

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021  
AT 7.00 PM ON ZOOM

PRESENT            Cllr J. Crisp (Mayor)  
                          “ A. Bennett  
                          “ E. Breeze  
                          “ T. Davies  
                          “ L. Evans  
                          “ K. Hawkins  
                          “ J. Hughes  
                          “ M. Jones  
                          “ J. Jones  
                          “ S. Lees  
                          “ G. Mc Arthur  
                          “ A. Morgan  
                          “ G. Morgan  
Town Clerk

474/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Jones who was hopeful for joining the meeting later.

474/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllrs Davies, Bennett and McArthur declared an interest in item 5 as they are members of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee

Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC as he has a personal interest as a member of PCC. He also declared in Llanidloes Community Services Group as a Committee member and thanked Council for their contribution this year.

Cllrs Breeze and Evans declared in Dial A Ride as they are committee members

474/03 MINUTES

Council Meeting held on 22.10.21 – True Record unanimously agreed

Finance Panel Meeting held on 15.11.21 – True Record. Cllr Breeze took Council through the recommendations :-

- i) Christmas Lights – monies this year would come out of reserves and from the Lights Committee bank account. It was agreed by the majority of Councillors.
- ii) Dial A Ride – (Cllrs Breeze and Evans declared an interest) it was unanimously agreed that £5,000 will be donated
- iii) Community Centre – no monies will be precepted as the Centre is closed. Clerk will speak to the trustees and explain that the monies we are holding is held for a restricted time as Council will change from next May. Unanimously agreed

474/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED:-

- a) Statement of accounts from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31.10.21 - Received
- b) Notification of Mixed payment Plan charges from Barclays Bank September – October 2021 - Received
- c) Thank you letter from Llanidloes Dragon Trail - Received

474/05 TO RECEIVE BANK RECONCILIATION FROM LLANIDLOES BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE TO OCTOBER 2021 - Received

474/06 TO DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP OF LLANIDLOES BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE  
Cllr Bennett as current Chair, explained that there are 2 vacancies for Town Council members. No Councillors wished to join the Burial Committee

474/07 TO DISCUSS PRECEPT REQUEST AND FINALISE Cllr Breeze talked Councillors through the draft precept request which had been produced by the Finance Panel. Clerk informed Councillors of an e mail she had received earlier in the day from the Elections Officer at PCC, explaining that Council would need to include an amount of monies in the precept for the election next year. The figure for Llanidloes would be approx. £3,500. It was unanimously agreed to include this figure on to the draft figure bringing the total precept request to £156,300. This would be an increase on last year. Councillors considered the options available and it was proposed by Cllr J Jones and seconded by Cllr G Morgan that we take the increase from reserves and request the same amount as last year. Clerk agreed to finalise the draft and circulate to all Councillors prior to the December Council meeting for final approval. This was unanimously voted for.

474/08 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Clerk had sent out an e mail earlier in the day which explained that EOM are unable to help with the erection of the lights as they don't have the time to do it. Cllr Hughes suggested we ask Ian Jones Contractor if he is able to do it. Cllr McArthur stated that the work does not have to be carried out by an electrician as all we need are volunteers with correct access equipment. It was agreed that the Clerk will speak to the Fire Brigade to find out if they are able to help and Richard Onions as he hinted at owning a hoist. Cllr Breeze stated that he would help as a volunteer as long as the equipment being used is insured and road worthy. Cllr McArthur stated that he has spoken to Andrew Owen from PCC who is able to help on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Clerk will keep Councillors informed of progress.

474/09 TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CAMBRIAN MOUNTAINS SOCIETY  
Lorna Brazell from Cambrian Mountains Society joined the meeting and explained the presentation she had sent out earlier in the day. She explained that the society was founded to promote, for the benefit of local communities and the wider public, measures which will sustain or enhance the landscape, natural beauty, biodiversity, archaeology, scientific interest and cultural heritage of the Cambrian Mountains. Cllr Breeze asked Ms Brazell what are the disadvantages, particularly with regard to local planning applications and the knock on effect on local housing needs, employment and farming. Cllr G Morgan queried the difference between AONB and National Park status and wondered if becoming a National Park would be the next step. He was aware of the difficulties experienced elsewhere in Powys where communities reside in a National Park. Cllr J Jones stated that he would love to see Llanidloes tapping into this infrastructure. Ms Brazell was thanked for attending the meeting.

474/10 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON REFUGEES MEETING (Cllrs Crisp & G. Morgan) Cllr Crisp explained that she and Cllr Morgan had attended the meeting. A committee has been set up and an interest registered. £9,000 will need to be raised, via fundraising and a house found. Aberystwyth have successfully settled 6 families.

474/11 THERE WERE NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO DISCUSS

#### 474/12 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WERE CONFIRMED

##### OCTOBER

101293	M. Bufton	100.20
101294	Aztec Print	316.00
101295	One Voice Wales	531.00
101296	K.P. Fire	406.20
101297	Border Janitorial Supplies	143.12
101298	C. Taylor	384.00
101299	PCC (Pension)	1,109.54
101300	Inland Revenue	1,132.59
101301	Llanidloes Rotary Club	300.00
101302	Llanidloes Cricket Club	500.00
101303	Llanidloes Community Services	2,000.00
Total		£ 6,922.65

#### 474/13 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

1. Cllr J. Jones expressed interest in starting up a Social media platform for Town Council. Cllr Lees stated that he has already started a facebook page. It was agreed that Cllrs J Jones, Lees and Davies would take this forward.
2. Cllr Bennett asked if Llanidloes can have advertising posters as they have in Rhayader.
3. Cllr M. Jones asked if any further information has been received from PCC regarding the High Street/Gorn Road improvements. Clerk said that she had received a copy e mail from Paul Jervis and that the matter is still being investigated.
4. Cllr Crisp explained that the Christmas Tree festival is taking place at the Church this year. It was agreed that Cllrs Crisp and Evans will decorate a tree on behalf of Town Council.
5. Cllr Hughes explained that Zero Carbon wish to have support of Town Council to have a heat loss survey carried out. There will be no charge to the Council for this to happen. Council agreed to go ahead with this.
6. Clerk informed Council that there had been no response from Carol Shillabeer as yet.
7. Cllr Hughes read out a response from Anwen at the County Times explaining that the Llanidloes news was on page 20 due to Llanidloes being the smallest Town by population in Mid Wales although a whole page is dedicated to it.
8. Cllr Crisp informed Council of an antique model of the OMH coming up for auction at Halls in Shrewsbury. This had been advertised on facebook and residents had expressed concern that it belonged in Llanidloes. It was agreed that this would be up to residents to raise the funds by crowdfunding – approx. £400-£600 and Council would not get involved.

#### 474/14 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full Council Meeting - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm