

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT Cllr Mrs J. Crisp (Mayor)

- “ A. Bennett
- “ E. Breeze
- “ Mrs T Davies
- “ Mrs L. Evans
- “ K. Hawkins
- “ J. Hughes
- “ Mrs M. Jones
- “ S. Lees
- “ G. McArthur
- “ Mrs A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan

Town Clerk

Councillors were invited to take part in Prayers led by Cllr Gareth Morgan

458/01 APOLOGIES There were no Apologies

458/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

Cllr G Morgan declared in all items relating to PCC as he is a member and RBL Ladies Section as his wife is Chair of the local branch.

Cllr G. McArthur declared in agenda item 16 as he is a member of Joint Burial Committee

Cllr T. Davies declared in agenda item 11 as she is standard bearer at RBL, and agenda item 16 as a member of Joint Burial Committee

Cllr A. Morgan declared in agenda item 11 as she is Chair of RBL Women's Section Llanidloes

Cllr J. Crisp declared in agenda item 16 as a member of Joint Burial Committee

458/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 27.01.20 – True Record

Meeting with Ashley Collins 05.02.20 - True Record

Town Hall/Finance Panel Meeting 10.02.20 – Cllr Breeze read out the *recommendation* to adopt the Financial Risk Assessment – this was unanimously agreed

Environment Panel Meeting 10.02.20 – Cllr Lees read out the following *recommendations*

- i) to adopt the Biodiversity report – Councillors were unanimously in favour.
- ii) To spend £62.77 on fencing for the orchard at the Victoria Park – Councillors were unanimously in favour

#### 458/04 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) To receive advance notice of Mixed Payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank 13.12.19 – 12.01.20 - Received
- b) Request for funding from Wales Air Ambulance Charity – This will be discussed further at the May Finance panel meeting

#### 458/05 TO CO OPT 2 COUNCILLORS FROM THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS

1. Jonathan Rubery
2. Fleur Franz Morgans
3. Richard Onions
4. Robin Hobbs
5. Lisa Clift
6. Poppy Davies
7. Penry Roberts
8. Jamie Jones
9. Fred Ackroyd
10. Tallulah Chapman

Further to a ballot Richard Onions was elected on to the Clywedog Ward and Jamie Jones was elected on to the Hafren Ward. Clerk will write to all unsuccessful applicants encouraging them to stand in the next election in 2022.

458/06 TO DISCUSS THE RESPONSE FROM PCC REGARDING THE RELOCATION OF THE RECYCLING SITE Cllr G Morgan suggested that the Gro is suitable and an area in the gap between the trees along the river could be used. Some parking spaces would be lost but this would ensure recycling facilities remain in the Town. Cllr Hughes stated that Llandinam have a recycling facility so why can't Llanidloes have one, the status of the town is at stake. Clerk will contact PCC and ask for a copy of the response from Welsh Government refusing permission for the site at Parc Derwen Fawr. Councillors will meet on the Gro to look at the area.

458/07 TO DISCUSS ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2020/21 AND TO DISCUSS DATES FOR MAYOR MAKING AND MAYORAL SUNDAY Clerk explained that she had included a nomination form to all Councillors and that the form should be completed and returned to her prior to the March council meeting.

#### 458/08 TO LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

- Equality and Diversity Policy – It was agreed to adopt this policy and add to it as and when required
- Working Environment Policy – It was agreed to adopt this policy and add information on Lone working and other issues as and when required

- Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Policy – It was agreed to adopt this policy and add to it as and when required

It was agreed that Council will look at the GDPR Policy at the March Council meeting

- 458/09 TO DISCUSS E MAIL FROM PAUL WILLIAMS, NATURAL RESOURCES WALES REGARDING BRYNPOSTEG LANDFILL SITE As NRW are in the final stages of reaching a draft decision on the permit variation application, Council will wait to hear from them in the near future and will then request a meeting to discuss further.
- 458/10 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM ANN EVANS, HH4MW Re: Feasibility Study & Pioneer Legacy Projects. Cllr McArthur suggested that the Arwystli Society could be interested in participating. Cllr Hughes will pass the HH4MW information on to the society. Cllr Morgan is keen to see the improvement of the state of the derelict cemetery on High Street as there are many famous Llanidloes people buried there. The site is owned by the Welsh Church. The area has Historical interest and could be included on the Llanidloes Walking tour. Clerk will contact Jenny Thomas at PCC to look into applying for grants. Cllr Breeze expressed concern over applying for grants when the land is owned by the Welsh Church
- 458/11 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM RBL LLANIDLOES WOMENS SECTION RE V E COMMEMORATION WEEKEND 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> MAY It was suggested by the Mayor that Council should organise an event, possibly a 1940s themed tea? Cllr Hawkins explained that an event is being organised by Paul Jones at the Football Field on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Bennett expressed concern that Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May could clash with Mayor's Sunday and asked would it be amalgamated? Clerk explained that until a Mayor is elected, then we couldn't agree to any arrangements at the Church. Councillors agreed that the Poppy wreath issues should be sorted out before anything else happens. The Mayor explained that she & Cllr Bennett will attempt to set up a meeting with Mrs Joy Smout (RBL) & Mrs Alice Earp in the near future. Councillors agreed that it would be perfect to lay one red and one white wreath for Remembrance Sunday as they do in Aberystwyth where the Mayor lays a Red poppy wreath and the Deputy Mayor lays a White poppy wreath.
- 458/12 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING ROSPA INSPECTIONS Councillors unanimously agreed that Rospa Inspections should take place in all 3 of our parks
- 458/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM ONE VOICE WALES REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020/21 Clerk will ask Mr Cadwallader, Chair of OVW to come along to meet with Council before making a decision to join. Cllr Breeze expressed the importance of training and thought as members we had the training on a reduced rate. Clerk will find out the cost of training.
- 458/14 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS LETTER FROM KEEP WALES TIDY ON SPRING CLEAN CYMRU 2020 Cllr Lees as Chair of Environment will organise along with Mr Phil Stallard

458/15 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON EXPENDITURE OF LLANIDLOES FOOD FESTIVAL It was agreed to pass this on to the next Finance Panel meeting

458/16 TO RECEIVE BURIAL BOARD BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019, LIST OF EXPENDITURE AND RECORD OF AMOUNT OF BURIALS OVER PAST 25 YEARS - Received

458/17 TO DISCUSS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING – There were no plans

458/18 THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL

<b>101016</b>	<b>Milwyn Jenkins &amp; Jenkins</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>101017</b>	<b>PC-Q</b>	<b>105.58</b>
<b>101018</b>	<b>Powys Safety Solutions</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<b>101019</b>	<b>Border Janitorial Supplies</b>	<b>176.46</b>
<b>101020</b>	<b>Banwy Fuels</b>	<b>1,643.36</b>
<b>101021</b>	<b>Security Wise</b>	<b>38.40</b>
<b>101022</b>	<b>Viking</b>	<b>57.98</b>
<b>101023</b>	<b>EDF Energy</b>	<b>103.14</b>
<b>101024</b>	<b>LAS Recycling</b>	<b>71.40</b>
<b>101025</b>	<b>Simon Owen</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>101026</b>	<b>PCC Pension</b>	<b>602.83</b>
<b>101027</b>	<b>Inland Revenue</b>	<b>1,032.15</b>
<b>101028</b>	<b>S. Matthews</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>101029</b>	<b>Huws Gray</b>	<b>1,521.17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6,542.47</b>

458/19 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Clerk asked Cllr G. Morgan if he had received notification of the closure of Short Bridge as she had not received anything. Cllr Morgan will forward details to the Clerk

Cllr Bennett expressed concern over the flooding near Millennium garden, Cllr Morgan explained that this has been reported and PCC are looking in to it.

Cllr Bennett also explained the ongoing problem with caravan, cars, trailers at Cwmdu – Cllr Morgan will contact PCC again

Old Market Hall – Cllr Morgan explained that the OMH attracts a lot of people to the timber frame exhibition at the much valued listed building which was built in 1612. PCC have an agreement which states that they would pay £3,850 annually for the running of the exhibition but have subsequently reduced this figure by £1000 per annum and this year they will not be making any contribution. Cllr Morgan has discovered that PCC had a Heritage Lottery Grant and therefore are not complying with the rules of which the grant was allocated. Cllr Morgan has taken legal advice. Council unanimously agreed to authorise Cllr Morgan to instruct solicitors to deal with Powys County Council's breach of contract.

Cllr Hughes asked that the Policy on Environmental issues is added to the Environment Committee Panel Meeting

Cllr Lees asked if Training could take place as soon as possible

Cllr Crisp expressed concern over the tourist information point which has now closed. Clerk will ask Keith Foster if he has the tourist information which was kept at the Llani Leisure Shop

Cllr Jones informed Council that a new GP Partner is starting at the Arwystli Practice at the end of March. Councillors were glad to hear this positive news

#### 458/20 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FULL COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm