

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT  
7.00 PM ON ZOOM

PRESENT Cllr J. Crisp (Mayor)

- “ A. Bennett
- “ T. Davies
- “ L. Evans
- “ K. Hawkins
- “ J. Hughes
- “ M. Jones
- “ J. Jones
- “ G. McArthur
- “ A. Morgan
- “ G. Morgan
- “ R. Onions

Town Clerk

471/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs E. Breeze & S. Lees

471/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF  
BUSINESS

Cllr Crisp declared in items 6 as she is a member of OMH Committee and item 18  
Planning as she is a neighbour

Cllr Evans declared in item 6 as she is a member of OMH Committee

Cllr G Morgan declared in all items relating to PCC as he is a Member, item 6 as he is  
a member of the OMH Committee and item 9 as he is chair of the Llanidloes  
Community Services committee

Cllr McArthur declared in item 8 as he is a member of the Rotary Club and 17 as a  
member of the Burial Joint Committee

Cllr Bennett declared in item 17 as he is a member of the Burial Joint Committee

Cllr Davies declared in item 17 as she is a member of the Burial Joint Committee

471/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 26.07.21 - True Record, unanimously agreed

Meeting with PCC officers to discuss mess on the Gro held on 08.09.21 True Record,  
unanimously agreed

471/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Statement of Accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31.08.21 and 31.08.21  
- *Received*
- b) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank June - July 2021  
and July – August 2021 - *Received*
- c) Thank you letter from Wales Air Ambulance Charity - *Received*
- d) Thank you letter from Dragon Trail Group- *Received*
- e) Thank you letter from Llanidloes and District Sports Partnership - *Received*
- f) Thank you letter from Bracken Trust Cancer Support Centre - *Received*
- g) Receipt from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee - *Received*

471/05 TO DISCUSS VILLAGE GREEN. DO WE WANT TO SWAP VILLAGE GREEN STATUS FROM GRO TO ANOTHER AREA OF THE TOWN AND ALLOW PCC TO TAKE OVER THE GRO? AND TO DISCUSS INCOME FIGURES FROM PCC FOR THE MOUNT LANE CAR PARK It was agreed that this was a very well attended meeting. The PCC officers put forward the option of swapping the village green status, from the Gro to another area in the Town and Councillors agreed that if that were to happen, Town Council would ask for a percentage of the takings from a parking meter. Councillors agreed that free parking is important and therefore it was suggested that the community would be consulted. Cllr McArthur said there were 2 separate issues 1) Do we keep the village green? 2) Do we convert it to a Car Park? He stated that by removing Village Green status would give us control of the space but doesn't mean we have to put parking on there. Cllr G Morgan stressed that it has been registered by PCC and we would be naïve to think that they would not move quickly. It was felt that any decision with regard to change of status could not be made by fourteen Councillors and should go out to public consultation within the Town. It was agreed that Clerk will draw up a draft document which could be delivered to all households in the Town. This will be circulated to all Councillors for their input before being printed.

471/06 TO DISCUSS AN E MAIL RECEIVED FROM CATHERINE RICHARDS (PCC) REGARDING THE OLD MARKET HALL It was agreed that Clerk will request a copy of the survey from PCC and liaise with the Solicitor to send a letter on our behalf. Cllr J Jones suggested that PCC are negligent and should be reported to Cadw. Cllr Crisp will write to all members of the OMH committee asking them if they are happy to transfer any monies in their current bank account to the Town Council account for holding until another committee is formed.

471/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS E MAIL FROM RUSSELL GEORGE ON PROPOSED ROAD SCHEME AT LLANIDLOES AND LLANGURIG Cllr M Jones suggested that Russell George should be in no doubt that this scheme is ridiculous and will bring no benefit to the area only cause problems with speed and pollution bringing damage to the environment. Russell George should be supporting the residents of the community who are totally opposed to this scheme whilst it had been noted that the community were unaware of the scheme until early summer whereas Russell George had been aware of it for considerably longer and had failed to engage with the community. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to Russell to remind him that Llanidloes residents are definitely not in favour of any proposal which would create a faster road and damage the environment.

471/08 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS LETTER FROM LLANIDLOES ROTARY CLUB REQUESTING FUNDING FOR ANNUAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2021 It was agreed to discuss at the next Finance Panel meeting.

471/09 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANIDLOES COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE (Gro Toilets) This item was taken in

committee. Cllr G. Morgan explained the situation with the income and expenditure and stated that the bank balance was getting smaller and he wished to ask for financial assistance from the Town Council. He stated that there had been some vandalism caused over the past weeks. Clerk asked if there were metal doors on the entrance, there were not. Cllr Onions asked if it could be possible that PCC would take over the running of the toilets if they took over the Gro, this may be a possibility. It was agreed to discuss any financial help from the Town Council at the next Finance Panel meeting.

471/10 TO DISCUSS JOINING ONE VOICE WALES FOR 2021-22 The pros and cons of joining were discussed and a vote was taken. The majority of Councillors voted to join.

471/11 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE UPDATED CEE BILL AND A LETTER FROM A RESIDENT REQUESTING COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY EMERGENCY BILL 7 Councillors were in favour of supporting this, 4 Councillors abstained

471/12 TO DISCUSS PHOTOGRAPHS OF AREAS AROUND LLANIDLOES HOSPITAL SENT FROM RESIDENT AND RESPONSE FROM CAROL SHILLABEER Clerk reported that it was disappointing to note she had not received a response from Ms Shillabeer. Councillors were shocked at the state of the building and garden area, in particular as vast amounts of money are reported as being spent on other hospitals in North Powys. It was agreed to resend the photographs to the Health Board and Eluned Morgan, Health Minister and if no adequate response is received from the Health Board to send the photographs to the press.

471/13 TO DISCUSS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2021 Clerk informed Council that she has met with Rev Alison Gwalchmai and had agreed that a service at the Cenotaph would be held this year. This would enable it to be more inclusive as well as Covid safe. Clerk has also met with Mrs Barbara Woosnam (British Legion) to discuss wreaths for Remembrance Sunday and will meet again shortly with both Rev Gwalchmai and Mrs Woosnam to discuss and arrange plans for Remembrance Service 2021, Council agreed that this would be a good idea.

471/14 TO DISCUSS TOWN HALL ROOM RENTAL AND THE 10% DISCOUNT GIVEN TO SOME TENANTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COVID OUTBREAK As this discount was applied at the end of March 2020 at the beginning of Lockdown, restrictions now mean that office staff are able to return to work therefore there is nothing stopping our tenants returning to their offices and workshops. It was unanimously agreed that the 10% discount would stop immediately.

471/15 TO DISCUSS TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT TO LLANIDLOES TOWN COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT UNTIL A COMMITTEE IS FOUND It was brought to the attention of

the Mayor and Town Clerk that members of the Christmas lights committee wished to take their names off the Bank mandate and wanted no further involvement with the Christmas Lights. Clerk has a mandate from the Bank which will be signed by the current signatories taking their names off the account and the monies would be transferred to the Town Council bank account for safe keeping until another committee is formed. Council unanimously agreed with this.

**471/16 TO DISCUSS PCC OUTSTANDING ISSUES (meeting between Clerk and Cty Cllr Morgan)**

At a recent meeting between Cllr G. Morgan and Clerk, the following items were discussed:-

- a) Parking on the Gro. – *Clerk contacted Mr Keith Nixon who met with Councillors (minutes of the meeting attached)*
- b) Mount Lane Car Park – *Statement of revenue and expenditure received*
- c) Trees in Great Oak Street – *Cllr Morgan has contacted PCC regarding pruning but has not had a response – he will chase up again*
- d) Smelly drains – *Cllr Morgan has a meeting lined up with PCC and will discuss there and report back to Council*
- e) OMH - *Clerk is liaising with Solicitor*
- f) Yellow Lines – *Cllr Morgan will discuss at a PCC area meeting and report back to Council*

**471/17 TO RECEIVE BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2021 FROM LLANIDLOES JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE - Received**

**471/18 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED**

**21/1555/RES** Application for reserved matters approval (layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping) in respect of outline planning approval P/2017/0423 for residential development (86 dwellings), formation of vehicular access and infrastructure and all associated works at Land adj Dolgwenith and Tan y Bryn Llanidloes – Cllrs Crisp and Davies declared an interest. It was agreed that outline planning had been approved and Town Council at the time insisted that there were 20 parking spaces provided for the existing Dolgwenith estate. There was no objection to the application as housing is desperately required in the Town, but Councillors wished to state the following in their comments

- a) At least 20 parking spaces for the existing Dolgwenith estate are provided, these parking spaces should be installed at the beginning of the build.
- b) How many affordable houses will be provided at a reasonable rent?
- c) What is the demographic of the houses being built? i.e, How many 2 bed, 3 bed etc?

Clerk will send out the above to Councillors for their comments before sending to PCC. Cllr G Morgan will call in the application at PCC if there is still time to do so.

**21/1402/REM** Section 73 Application to amend condition 2 attached to permission 20/1460/FUL to allow for amended drawings at Longbridge Street Methodist Church, Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes SY18 6EE *No Objection*

**21/1301/HH** Replacement of front door 29 Victoria Avenue, Llanidloes SY18 6AS  
*No Objection*

471/19 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED

**JULY**

101247	C. Taylor	801.00
101248	PC-Q	137.66
101249	M. Bufton	165.60
101250	JDH Business Services	488.88
101251	D.W. Jerman	4,636.36
101252	Seren Web	240.00
101253	OGW Builders	588.00
101254	PCC (Pension)	620.08
101255	Inland Revenue	1,132.39
101256	EDF Energy	259.05
101257	LAS Recycling	233.40
101258	Hafren Dyfyrdwy	756.62
101259	Border Janitorial	101.90
Total		£ 10,160.94

**AUGUST**

101260	Wales Air Ambulance	300.00
101261	Bracken Trust	100.00
101262	Llanidloes Croquet Club	150.00
101263	Llani & Dist Sports Partnership	300.00
101264	VOID	
101265	Hope House	200.00
101266	Viking	100.42
101267	Simon Owen	2,290.00
101268	Llanidloes Joint Burial Cttee	15,000.00
101269	Came & Co(Insurance)	3,776.35
101270	M. Bufton	360.00
101271	C. Taylor	384.00
101272	Border Janitorial	115.70
101273	PC-Q	62.66
101274	Beech Tree Services	2,736.25
101275	PCC (Pension)	620.08
101276	Inland Revenue	1,132.59
Total		£ 27,628.05

471/20 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

1. Cllr Hawkins expressed concern over the fence between the Rec and the Bypass as she has seen youths climbing the fence to go on to the Bypass to fetch a football. Clerk will ask Bob to have a look at making this more secure
2. Cllr J Jones asked why Severn Trent are not investing into the local area as Water companies are in other areas. He asked that we should contact them and put pressure on open walkways, open public toilets etc
3. Cllr Hughes asked why Llanidloes is the last town listed in the County Times and asked what the rationale behind it is.

#### 471/21 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full Council Meeting - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 pm