

**LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Committee Room A, County Hall**

**Present:** Cllr J Williams, E Worgan, C Rouse, S Dorkenoo, B Williams, G Price, W Francis, J Green, R Houghton, S Millington, S Meredudd, B Makusha (arrived 7.30pm)

**Apologies:** Cllr P Hill

**Absent:** Cllr S Burgoyne

**Guests:** Ernie & Pheone Husson, Jayne Griffiths, Jimmy Layton, Lianne Proudman, Gordon Phillips.

**TC 41/17** **Declarations**

The following declarations were made:

Cllr J Williams	7e	Work Placement
Cllr S Meredudd	7f	Football Club

**TC 42/17** **Mayor's Awards 2016/17**

The Chairman welcomed the guests to the meeting and spoke a little about his reasons for awarding the "Mayor's Awards for Community Spirit."

The awards are of a personal choice and presented to recipients which he feel go over and above to serve the community and carry out lots of work behind the scenes which is not always recognised.

The Mayor presented the following awards:

Jayne Griffiths – Community Champion, Tesco – for her work in supporting local groups and charities by obtaining funds and giving practical support.

Jimmy Layton – For his work within the community for the blind and visually impaired over so many years.

Ernie Husson – Who is now in his 49<sup>th</sup> year of photographing the community of Llandrindod Wells and its residents.

Gordon Phillips – This award is a special award – "The Gordon Phillips Commemorative Cup" which will be presented to Llandrindod Wells Carnival Committee and which Gordon will present annually to an entrant in the Carnival. This is in recognition of the work Gordon carries out on behalf of the community at many events and for his work behind the scenes. Lianne Proudman of the Carnival Committee was delighted to accept this award on behalf of the Carnival.

**TC 43/17** **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were confirmed and signed.

**TC 44/17** **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

The Clerk offered her thanks to all members of the Town Council for their support over the past Council term, she wished retiring members well for their future.

**TC 45/17** **Chairman's Announcements**

Round Table – Cheque presentation event  
Llandrindod Wells Pensioner's Group – Talk to group  
National Cycle Collection – Celebration  
Opening of New Ithon Birthing Unit at War Memorial Hospital  
Youth Market

The Chairman had now come to his last Full Council meeting as Chair. He commented that it has been an utter privilege to serve as Mayor to Llandrindod Wells, an absolute honour which he felt he would never achieve. The support he has received from members and the residents has been a real boost and he has worked to raise the profile of the Town Council and the town of Llandrindod Wells.

He paid special thanks to his wife Jo who has supported him throughout his term and has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Also to Ben and Elin who have always been there to support his work. He feels that people are beginning to appreciate the Town Council more and the Town Council is also gaining the support of the businesses.

He also thanked the Clerk for her work over the last year.

The Chairman wished the retiring members of the Council well and thanked them for their contributions over the past years.

**TC 46/17** **Correspondence**

**a) Kirsty Williams AM – Defibrillators**

Notification of a meeting held with Cariad which promoted that "Awards for All" grants of up to £5000 are available to all community councils to install defibrillators. This was noted.

**b) Powys County Council – Change of Primary Admission Age**

As from September 2017 pre-school provision for 3 and 4 year olds will increase from the current 10 hours to 12.5 hours per week. The change of admission age for pupils attending Powys primary schools will change so that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 there will only be one school intake in each school year. This intake will be in September, after a child has had their fourth birthday. This was noted.

**Cllr Makusha arrived at the meeting**

**c) Dyfed Powys Police – Changes in Policing Structure**

Information on the changes to the policing structure for Dyfed Powys Police. Inspector Brian Jones will be the point of contact for Llandrindod Wells. This was noted.

**d) Victorian Festival – Thanks**

Thanks from the Victorian Festival Committee for the grant of £1700 and for the Town Council's plans to arrange the Vintage Vehicle Display. The Clerk updated members on the plans for the Ken Richards Commemorative Vintage Vehicle Display to be hosted by the Council on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and the inclusion of Vintage Bus Trips to the Lake. The Clerk will be setting up a Working Group in May to assist with the organisation of this event.

**e) Benjamin Williams – Work Experience**

Cllr Williams declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Ben Williams has requested to carry out work experience for 5 days from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 within the Town Council.

Members supported this, Cllr Price had hosted a work placement student during his time as Mayor within the TIC and had felt it was a really positive process. He felt that the Council should agree to this.

**Resolved:** to agree to Ben's application for work placement and look at rolling this out annually upon individual application.

**f) Philip Davies – Oxford Road Football Field**

Cllr Meredudd declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Letter from a member of the Llandrindod Wells Football Club who is Coach for Junior Football who is thinking of trying to get funding to refurbish the Oxford Road field. He feels the best option would be to try and convert this site into a small 3G pitch at an approximate cost of £40,000.

There were some concerns over this and there may be possible issues with regard to the Council's ownership of this land.

**Resolved:** to arrange a meeting with representatives during May to discuss this matter.

**g) Pavilion – Town Noticeboards**

Approach with regard to taking over the role of managing these boards as RVS has relinquished this role.

Members accepted this offer with a condition that if the Pavilion wished to introduce a charge for displaying posters this should be at a maximum of 20p per week per poster.

**Resolved:** Clerk to notify Pavilion of the decision.

TC 47/17

**Applications for Financial Assistance**

None.

TC 48/17

**Representatives Reports**

a) One Voice Wales – Larger Councils Meeting (SM)

**TC 49/17**

**Planning Applications**

- a) **P/2017/0289** - Full: Change of use of first, second and third floors from offices to 6 residential apartments at 1 High Street. Cllr Meredudd wished to see the inclusion of parking spaces, however this may not be possible due to the location. **No objection, with a suggestion for the inclusion of parking spaces.**
- b) **P/2017/0340** Full: Erection of an extension to existing workshop, change of use of land to form an external parking area for staff, visitors and vehicles awaiting repair together with associated works at Crossing Garage Tremont Road Llandrindod Wells. **No objection.**
- c) **Planning Committee Notification - P/2014/0672** Full: Construct and operate 7 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 110m and maximum hub height of 69m together with ancillary development comprising substation, control building, new and upgraded access points and tracks, hardstanding and temporary compound and associated works at , Land off A44, SW of Llandegley, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.  
**Resolved:** not to send a representative to address the Planning Committee as the Council's objections have been received.

**TC 50/17**

**Accounts**

The accounts for March 2017 were approved and signed.

**TC 51/17**

**End of Year Budget/Expenditure**

The Clerk provided a detailed breakdown of expenditure/budget for 2016/17. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**TC 52/17**

**Elections May 2017**

Statement of Persons Nominated:

GD Price	North
EA Worgan	North
W Francis	South 1
B Makusha	South 1
J Williams	East
SR Meredudd	West
BL Williams	West
No Nominations	South 2

As the Town Council will be undersubscribed by 8 members the Town Council will need to co-opt the following members following 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

North Ward	3
South 2 Ward	4
East Ward	1

The Chairman invited all members and visitors to join him for a drink following the meeting as a farewell to retiring members.