

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th JUNE, 2022 AT 7.00 PM ON ZOOM

PRESENT Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)
“ A. Bennett
“ T. Davies
“ J. Hughes
“ M. Jones
“ G. McArthur
“ R. Onions
Town Clerk
1 member of the press

481/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs G. Morgan and Mrs A. Morgan

481/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cllr A. Bennett declared in item 8 as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee
Cllr G. McArthur declared in item 8 as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee
Cllr T. Davies declared in item 8 as a member of Llanidloes Burial Joint Committee

481/03 MINUTES

Council meeting held on 23/05/22 – *Cllr J Jones stated that prior to the meeting, Cllr McArthur had proposed an amendment to the minutes as he did not agree with wording and therefore asked if the minutes could be altered. Cllrs unanimously agreed to accept the minutes as they are (including Cllr McArthur)*

Minutes of meeting held to discuss dismantling of Old Toilet Block at Victoria Park – *Unanimously agreed.*

481/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED

i) Letter of thanks for donation from Llanidloes Twinning Committee - *Received*

481/05 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING PUBLIC TOILETS –

Received It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Severn Trent asking them to improve facilities around the Clywedog Dam, including Toilets, footpaths etc., as Dwr Cymru have done at Elan Valley

481/06 TO DISCUSS MAESYDRE PLAY AREA AND REQUEST FROM

PLAYGROUND COMPANY FOR £10,000 OWED FOR EQUIPMENT It was agreed that Cllr Bennett as Chair of Environment Panel would visit the site and look at the poor workman ship to the ground works and report back to the Clerk. If all is well then Council agreed that payment will be made.

481/07 TO DISCUSS RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM MRS CAROL SHILLABEER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD It was agreed that we would write back to Mrs Shillabeer and

- i) Thank her for the work already in hand
- ii) State that this is a working brief and we will keep an eye on the works planned for the future
- iii) Ask if some of the grounds around the Hospital could be made into Car Parking as there is a shortage of parking for staff and visitors

481/08 TO RECEIVE BANK RECONCILIATION FROM LLANIDLOES BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE - Received

481/09 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS G MORGAN AND G PRESTON Cllr Morgan sent his apologies as he is away on holiday. Cllr Preston sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but sent information stating that he has received complaints from residents of Caegwyn backing on to the Millennium Garden. Cllr Davies informed the Council that the Millennium Garden committee have been made aware of the issue and are awaiting a complaint in writing. It was agreed the Town Council will keep at arms length until a letter is received.

481/10 TO DISCUSS

- i) Any update from Wales Audit Office on Annual Return 2020-21
- ii) As the annual return 2020-21 is delayed, it has delayed our completion of 2021-22 Internal Audit. The Internal Auditor was due to attend at the beginning of June and had delayed due to Audit not back from Welsh Audit Office and the Clerk being on sick leave. We must ratify and minute the reasons the audit is late and request an extension on 2021-22 Annual return date.

The above was taken at the end of the meeting when Cllr McArthur left the meeting unwillingly. Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Return 2020-21 has still not been received. The Internal Auditor has been unable to complete the internal audit for 2021-22 due to the previous year accounts not being returned as well as the Clerk being away on sick leave. It was agreed that it must be minuted that an extension has been requested and that information must be posted on the web site.

481/11 TO RECEIVE A 10 MINUTE PRESENTATION FROM LLANIDLOES FUTURES PROJECT (Mr Neil Statham) Mr Statham joined the meeting at 7.30 pm and gave a presentation as attached information. He informed the meeting that the aim of the project is to increase the uptake in solar energy in the local area, explaining that there are 2 Project managers, one being himself and the other is Chris Lord Smith. All contact details and information on the project are available on line under Llanidloes futures project. Mr Statham informed the meeting that interest free loans of up to £5,000 are available from Robert Owen Bank for 5 different energy efficient systems. Cutting the average annual energy bill by £500. It was agreed that Environment Panel will discuss further at their next meeting.

481/12 TO DISCUSS BRYNPOSTEG ISSUES Cllr J Jones informed the meeting that he is concerned about the amount of lorries now going to and coming from the Brynposteg site. Clerk will write to NRW and ask for the latest information.

481/13 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Cllr J Jones informed the meeting that he is keen to start the lights committee up again for the coming year. He called a meeting for Monday 22nd August at 6.30 pm at the Council Chamber as well as on Zoom and asked all Councillors to attend. The meeting will be advertised in the press and on social media during August.

481/14 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HERITAGE HUB 4 MID WALES It was agreed to endorse and support the project as previously.

481/15 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MR PHIL STALLARD ON LLANIDLOES COMMUNITY SCHEME It was agreed to support the scheme acting as a social hub, learning new skills, cookery classes, bicycle repairs. Grant of £10,000 will be applied for to cover running costs. Hire of the hall will be £150 plus £40 cleaning per week.

481/16 THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE DISCUSSED

22/0841/LBC Installation of through floor lift 22 Short Bridge Street, Llanidloes SY18 6AD *No Objections*

22/0923/VAD Discharge of Section 106 Agreement in relation to M/2004/0482-M/2005/0944 Llys y Coed Trefeglwys Road Llanidloes *We object as we agree with the original planning application stipulations*

481/17 The following Accounts for **MAY** were confirmed

101379	Seren Web	260.00
101380	LAS Recycling	184.68
101381	Kevin Jones Cars Ltd	443.60
101382	J.C. Rowlands	175.00
101383	M. Bufton	664.32
101384	Banwy Fuels	1,356.60
101385	C. Taylor	360.00
101386	Scottish Power	123.12
101387	EDF Energy	222.71
101388	Wynnstay	49.48
101389	Town Walks Group	314.00
101390	PCC (Pension)	810.56
101391	Inland Revenue	1,209.25
	Total	£ 6,173.32

481/18 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Clerk expressed concern regarding a post on facebook which stated that Zero Carbon are taking over the planting of the roundabout by Long Bridge. She stated that the roundabout is owned by the Town Council. Rotary offered to help plant it a couple of

years ago. Councillors agreed that this needs to be handled with care as only certain plants are suitable for that site. Clerk will write to Rotary

Cllr Bennett expressed concern over weeds around the Town especially near the NatWest Bank corner and asked if Bob is able to pull them up/spray them. Clerk explained that this is PCC area and therefore Bob is not covered by Insurance but she will take photos and send off to PCC

Clerk informed the meeting that she has been contacted by Llanidloes Without Community Council asking for a reduction in rent for hiring the Council Chamber. It was unanimously agreed that charges would probably have to increase in the near future to meet the increased cost of heating the building and therefore there will be no reductions

Cllr J Jones asked if it is possible to set up a meeting with PCC Housing Department so that we can understand the allocation of Council Houses in view of the new development nearing completion. Clerk informed the meeting that she has written to Mrs Nina Davies at PCC Housing and is waiting for her to respond.

Cllr J Jones has been contacted by a local resident wishing to pay for a bench on the Bridge near Dolgwenith. Councillors agreed that the bench could be installed on a trial basis.

481/19 MEETINGS FOR JUNE

Full Council Meeting - Monday 25th July on Zoom at 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm