

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd MAY, 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ J. Hughes
“ M. Jones
“ J. Jones
“ G. McArthur
“ A. Morgan
“ G. Morgan
Town Clerk
1 member of the public

480/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr R. Onions.
Clerk informed Councillors that she will be going into Hospital for an operation on 1st June and could be missing for a few weeks. She will be contactable via e mails

480/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr G Morgan declared in all matters relating to PCC
Cllr A Morgan declared in item 4 v as she is Guiding Ambassador
Cllr M Jones declared in item 4 v as a family member is guide
Cllr J Jones declared in item 4 v as a family member is a guide

480/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 28/03/22 – *Item 479/07 It was agreed by most Councillors that contactless access is a successful means of accessing public toilets (delete “most”)*

480/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

- i) Letter of thanks for donation from Town Walks group - *Received*
- ii) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund at 30.04.22 - *Received*
- iii) Notification of Mixed payment plan charges from Barclays Bank to 12th April 2022 - *Received*
- iv) Letter from Zero Carbon Llanidloes requesting funding – *Defer to next Finance panel meeting*
- v) Letter from 1st Llanidloes Guides requesting funding – *Defer to next Finance panel meeting*
- vi) Response from Mr Clive Pinney re Craigle Cwmdu Llanidloes – *Clerk reported that there was no further correspondence from Mr Pinney and will send a reminder*

480/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM RESIDENT REQUESTING TREES BEHIND WELL LANE ARE CUT DOWN Cllr Bennett explained that he had been to look at the trees and in his opinion, they are not very big and could be trimmed but not cut

down. It was agreed to write to Ms Clift and tell her that if she wishes to take advice she is welcomed to do so, and Council will then look at that advice.

480/06 TO DISCUSS CO-OPTION OF 5 COUNCILLORS It was agreed that as Clerk will be absent for most of June and Council are quorate, a closing date for application will be 31st July. Adverts will be placed in the local newspapers and on Facebook and the Council web site. Applicants will need to write a short paragraph about themselves and explain why they think they would make a good Town Councillor. Councillors will then have a special meeting in August to look at the co-options and new Councillors will be appointed before the September meeting

480/07 TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING ROSPA INSPECTION REPORT It was unanimously agreed that ROSPA will carry out the inspections of the playgrounds this year.

480/08 TO DISCUSS REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHAIRS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER (Cllr A Morgan) Clerk explained that Cllr Bennett has taken a sample chair to Hafren Furnishers to allow them to quote on refurbishment in both leather and vinyl. It was pointed out that not all the chairs need refurbishment. It was agreed that the quotations will be looked at and discussed further once they are received

480/09 TO DISCUSS DISABILITY ACCESS TO THE TOWN HALL (Cllr A Morgan) Cllr Morgan explained that planning permission for a platform lift was granted back in 2004 when plans were drawn up by Charles Cowan. An access audit was carried out by PCC. A stairlift on the back stairs is not feasible as the stairs are too narrow. It was pointed out that the Clerk can meet with residents in the Corn room on the ground floor and Councillors could meet in the Museum/Library if needed and had done in the past. It was agreed that a small group of Councillors (Cllrs A Morgan, G. Morgan and J. Hughes) will meet to discuss further. It was noted that grants are available and PAVO will be asked to help with obtaining them.

480/10 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A LETTER FROM FOCUS ENTERPRISE HUB AND TO CHOOSE A REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET HOLLY JONES, HUB MANAGER. It was agreed to invite Holly Jones to our next Council meeting to discuss further

480/11 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS LETTER FROM PCC RE POWYS TOWN INVESTMENT PLANS INITIATIVE County Councillor Glyn Preston was asked to inform Council of this initiative from PCC. He will forward Clerk information from the Consultants Owen Davies Consulting Ltd which will be discussed at the next meeting

480/12 TO DISCUSS PARKING AROUND TOWN, NEW STREET IN PARTICULAR (Cllr M Jones) Cllr Jones expressed concern with cars parking opposite Celtic Travel and around the Community Centre entrance. Cllr Hughes explained similar problems around Hafrenydd and Penygreen Road. Cllr Bennett expressed concern about the

entrance to Victoria Square. It was agreed that the double yellow lines are now desperately needed after the plans being drawn up 5 years ago. It was agreed that a meeting will be set up with Mr Matthew Perry from PCC and the plans will be revisited. Planters on the street were discussed and it was agreed that they should now be removed as they are taking up valuable parking spaces. This will be discussed with PCC Highways department.

480/13 TO DISCUSS COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE UNTIDY STATE OF THE GROUNDS AT LLANIDLOES HOSPITAL. Clerk explained that she had written another letter to Mrs Shillabeer, Chief Executive at PLHB to complain again about the state of the grounds at the Hospital, and to ask for an update on the major works and refurbishments which were going to take place at the Hospital. No response has been received as yet. It was agreed to send the letter on to the Health Minister, Eluned Morgan MS, Mr Tony Thomas PCC and Mrs Kirsty Williams Vice Chair.

480/14 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

22/0756/HH Removal of un-lawful timber balcony structure, erection of new first floor extension over existing flat roof at 19 Foundry Terrace, Llanidloes SY18 6AY – *No Objection*

22/0526/FUL Change of use of former hardware shop to an arts centre Bethel Hall, Bethel Street Llanidloes SY18 6BS *No Objection*

22/0401/HH Installation of a replacement boiler flue 28 Long Bridge Street, Llanidloes Powys SY18 6AR *No Objection*

480/15 The following Accounts for **APRIL** were confirmed

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| 101362 | JDH Business Services | 499.50 | |
| 101363 | Banwy Fuels | 918.23 | |
| 101364 | Morris Marshall & Poole | 468.00 | |
| 101365 | Llanidloes Carnival Cttee | 600.00 | |
| 101366 | Queen's Jubilee Cttee | | 137.00 |
| 101367 | Twinning Cttee | 500.00 | |
| 101368 | One Voice Wales | 551.00 | |
| 101369 | C. Taylor | 408.00 | |
| 101370 | Inland Revenue | 1,462.18 | |
| 101371 | PCC (Pension) | 777.10 | |
| 101372 | J.C. Rowlands | 75.00 | |
| 101373 | Border Janitorial | 126.32 | |
| 101374 | LAS Recycling | 114.72 | |
| 101375 | Malcolm Coates | 590.62 | |
| 101376 | PCC (Council Tax) | 9,265.67 | |
| 101377 | Dragon Energy | 95.00 | |
| 101378 | Void | | |
| Total | | | £ 16,588.34 |

480/16 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cllr Margot Jones expressed concern that we have not received the Audit from the Wales Audit office for 2020-21 as this has usually been received by now. Clerk explained that it has not been received as the Wales Audit Office have received a report from a member of the public complaining that malpractice has taken place within the Town Council on

- i) The refurbishments on the Public Toilets
- ii) Cutting back of the trees at Victoria Park

Clerk explained that the information required by WAO took her 4 hours to put together and send off (which she will be billing the Council for separately) she explained that Internal Audit, External Audit and Ombudsman have gone through this previously and if this is a Councillor complaint, all Councillors were part of the decision-making process and voted for these actions to take place. Cllr McArthur stood up and said that he had sent in the complaint and that Councillors have a right to complain if they think malpractice has taken place. Cllr Margot Jones asked Cllr Macarthur to sit down and stated that as Cllr McArthur has admitted his personal involvement, he should declare an interest and not be allowed to speak as he did not represent the council in this action. Cllr McArthur stated he was representing council and had the right to speak. It was agreed to wait for the report from WAO.

Cllr Bennett asked Cllr G. Morgan for an update on the OMH – Cllr Morgan said that the works had gone out to tender but he will chase it up.

Cllr G Morgan informed Councillors that there are campers on the riverside walk with loudspeaker equipment disturbing residents over the weekend. Clerk informed Council that this has been reported to the Police who are dealing with a homeless issue.

Cllr Davies asked if anyone knew why lorries are working out of Brynposteg Tip. Clerk will find out.

Cllr J Jones asked if there is currently a Chamber of Trade in Llanidloes. Clerk will find out

Cllr J Jones explained that the Football Club wish to meet with Councillors asap to discuss taking down the old toilet block near the entrance to the Club due to a new first aid portacabin being installed. It was agreed that the meeting will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 25th May.

Clerk asked Councillors if they are happy for her to include an item on agendas for County Councillors to update Council on PCC Matters. This was unanimously agreed on.

480/17 MEETINGS FOR JUNE

Full Council Meeting - Monday 27th June at 7.00 pm

Councillors wished Clerk best wishes on her upcoming Operation
The meeting ended at 8.42 pm