter account bank transfers in June 2026 – **Appendix 7**

RESPONSE: RFO explained all payments. £12,156.58 of payments and 1 internal bank transfer noted.

5. To receive and note actual vs budget figures to 30.06.26 with commentary – **Appendices 8 & 9**

RESPONSE: RFO explained current budget position. No questions.

527.5 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:

No items.