

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th MARCH, 2022 AT 7.00 PM ON ZOOM

PRESENT Cllr J. Crisp (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ E. Breeze
“ L. Evans
“ K. Hawkins
“ J. Hughes
“ M. Jones
“ J. Jones
“ G. McArthur
“ A. Morgan
“ G. Morgan
“ R. Onions
Town Clerk
1 member of the press

478/01 APOLOGIES There were No Apologies

478/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC as he is a member and in item 8 as he is a member of Old Market Hall Committee

Cllr L. Evans declared in item 8 as a member of the Old Market Hall Committee

Cllr G. McArthur declared in item 4 vi as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee and item 4iv and v

Cllr A. Bennett declared in item 4 vi as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Breeze declared in items 4 iv and v as he is a member of Llanidloes Carnival Committee

478/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 28/02/22 – *True Record unanimously agreed*

Minutes of Environment Panel meeting held on 27.01.22 *True Record unanimously agreed (Cllr G Morgan was not present at the meeting)*

478/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- a) Letter of Thanks regarding Clerk’s help in re instating bench outside Baptist Chapel– *Received*
- b) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund at 28.02.22 - *Received*
- c) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank to 13th February 2022 - *Received*
- d) Letter from Llanidloes Carnival Committee requesting Mayor to be President at this year’s Carnival – *It was agreed to pass on to the new Mayor in May*

- e) Letter from Carnival Committee requesting funding towards insurance – Cllrs Breeze and McArthur declared an interest. *It was unanimously agreed to donate £600 to the Carnival Committee.*
- f) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee for February 2022 – *Received*
- g) Resignation e mail from Cllr Lees – *Received*
- h) Request for funding from Llanidloes Twinning Committee – *It was unanimously agreed to hand over the £500 precepted*
- i) Request for funding from Queen’s Platinum Jubilee committee – *It was unanimously agreed to donate £137 to cover the cost of the insurance*
- j) Request for funding for Kids Cancer Charity – *It was agreed to discuss at the next Finance Panel meeting*
- k) Notification of NALC salary increase for Clerk (1.75%) 2021-22 – *Received and approved by Council*

478/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM ONE VOICE WALES INVITING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FROM APRIL 2022 – It was unanimously agreed to renew membership

478/06 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING UNSIGHTLY CARAVAN ETC AT CWMDU – Cllr G. Morgan explained that he has spent a lot of time trying to sort this out. Ownership of the land on which the caravan is parked is unclear and PCC are uncooperative. It was agreed that the Clerk & Cllr G Morgan will write a letter to the Monitoring Officer at PCC and will set up a meeting inviting Press, Environmental Health and representative from NRW

478/07 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION FROM MR PAUL JERVIS REGARDING ROAD SAFETY AUDIT ON GORN ROAD/HIGH STREET LAYOUT Cllr M Jones stressed how dangerous the road had become with the pavement now blocked with vans and pedestrians having to walk on the road. Cllr Crisp stated that the Police should be dealing with the situation and issuing traffic fines. Cllr J Jones disagreed and thought that the pavement is now much safer than it was previously and thought that a sign explaining priority would help. Cllr Hughes has read the report prepared by PCC and thought the same as Mr Jervis, it states what has happened and doesn’t explain a way forward, it was pathetic. It was agreed that Mr Matt Perry would be invited to a meeting as soon as possible to explain the report to us. We will also invite a traffic police officer to come along too.

478/08 TO DISCUSS RECENT DAMAGE CAUSED TO OLD MARKET HALL AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ANGELA PROTHEROE, PCC FURTHER TO A SITE MEETING Clerk explained that PCC would like storage space to store the furniture while the repairs to the OMH are being carried out. There is no space at the Town Hall, it was suggested that maybe there could be storage space at the Baptist Chapel. Clerk will also enquire with Tim Morgan at Hafren Furnishers.

478/09 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ROOM LETTINGS AT THE TOWN HALL (taken in committee) Clerk explained the current new lettings. The Balcony office was taken on by a Charity Cymrhyd Rhan and they have successfully moved in. An office on the top floor has been taken on by a Therapist and the Corn Room on the ground floor is used regularly on a daily rental basis. Cllr Crisp declared an interest as an offer from Hanging Gardens for the Old Library was discussed. It was agreed that it is not in the gift of Councillors to allow reduced rentals as we are a public authority and must be seen to be fair to all. Therefore it was unanimously agreed that we will keep the Old Library office on the market for rental at the current asking price.

478/10 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLLR BENNETT ON TREES AT SEVERN PORTE AND TO ARRANGE A SITE VISIT Cllr Bennett explained that he and Bob, Council Groundsman, had met with a contractor on site at Severn Porte and had received advice from the contractor on pollarding the trees. The trees are very large and could be reduced sympathetically in size by 1/3. Cllr J Jones stated that it was agreed at the last meeting that this work would be carried out as a Health and Safety issue, we therefore do not need to have another site meeting – it was already agreed that this work would be carried out. We now just need quotes. Cllr Breeze proposed that the contractor gives us a quotation for work he has identified that needs doing and produce a specification and then we use the specification to obtain 2 further quotations. 8 votes for, 3 against and no abstentions.

478/11 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM A VISITOR TO THE TOWN CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC SPEED ON THE TREFEGLWYS ROAD It was agreed that we write to Police and ask them to attend with their speed camera.

478/12 TO DISCUSS UKRAINIAN SUPPORT Clerk explained that none of the surrounding Councils are flying flags. She has asked PCC and OVW for any help with protocol. It was agreed that the planters and hanging baskets will be planted with Blue and Yellow flowers this year to show our support for Ukraine. Also the light bulbs in the Clock will be changed to Blue and Yellow.

478/13 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2021-22 FROM INTERNAL AUDITOR JOHN HENRY Clerk explained the report and it was agreed on the follow up actions as attached action plan.

478/14 THERE WERE NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO DISCUSS

478/15 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY WERE CONFIRMED

To confirm Accounts for **FEBRUARY**

101341	Mrs C. Bound	183.66
101342	C. Taylor	408.00
101343	Banwy Fuels	1,041.29
101344	J. C Rowlands	75.00
101345	Border Janitorial Supplies	50.90

101346	PC.Q	62.66
101347	Inland Revenue	1,132.59
101348	PCC (Pension)	777.10
Total		£ 3,731.20

478/16 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr Crisp asked Councillors if they were happy to have Llanidloes Walks leaflets printed again this year. The cost of paper has risen and we are still waiting a quotation. This will be discussed further at the next Council meeting. Cllr Breeze suggested including it in the budget for future years.

The meeting ended at 8.16 pm