

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

Present Cllrs J. Jones (Mayor), G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, A. Bennett, D. Craig, G. Davies, Mrs T. Davies, Miss K. Hawkins, Mrs M. Jones, J. Hughes, Ms E. Leguay, G. McArthur, A. Morel

County Cllr G Preston  
1 member of the press

Town Clerk

The Mayor opened the meeting by asking for a moment of contemplation to consider those suffering in the world at the present time.

The Mayor offered congratulations to Councillor Leguay on passing a recent bar exam and Councillor G Davies on his appointment as Santa Claus.

**497/01 APOLOGIES** - None received

**497/02 TO ACCEPT PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Cllr Andrew Morel declared he was a Town Guide. Cllr Gareth Morgan declared an interest in any matters in connection with Powys County Council (PCC).

**497/03 MINUTES**

Council Meetings held on 25 September 2023 and 9 October 2023. Unanimously agreed as a true record.

**497/04 THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED**

- i) Statement from Public Sector Deposit Fund as at 30.9.23 – agreed that this would be provided quarterly in future.
- ii) Llanidloes Joint Burial Committee Bank Reconciliation for September 2023.  
Noted
- iii) Offer of Group visit to Minerva Arts Centre – Town Clerk to obtain dates.
- iv) Email from Powys Green Guide – Town Clerk confirmed that Town Council had acknowledged a climate emergency but email was asking for declaration. Deferred discussion to next meeting.

**497/05 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SIGNAGE FOR THE ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN AND BYPASS**

Cllr Morel reported progress. Signage submitted to PCC following graphic design involvement. There may be restrictions on siting. PCC think existing sign installed

recently. Councillors disagree. It was requested that PCC be reminded that views of local people are important.

#### **497/06 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Preston advised on the following:

Double Yellow Lines – consultation period ended in 12/22. Had chased. Need to push for action.

Bryn Posteg – No consultation on planning notices took place. Will re-investigate.

Old Market Hall – appears work will commence shortly.

Councillor Gareth Morgan advised on the following:

Foundry Terrace – problems with old culvert causing flooding. Head of Service @ Powys County Council had been emailed. Foundry House saw ground floor flooded, Nos 16 & 17 had seen water penetration. Possible blockage. Expecting camera survey to establish reason.

Recycling – representations made that there is a need for a additional cardboard skip @ Groe car park. Cllr Bennett, Cllr Preston and Town Clerk had already met PCC and they had refused. Councillor Morgan felt PCC should buy one if they did not have one available.

New PCC CEO – invite to be extended to attend meeting so that views on PCC can be made in person.

#### **497/07 TO DISCUSS INVITING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO JOIN COUNCIL**

Cllr Morel advised that we were now in a position to invite applications – posters to be distributed to relevant parties.

#### **497/08 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received.

#### **497/09 TO REVIEW POSITION WITH FUNDING FROM BRYN BLAEN COMMUNITY WIND FARM FUND,**

This matter was discussed in Committee following the reading of:

‘Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of this item’

#### **497/10 REPORT FROM LLANIDLOES GUIDED WALKS**

A report was circulated highlighting the valuable nature of this service. Agreement in principle was given to fund printing costs for a new leaflet at the beginning of the 2024 season.

**497/11 COUNCILLOR NOMINATION FOR ONE VOICE WALES  
MONTGOMERYSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE**

Councillors agreed to consider a nominee.

**497/12 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO CONSULTATIONS**

One Voice Wales newsletter was circulated with agenda papers. Councillors made no comment and confirmed that any consultations could be forwarded to Councillors when received and any comments would be forwarded.

**497/13 TO CONSIDER INSURANCE UPDATE**

Town Clerk confirmed that informal meeting had taken place with Andrew Turner MRICS of Morris, Marshall & Poole, local estate agents and valuers. He would seek out a suitable valuer to undertake a reinstatement valuation for the Town Hall as Town Clerk is concerned that property may be significantly under insured. Town Clerk explained the principle of average in the insurance sector where %age under insured is deducted from actual sum insured. Town Clerk to return to Council with quotes for survey.

**497/14 TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR VACANCY FOR CLYWEDOG WARD**

Following the co-option process 2 candidates had applied for the vacant position, Glyn Preston and Mike Rutland. Cllr Graham Davies declared an interest so withdrew from voting. Vote completed with 10 to 2 in favour of Glyn Preston who was duly co-opted. Vote counting independently verified.

**497/15 TO CONSIDER WRITING TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OFFERING THANKS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY ACTIONS.**

Specimen letter had been sent to Mayor for approval after last meeting. Letters to be sent to Llanidloes Guided Walks, former Mayors/Councillors and lanto this month.

**497/16 TO CONFIRM ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Town Clerk confirmed that previously accounts for payment were being approved after the payments had been made. In future payments are to be approved before payment, as far as possible, in order that any queries can be resolved. The following payments were approved for payment:

Banwy Fuels Ltd - Pellets	£1,252.55
Wynnstay - Supplies	£ 57.18
Assured Air & Water – Legionella Assessment	£ 360.00
LAS Recycling Ltd – Waste Collection	£ 121.52
Border Janitorial Supplies - Supplies	£ 195.39
Agri Power Services – Mower repairs	£ 265.98
Healthmatic – Engineer visit to Public Toilets	£ 330.00

All inclusive of vat.

#### **497/17 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

Cllr Morel had requested consideration be given to improving the position for local residents following poor service levels in public bin collections around the town. Meeting advised that situation was caused by operative being called to new waste transfer station @ Abermule. Position had improved recently.

#### **497/18 DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH LLANIDLOES JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE**

This item was taken in Committee following the reading of the following:

‘Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of this item’

**497/18 ACTION POINTS** – agreed that all these items need updates.

ACTION POINT	STATUS	ACTIONED BY
Cwmdu	Ongoing	Council
Double Yellow Lines	Meeting planned for Nov	Clerk
Trunk Road Signage	Contact MWTRA	Clerk

#### **497/19 NEXT MEETINGS**

Details of the upcoming Remembrance Sunday service on 12 November 2023 were provided.

Council Meeting – Monday, 27 November 2023