

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2021  
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
- “ J. Jones
- “ S. Lees
- “ G. McArthur
- “ R. Onions

Town Clerk

Anwen Parry, Press (County Times)

467/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs A & G Morgan.

467/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

Cllr Crisp declared in item 8 as she is a member of the Old Market Hall Committee

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Committee

Cllr G McArthur declared in item 4c as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial  
Committee

Cllr T. Davies declared in item 4c as she is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial  
Committee

467/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 22.03.21 - True Record, unanimously voted for

467/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statement of Accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31.03.21 - *Received*
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank February 2021 –  
March 2021 – *Received*
- c) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee - *Received*

467/05 TO DISCUSS ROAD ALTERATION PROPOSAL AT HAFREN TERRACE AND  
TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM CLLR PHYL DAVIES AND RUSSELL

GEORGE AM Cllr Crisp stated in response to the letters, that we cannot rely on PCC or Welsh Government to put our case forward. It was agreed that we should write to Ken Skates at Welsh Government asking for a clear indication of what is being proposed and requesting an impact assessment on the proposed works as the plans are not detailed enough. Cllr Hughes thought that that the money would be better spent elsewhere, ie. Removing the Bank on the Llangurig side of the roundabout. Cllr M Jones thought that an overtaking lane would be a green light for faster speeds especially from motorbikes.

467/06 TO RECEIVE MINUTES FROM A MEETING WITH PCSO MAIR DAVIES AND PC HANNAH RICHARDS TO DISCUSS FUTURE MEETINGS AND CONCERNS Cllr Breeze and Cllr M Jones attended the virtual meeting which they found difficult to join but beneficial in the information shared. The 2 Police Officers present explained what their priorities are for Llanidloes and agreed to set up a meeting approx. every 6 weeks. The Councillors raised points which the Police will follow up. It was agreed that any 2 Councillors would attend each session.

467/07 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND TO DISCUSS STAFF SALARY INCREASES (taken in committee at the end of the meeting) The proposals for 2% increase for Caretaker and Groundsman staff were agreed. Increase for the Clerk will be in line with SLCC pay scales increments.

467/08 TO DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS TO TAKE REGARDING THE OLD MARKET HALL (Cllr Crisp) Cllr Crisp explained that the condition of the OMH has become a serious problem as Councillors can see from the report prepared by PCC and distributed earlier via e mail. Mr Alastair Edwards, PCC Officer carried out the survey and defects were also pointed out by Cllr Graham Jones at the site meeting. Extensive works need to be carried out and the full structural survey is awaited. Cllr Crisp wished to thank Anwen at the County Times for reporting the issues and making the public aware of the situation. Cllr Hughes asked if the speed limit around the OMH could be reduced to 20 MPH as each time a car/van/lorry passes, a small amount of damage is caused. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to Chris Lloyd at PCC Highways department requesting a change in the speed limit.

467/09 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON HANGING GARDENS/PUMPKIN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2021 RUN BY WILDERNESS TRUST (Cllr Crisp) Cllr Crisp had earlier distributed information via e mail and explained that she attended the opening of the project and was very impressed with the work carried out at the Bethel Hall so far. The Pumpkin festival is designed to involve everyone in the Town as a Community project and will take place on the weekend before Halloween.

467/10 TO DISCUSS INTERNAL AUDIT 2021 AND TO RATIFY USING JDH BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM WALES AUDIT ON EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2020-21 Cllr Breeze explained the year end accounts are currently being prepared. Councillors voted unanimously for JDH to carry out the Internal Audit. The external Audit will be carried out by the Wales Audit Office with an in depth audit which will happen every 3 years, ours will be 2021-22. Clerk and Cllr Breeze were thanked for their work in sorting out the Audit accounts.

467/11 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND TO RECEIVE VOTES FOR:-

Cllr Crisp - 9 votes received by e mail (5 Councillors did not vote)

467/12 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR AND TO RECEIVE VOTES FOR:-

Cllr Jamie Jones - 9 votes received by e mail (5 Councillors did not vote)

467/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION ON BROADBAND AS E MAIL FROM CLLR PHYL DAVIES Clerk explained that she had spoken to Cllr Davies and he wished to hear from anyone unable to access Broadband as there are grants available for improved access – this is mainly concerning areas outside the Town.

467/14 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/0559/VAR Modification of Section 106 agreement attached to planning permission M/2006/0103 (so that affordable housing provision can be modified to include all updates to bring it in line with current guidance) at Lower Green Land, Victoria Avenue, Llanidloes, Powys. *Unanimous Objection to lower the amount of affordable housing. Llanidloes is a Town that should have more affordable housing to keep the younger generation in the area.*

21/0324/HH Erection of a two storey side extension Silver Birches, Penygreen Road, Llanidloes SY18 6AJ *No Objection*

467/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH WERE CONFIRMED

101198	PC-Q	62.66
101199	D.W. Jerman	1,197.08
101200	B.T.	95.44
101201	Banwy Fuels	1,648.29
101202	C. Taylor	321.00
101203	Viking	50.25
101204	Scottish Power	88.83
101205	Smith of Derby	294.00
101206	Inland Revenue	1148.54
101207	PCC (Pension)	757.22
101208	LAS Recycling	84.19
101209	Simon Owen	6,400.00
Total		£ 12,147.50

467/16 DATES FOR THE DIARY

Environment Panel Meeting	-	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 6.00 pm at the Football Club
AGM (Zoom Meeting)	-	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm
Full Council Meeting	-	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm

## 467/17 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Hughes expressed concerns that the Community Centre will be used on Election Day and was worried by the state of the building. He asked if a member of the Town Council could be included on to the Trustees as they were on the Burial Board. Cllr M Jones explained that the Cemetery is owned by the Town Council and run by the Joint Burial Committee whereas the Community Centre is owned by the Charity Commission and run by Trustees.

Cllr Bennett expressed concerns that the Joint Burial Committee only has 3 representatives from Llanidloes Town Council and is top heavy with members from Llanidloes Without Council, he asked if anyone from Town Council wished to join. There were no takers.

Clerk explained that she has been trying to set up a meeting with Officers from PCC regarding the change in road layout at the Glandwr area. She has spoken to property owner in the area and he is very unhappy with the current layout. Clerk is hopeful of a meeting in the near future.

Clerk informed Council of issues with residents in the Severn Porte area complaining about the Groundsman using weed spray near the river. It was agreed that as long as the weed killer is safe to use and the Groundsman is trained to use it then the weeds should be sprayed. Cllr J Jones looked up information on the Environmental Health web site and informed Council that the Groundsman is carrying out this work safely. Clerk informed Council that COSH reports are up to date and have been carried out by Keith Foster.

Clerk also informed Council that the Groundsman has expressed concern over the same residents in the Severn Porte area watching him from their property. He feels as if he is being harassed. Clerk informed Council that this has happened previously and has been reported to the Police. It was agreed that Clerk will speak to the Police about it. One Councillor disagreed with this option.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm