

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 20th June 2017 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr J Williams, E Worgan, G Price, B Makusha, S Meredudd, B Williams, W Francis

Apologies: None.

TC 67/17 Grant Presentations

The Chairman welcomed all recipients to the meeting and presented grant cheques for 2017/18 on behalf of the Town Council.

Albert Hall	3000
Victorian Festival – Sponsor Marquee	1500
Llandrindod Wells Silver Band	750
Llandrindod Eisteddod	250
Carnival	1000
Scouts	200
Llandod Cyclefest	2000
Radnor Fringe	500
LOUDA	200
Welsh Women’s Bowls Assoc	250
Welsh Bowling Association	250

Unfortunately no representative attended on behalf of Llandrindod Wells & District Twinning Association.

TC 68/17 Declarations

The following declarations were made:

Cllr Jon Williams – Item 12 – Planning Applications.

TC 69/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017 were confirmed and signed.

TC 70/17 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 16th May 2017 were confirmed and signed

TC 71/17 Minutes

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TC 72/17 Clerk’s Report/Information from Meeting:

None.

TC 73/17 Chairman’s Announcements

The Chair apologised for not including his list of engagements, this had been due to time pressures.

TC 74/17

Correspondence

a) Welsh Women's Bowling Association – Thanks

Letter of thanks for the donation given to the recent event.

b) HOWLTA – Invitation

The following invitation had been received:

“We would like to invite you to the launch of the Shropshire section of the Heart of Wales Line Trail, from Craven Arms to Knighton.

This event will take place at the Discovery Centre, Craven Arms, at 09.15 on Tuesday July 4th. The Centre is a few hundred yards from the railway station and there is free parking. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. After a couple of short speeches, the party will move on to the railway station for the unveiling of a banner to mark the occasion. The northbound HWL service is due in at 09.47, in time for this part of the event.

Those who wish to do so may then join us on the 10.37 train to Broome: Arriva Trains Wales have said that they will not charge for this short journey. We plan to walk to Aston on Clun community shop for a short refreshment stop. There will then be two basic options:

– you can join those of us who intend to walk back to Craven Arms, with the aim of getting there in time for the 14.34 train to Swansea via the HWL. The walk is 5.5 miles, moderate, with one fairly steep climb up Hopesay Common

– alternatively, you may wish to walk back to Broome station for the 12.55 train to Craven Arms and Shrewsbury.”

The Chair is not available to attend.

Resolved: Cllr Meredudd will consider attending the represent the Town Council and will notify the Clerk.

c) Ken Skates AM, Welsh Government – Tremont Road Planting

Response to letter send in November 2016 asking for permission to plant daffodils on the banks of A483 on Tremont Road

“Unfortunately we cannot permit access to the verge areas for community planting schemes due to safety reasons. There also may be restrictions on where planting can be undertaken due to the routine safety cut.”

Members were once again disappointed with the response from Welsh Government and noted the 6 month delay in responding.

d) Welsh 2 Day Enduro – Invitation (for information)

Invitation to the Chair to set off the first riders at the forthcoming event. Also information for all members of the Council. The Chairman confirmed his attendance and reminded all members that this is an open invitation to attend the daytime activities.

TC 75/17 **Applications for Financial Assistance**

- a) Royal Voluntary Service – Assisted Shopping Bus
Members discussed this application and requested the following information:

The annual cost of the Assisted Shopping Bus
Details of the funding previously received (amount and source)
Details of any funding secured to support this service for 2017/18
Reason why the funding has been stopped.

Resolved: Clerk to request this information.

TC 76/17 **Representatives Reports**

- a) Arwain (SM)
b) Fairtrade Group (SM)

TC 77/17 **Planning Applications**

- a) **P/2017/0442** for Demolition of existing workshop and erection of new dwelling house at Mount Pleasant Garage Tremont Road. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application as a member of the PCC Planning Committee and did not take part in discussions or the voting process.

The Council supported the response of the Welsh Government on 15th May 2017 which requests that permission be withheld until further information is obtained. The Town Council would wish to be consulted again once further information has been received.

- b) **P/2017/0465** Full: Erection of 2 flats at Rhoslyn, High Street, Llandrindod Wells. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application as a member of the PCC Planning Committee and did not take part in discussions or the voting process.

Members noted the representation made by a local resident and agreed with their request for obscure glass to be placed in the bedroom windows which directly overlook their property.

Therefore, the Town Council has no objection to this application provided that a condition be placed in the approval for the installation of obscure glass for the bedrooms overlooking the local residents property.

- c) **P/2017/0550** Application for consent to display 1no. fascia sign and 1no. projecting sign (non-illuminated) at Carlton House Middleton Street. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application as a member of the PCC Planning Committee and did not take part in discussions or the voting process.

No objection.

- d) **P/2017/0359** - Section 192 Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed use in relation to replacement conservatory and installation of patio doors at, 19 Holcombe Drive. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application as a member of the PCC Planning Committee and did not take part in discussions or the voting process.

No objection.

TC 78/17 **Accounts**

a) To approve the payments for May 2017

The accounts for May were approved and signed.

TC 79/17 **Grass Cutting**

Following the recent notification from Powys County Council that the general amenities land would be affected by budget savings. Grass currently cut 10 times each season will not be reduced to 5 cuts.

The Clerk had contacted all members once notification of this had been received and unanimously agreed to fund the additional 5 cuts for 2017/18 only at a cost of £2523.05.

Cllr Price felt that the County Council has a duty within their lease agreement to maintain and fund the previous level of cuts.

TC 80/17 **Town Council Vacancies**

10 applications had been received for the 8 vacancies. Co-option had taken place on 19th June 2017. All candidates have been notified of the outcome. The following applicants were appointed:

Jase Hawker	North
Denise Hartley	South 2
Kim Nicholls	South 2
Steve Deeks D'Silva	South 2
Grace Davis	South 2
Wade Curzon	North
Kev Martin	East
Dave Walton	North

TC 81/17 **One Voice Wales – AGM Motion**

None submitted.

Confidential Minutes

TC 82/17

a) Website

I. Hosting Fees

Members noted that the high usage is due to the stock images uploaded by the Town Champion. The suggestion received was to locate these on 'Dropbox.' This would be considered.

II. Case Study

Request to include Llandrindod Wells website as a Case Study for Motif Creative. This was agreed.

b) Oxford Road Field

No further contact had been received from the Football Club. Members agreed that this land should remain as a general amenities site.

c) Handyman

The Clerk will draw up a list of current and potential activities to be undertaken. Members will then consider the way forward once this is completed.