

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TOWN HALL  
LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

Present Cllr J. Jones (Mayor)  
“ A. Bennett  
“ D. Craig  
“ G. Davies  
“ J. Hughes  
“ M. Jones (minute taker)  
“ E. Leguay  
“ A. Morel  
“ G. Morgan  
“ A Morgan  
“ T Davies  
“ G McArthur

492/01 APOLOGIES were received from Mrs S Pritchard, Town Clerk, Cllr K Hawkins, Cllr R Onions

At 6.30 Councillors met with Ms Eluned Lewis, National Environment and Culture Lead within the Community Benefit Team and James with Bute Energy currently developing several energy parks in Wales, two of which are proposed for Banc Ddu and Rhiwlas, Llangurig. Ms Lewis' role is to concentrate on community benefit. It is proposed 7 turbines for Llangurig and 15 turbines at Rhiwlas.

Councillors considered this would be a challenge to the local area due to the size of the turbines 200 metre tall, presently locally at 130 metres, and the fear that we were being given a 'birds eye' view of understanding. Ms Lewis stated that her role was to engage with local communities and that there were funds available, however there was no master plan and Bute would work with partnerships and projects.

Councillors expressed concerns that it was unable to identify locally who was running the established projects and how the system of requesting funding worked in particular who the trustees were. Ms Lewis said they would be able to help out with this.

A Councillors stated that he was unable to find any track record from Bute other than it was run by 3 Scottish venture capitalists with Danish equity. Bute has no evidence of giving out funding. The funding promised as part of the project was questioned as it appeared far from adequate given the amount of money that will be generated if these projects go ahead.

It was confirmed there would be no pylons.

Ms Edwards confirmed there would be a second consultation in the Autumn. Councillors considered that after further discussion they did not wish to wait until then and a further, early meeting should be organized with Bute to discuss some of the areas raised ASAP.

**Cllr Gareth Morgan**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed Councillors that he wished to pay tribute to Cllr Gareth Morgan on the special occasion and celebration of his 50 years that he has served as a County Councillor and 54 years as a Borough and Town Councillor to

Llanidloes. The Mayor made reference to his loyalty and willingness to help all who knocked on his door his rebelliousness to not accept 'no' and fight to keep services in the community have been the centre of his commitment and service.

**492/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Cllr G. Morgan declared in all items relating to PCC as he is a member.

**492/03 MINUTES**

Council Meeting held on 24.04.23 *Unanimously agreed as a true record*

Minutes of AGM held at the Council Chamber on 09.05.23 *Unanimously agreed as true record*

Minutes of meeting held with Mr Chris Hurst, PCC Pensions and Burial Committee/Finance Panel meeting held on 25.04.23 *Unanimously agreed as a true record*

**492/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED**

- i) Statements from Public Sector Deposit Fund to 31.04.23 – *Received*
- ii) Advance notification of Barclays Mixed Payment Plan charges to 08.05.23 – *Received*

**492/05 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM LLANIDLOES JOINT BURIAL**

**COMMITTEE (Cllr Bennett)** The item was taken in committee as it contained sensitive information. Cllr Bennett reported no progress with regard to the caretaker's pension arrears of £57,000- he confirmed there was no further information and the Town Council had received all that is available from the Burial Board. Councillors considered that it was unbelievable that the pension administrator did not know where the problem lay and how it had been caused. The lack of annual statements was questioned.

Cllr Bennett considered the caretaker may retire in two years and that some serious decisions would have to be made. He confirmed income is declining due to lack of burials.

**492/06 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SIGNAGE FOR THE ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN AND BYPASS FURTHER TO DROP IN SESSION ON THE**

**17.05.23(Cllr Morel)** Cllr Morel reported 15 people attended the event and gave very positive view. A table had been placed downstairs for those less mobile and was well received. It is hoped to go for grant funding and will discuss with Town Clerk with a view to organising another meeting. Council needs to make a decision about branding and consider any information put on signage will be appropriate in 15 years.

**492/07 TO DISCUSS MAKING ENTRANCES INTO TOWN MORE APPEALING. (Cllr J Jones)**

Cllr Jones expressed thanks to Mrs Ruth Davies for her flower displays in town and asked Cllr G Davies to express councils congratulation and thanks. Cllr J Jones suggested that in

September/October we ask for volunteers to plant Daffodils at the two entrances to town as had been done some years previously.

The lack of any focus or image on the main roundabout to town was discussed. Cllr J Hughes suggested that we enquire about placing the Turn Pike Gates presently at the High School there. This was agreed as an excellent idea. Cllr G Morgan suggested we arrange a meeting with Andrew Jones, PCC Highways.

**492/08 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr G Morgan reported that the boards on the Market Hall still remain an eyesore and he has been flagging it up whenever he can. Jake Berryman, Portfolio Holder for had shown a keenness to support the Town Council and get the situation sorted. There was no more news on the traffic issues being sorted.

**492/09 TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

It was agreed by all Councillors to defer this matter until the Town Clerk was present.

**492/10 TO DISCUSS LETTER REGARDING LOCAL NHS HEROES FOR THE NHS 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Cllr Gareth Morgan suggested that council nominate the Llanidloes League of Friends. Cllr G Davies paid tribute to the Palliative Care Unit at the hospital which had been a joint project between the League and the community. There were no objections.

**492/11 TO DISCUSS ROSPA INSPECTIONS 2023**

It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors to undertake Rospa inspection again this year at a cost of £72 per site

**492/12 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM MR ROWAN JONES TO USE RIVERSIDE WALK AREA FOR ANNUAL CYCLE EVENT ON SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

Unanimously agreed by Councillors

**492/13 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING CONSULTATION**

23/0680 Construction of 2 semi detached dwellings, demolition of former garage and outbuilding, formation of new access to yard, reposition of boundary wall at Old Post Office Yard, China Street, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6EE - *Councillors were concerned that affordable housing should be considered for the site. Concerns were raised over parking and access.*

**492/14 THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL WERE CONFIRMED AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

101536	JDH Business Services	558.00
101537	J.A. Jones	110.00
101538	EDF Energy	175.45
101539	Border Janitorial Supplies	394.46
101540	Banwy Fuels	3,592.05

101541	P.C.Q	358.29
101542	P.C.C. (cluster coach)	2,000.00
101543	Seren Web	260.00
101544	C. Taylor	1,214.40
101545	PCC (c. Tax)	5,620.18
101546	Void	00.00
101547	PCC (Pension)	823.37
101548	Inland Revenue	1,251.13
d/d	Barclays	22.70
d/d	Zoom	12.90
d/d	Wages	3,871.82
d/d	Total GP	2,531.81
Total		£ 22,063.11

#### 492/15 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS – THERE WERE NONE

#### 492/16 ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Brynposteg	Ongoing	Council
Cwmdu	Ongoing	Council
Double Yellow Lines	Meeting planned for Nov	Clerk
Trunk Road Signage	Contact MWTRA	Clerk
Recreation Ground	Playground Equipment	Council/Cllr Bennett

#### 492/17 RESIGNATION OF CLERK – Taken in Committee

The Mayor informed Council that he had received the Clerk's resignation from the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. There was shock and regret from the Council as the Town Clerk will be sorely missed. Council will have a chance to express their best wishes to her at a later date. It was agreed that the post should be advertised as soon as possible.

#### 492/18 NEXT MEETINGS

Walk about Town with County Councillors 5 p.m. 24.5.23 (meet at Town Hall steps)

Council Meeting - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 23