

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th APRIL, 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

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
1 member of the public

479/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr T. Davies

479/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr Crisp declared in item 4i as she was a founder member of the Town Walks group
Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC as he is a member and in item 5 as a letter was published using his name but was unsolicited by him and he wished to make clear that he has no business or professional interest in Broadway Broadband.
Cllr G. McArthur declared in item 4v as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee
Cllr A. Bennett declared in item 4v as he is a member of Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee
Cllr Breeze declared in item 8 as a family member is President of Llanidloes Football Club

479/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 28/03/22 – *True Record unanimously agreed*

479/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Information on Town Walks starting up again from 1st June 2022 and application for funding for posters and refurbishment of A board – *Cllr Crisp declared an interest and Cllr J Jones took the Chair. It was unanimously agreed to donate £314 to the Town Walks. Cllr Margot Jones suggested that sponsorship could be sought for future years. It was agreed that the current s137 request form should be reworded.*
- ii) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund at 31.03.22 - *Received*
- iii) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank to 13th March 2022 - *Received*

- iv) Letter from House of Lords including a copy of 2022 edition of House of Lords explained - *Received*.
- v) Bank Reconciliation from Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee for March 2022 – *Received*

479/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM BROADWAY PARTNERS IN RESPONSE TO RECENT LETTER OF COMPLAINT – It was unanimously agreed that this Town Council will not get involved with this matter and it was suggested that it was up to PCC to sort out.

479/06 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RETURNING OFFICER REGARDING UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS AND CO-OPTIONS Clerk explained that 5 Councillors will be leaving the Council on 9th May and that leaves one vacancy in the Clywedog ward and 4 vacancies in the Dulas ward. Councillors agreed that as Council is still quorate, co-option will take place after the County Council elections. Cllr Hughes suggested that contact should be made with all candidates who put their names forward for County Council position to see if they would be interested in joining the Town Council

479/07 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM A VISITOR TO THE TOWN REGARDING PUBLIC TOILETS NOT HAVING COIN OPERATED ACCESS It was agreed by most Councillors that contactless access is the most successful means of accessing public toilets. One Councillor was unhappy and sympathetic with the author of the letter. It was agreed that better signage should be implemented, with notices directing people to the toilets on the Gro which are coin operated. It was suggested that Roses Café could have a key to the disabled toilet and have the responsibility of cleaning it.

479/08 TO DISCUSS SURFACING WORKS TO THE ENTRANCE AT VICTORIA PARK AND RECREATION GROUND Cllr Bennett informed Councillors that a quote has been received for proposed works at the Victoria Park, more quotations are required. It was also agreed that the entrance to the Recreation ground from the Llangurig Road is in a very poor condition with large pot holes. Clerk will organise site visits to look at the works along with the Chairs of both Football Club and Cricket Club. A letter from the Football Club was read out asking Councillors to consider knocking down the toilet block on the right hand side of the entrance to enable better parking facilities for visiting busses and make access for a new portacabin easier. Councillors will meet with representatives from the Club and ask if members could help with the demolition of the toilet block.

479/09 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM LLANIDLOES DRAGON TRAIL VOLUNTEERS REQUESTING FUNDING TOWARDS THE COST OF THE LAST DRAGON CAST “TEMPEST” It was agreed to donate £15 towards the dragon Tempest.

479/10 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM MARCUS WILLIAMS (Tenant – Butchers) REQUESTING COUNCIL PAY TOWARDS NEW LIGHTING IN THE MARKET

AREA It was agreed to fund the works to the cost of £ 493 + VAT as this is a Health and Safety issue. This amount will be deducted from the next rental invoice.

479/11 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

22/0613/HH Replacement and extension of existing concrete paving drive and movement of drop kerb to widen entrance to driveway 76 Caegwyn Llanidloes SY18 6DS – *No Objection*

22/0486/HH Replacement gas boiler, standard flue and radiators 36 Picton Street, Llanidloes SY18 6AA – *No Objection*

22/0565/HH Construction of stone faced boundary wall to create level front lawn/amenity space, with post & rail fence and hedge planting 2 Pen y Rhos Y Maen Llanidloes SY18 6FA - *No Objection*

22//0378/FUL Creation of an access door Unit 1 Derwen Fawr Business Park, Llanidloes SY18 6FE – *No Objection*

22/0487/HH Proposed Porch Extension 5 Maesyllan, Llanidloes SY18 6DF – *No Objection*

479/12 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH WERE CONFIRMED

101349	C. Taylor	440.00
101350	Community Centre	10,000.00
101351	Beech Tree Services	2,137.50
101352	P.C.Q	62.66
101353	Viking	41.63
101354	Banwy Fuels	996.87
101355	EDF Energy	225.77
101356	D.W. Jerman	1,302.38
101357	M. Bufton	72.00
101358	S. Matthews	475.00
101359	Smith of Derby	302.40
101360	Inland Revenue	1,132.59
101361	PCC (Pension)	777.10
Total		£ 17,965.90

479/13 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr Margot Jones expressed concern that we have not had any further information regarding Cwmdu and new road layout on Gorn Road. Clerk informed Cllr Jones that a very comprehensive letter and plans have been sent to Mr Pinney at PCC regarding the Cwmdu issue and a response should be received in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Onions informed Council that he has been to Maesydre Park and was impressed with the new Play equipment installed in there but not happy with the ground works.

Cllr Hughes expressed concern over trip hazards in the Park. Clerk will ask PCC for a copy of the ROSPA inspection report. Clerk is awaiting a reply from the PCC officer in charge of the park as to whether the works have been completed. It was agreed that we should ask again about the large grass area next to the park. Town Council could take it over as allotments

Cllr Crisp asked if recognition from Council could go to individuals in the Town that have gone above and beyond their duties. It was agreed that a general letter could be put in the local press.

Cllr M Jones expressed concern that the bins in Town have been overflowing over the bank holiday – this being an eyesore for residents and tourists. Cllr Morgan explained that the person employed to empty the bins had been on holiday for the week and no cover had been found.

Cllr Jamie Jones gave a vote of thanks to those Councillors leaving Council on 9th May. Cllr Breeze gave a vote of thanks to the Mayor for her 5 years in the Chair and for the legacy of the Mayor's robe. Cllr Crisp wished Council best wishes for the future and thanked Council and the Clerk for their support over the past 5 years.

479/14 MEETINGS FOR MAY

Full Council Meeting - Monday 23rd May at 7.00 pm

AGM – Friday 20th May at 7.00 pm

Discussion took place over the next Mayor. Cllr Jamie Jones as current Deputy agreed to take on the role of Mayor for the next year. Cllr Hughes agreed to take on the role of Deputy Mayor for the next year.

The meeting ended at 8.46 pm