

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 26th JULY, 2021
AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT Cllr J. Crisp (Chair)

- “ A. Bennett
- “ E. Breeze
- “ Mrs T Davies
- “ Mrs L. Evans
- “ J. Hughes
- “ Mrs M Jones
- “ G. McArthur
- “ R. Onions

Town Clerk

Anwen Parry, County Times

The Mayor explained that her husband, Mr Crisp, is recovering well after his recent surgery and thanked Councillors for passing on their best wishes.

470/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Jones, A. Morgan, G. Morgan and K. Hawkins. It was noted that Cllr Lees was not present but had not sent his apologies

470/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr Evans declared in item 6 as she is a member of the Old Market Hall Committee

Cllr Crisp declared in item 6 as she is a member of the Old Market Hall Committee

470/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 28.06.21 - *469/10 Cllr M Jones wished to make it clear that she referred to the road layout alterations to be the biggest waste of money and not the housing development.* Unanimously agreed as being a true record

Finance Panel Meeting held on 28.06.21 Unanimously agreed as being a true record. *The recommendations were voted on and unanimously agreed*

Staffing Committee Meeting held on 12.07.21 Unanimously agreed as being a true record. *The recommendations were voted on and agreed*

470/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statement of Accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 30.06.21 - *Received*
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank May 2021 – June 2021 – *Received*
- c) Thank you letter from Llanidloes Community Transport for donation from Town Council– *Received*
- d) Letter from Mrs Annette King for gift and card received on her retirement - *Received*

470/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISK OF FIRE AT ALLT GOCH AND RESPONSE TO THE SUGGESTION OF USING FIRE FLAPPERS FROM MR JIM RALPH, NATURAL RESOURCES WALES Cllr Bennett as an ex fireman agreed that fire flappers are not useful to have in the woods, and that the local fire engine carries them. Councillors agreed that the best thing if a fire breaks out, is to get out of the woods and dial 999 and therefore will not be installing fire flappers. Clerk was asked to contact the concerned resident and inform her of the information we have received.

470/06 TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATE ON WORKS TO THE OLD MARKET HALL Cllr Crisp was concerned about how long we have to wait for PCC to act on the repairs required on the building. Cllr Jones stated that PCC may be happy to let the building fall into decline but we as a Town Council should not let that happen. It was agreed that we should invite the Chief Executive of PCC, our MP and AM to a meeting at the OMH so that they can see for themselves the state it has been left in. Clerk will ask Catherine Richards at PCC for an action plan and tell her we are going to set up a meeting. Cllr McArthur stated that there is a legal requirement to keep the building in a good state of repair.

470/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE Information had been received from Tim Morgan and Nick Venti which included quotations for repairs/replacement of the roof as previously requested by Council. It was agreed that the following information is still required

- a) Statement of accounts to July 2021
- b) How much money have they got now and how much of it is allocated elsewhere?
- c) How much money do they need to carry out the most basic of the repair works?

Once the above information has been received then a meeting will be set up with the trustees for further discussion

470/08 TO DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF HOUSING ON THE OLD SMITHFIELD SITE Cllr Crisp had heard that some of the housing on this site has been allocated to people from the Midlands. Previous to the site being built, Town Council specifically stated that this housing should be for local people. Clerk will liaise with PCC Housing department

470/09 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING TOWN CENTRE WI-FI AND SMART TOWNS INITIATIVE It was agreed that we need more information and that a meeting should be set up, inviting surrounding Community Councils to join us. Councillors wondered if this is duplication of the current scheme.

470/10 TO DISCUSS UPDATING ASSET REGISTER. It was unanimously agreed that as the asset register is now 10 years old, it should be updated

470/11 TO DISCUSS E MAIL RECEIVED FROM MR PAUL JERVIS REGARDING THE ROAD ALTERATIONS AT GLANDWR It was agreed to set up another site meeting with Mr Matt Perry as the required alterations have not taken place since the last meeting.

470/12 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING PARKING ON THE GRO AND ABANDONED VEHICLES Clerk will

- a) contact the Police as they were going to check out the abandoned vehicles
- b) chase up the installation of double yellow lines which should solve some of the problems

470/13 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING AREAS OF THE TOWN WHICH HAVE FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR Cllr Crisp stated that these are all again PCC issues. Cllr Onions suggested that we have an onsite meeting to see what is needed to tidy up the Gro area. It was stated that the Gro is a village green and it could be up to the Town Council to sort it out. Removal of the benches was discussed. Clerk will discuss this with Cllr Morgan before we go any further. It was agreed to write to Mr Bagley and thank him for putting the presentation together.

470/14 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/1242/FUL Erection of 2 pairs of semi detached houses (open market) and all associated works Land Adjacent to Dolafon Newtown Road Llanidloes SY18 6AT
No Objection

21/1225/RES Reserved matters application for details of the appearance, landscaping and scale in connection with outline approval for dwelling under reference
21/0065/OUT Land North of Parc Derwen Fawr, Llanidloes SY18 6FE *No Objection*

21/1212/FUL Removal of the existing timber wall cladding and replace with face brickwork Masonic Lodge, Mount Lane, Llanidloes *No Objection*

470/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE WERE CONFIRMED

101238	Banwy Fuels	824.15
101239	PC-Q	62.66
101240	C. Taylor	384.00
101241	Border Janitorial Supplies	147.62
101242	PCC (Pension)	620.08
101243	Inland Revenue	1,132.39
101244	Mrs Ruth Davies	120.00
101245	Void	00.00
101246	Wynnstay	61.66
Total		£ 3,352.56

470/16 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Pumpkin Festival - Cllr Crisp explained that the organisers are keen for the Town Council to become involved and suggested that Councillors should put on their thinking caps for a game/event on the night on 23rd October

Llanidloes Hospital Grounds – Cllr Bennett asked if we have received any information on the state of the ground maintenance. Clerk reported that no

information has been received as yet. Cllr McArthur stated that 5 man hours a week was allocated to the groundworks but that has now been taken away.

Cllr Bennett asked if something can be done about the gutters from Longbridge to the Cemetery as they are clogged up. Clerk will report it to PCC

Trees in Great Oak Street – Cllr Hughes asked if we could find out when they will be cut as the branches are taking up parking spaces.

Cllr Hughes also asked if there was any further news on the suggested 20 mph limit around the OMH – Clerk said there had been no reply from PCC

Food Festival – Cllr Crisp informed Council that a group of local café/restaurant owners are considering putting on a food event in the Town in September and had asked if Council would be in favour – Councillors all agreed that they would be in favour. Cllr Breeze suggested they contact Wendy Abel to ask for advice.

Cllr Davies asked about any further developments with the Youth Council. Clerk reported that she had received some information from Russell George and will pass it on to Cllr Davies who will then report back to Council.

Cllr Davies also asked if the smelly drains in Town could be reported to PCC.

Cllr Crisp read out the following:-

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:-

Cllr Bennett explained that the Caretaker at the Cemetery is off work for one month on sick leave. Alternative arrangements have been made for burials

Cllr Breeze read out minutes from the staffing meeting

470/17 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August	-	No meetings as Holiday month
Full Council Meeting	-	Monday 27 th September, 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm