

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr J Williams, S Meredudd, S Moore, K Nicholls, B Williams, D Walton, G Price, W Curzon

Apologies: Cllr J Hawker

Absent: Cllr L Ward, A Curtis, S Deeks-D'Silva, E Worgan, R Evans

TC 143/18 **Presentation**

The Chair welcomed Kacey Woodcock and her mother to the meeting.

Kacey had been asked to attend the meeting as she had been put forward by Cllr Hawker for her hard work litter picking within Trefonnen Estate. The Chair thanked Kacey for doing such a great job and felt that she had taken the initiative to tidy up an area within the town and she is a great example to others. Members congratulated her on her work.

In the absence of Cllr Hawker the Chair presented Kacey with a thank you card and a gift voucher which had been funded by individual members.

TC 144/18 **Declarations**

Cllr J Williams – TC 150/18 b & C, TC 157/18

Cllr G Price - TC 150/18c, TC 151/18b, TC 156/18

Cllr W Curzon - TC 149/18f

TC 145/18 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September 2018 were confirmed and signed subject to an amendment.

TC 146/18 **Clerks Report**

The silhouettes have now arrived and it is an honour to host these at Council meetings and events to remember those who gave their lives.

Members Training

All training has been booked following member's requests at the last meeting.

Members are asked to note the dates in their diaries to ensure that sessions are not missed.

Cllr Allan Curtis – South 2 Ward

Cllr Curtis sends his sincere apologies for being unable to attend what should have been his first meeting.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 24th November

The Town Council table has now been confirmed for this event. A rota for cover is currently being circulated amongst members who are asked to participate at this event.

The Clerk reported that the replacement town noticeboards had now arrived.

TC 147/18

Chairmans Report

11th Sept – Meeting with community champion ideas for community projects

14th Sept – I spent the day collecting money in the foyer of Tesco to help raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. We raised around £600 and it was a fantastic way to engage with the community and hear their issues around the town.

15th Sept – Light the Lake Walk. As part of the fundraising week for the British Heart Foundation, my family and I help organize the event along with Jayne the Tesco Community Champion. It was amazing to see the paths around the lake lined with over 700 candles in jam jars lighting the way for the walkers. Around 100 people turned up to join in with great feedback from all who attended. My thanks to Cllr Kim for helping out with this event.

17th Sept – Llandrindod Wells Children's Eisteddfod. Final planning meeting for this years event. I hope to see the Town Councillors come and support this event on 13th October.

18th Sept – Montpellier Residents Meeting.

18th Sept – Full Town Council meeting.

20th Sept – Final arrangements for Cobblers celebration cake and event.

22nd Sept – Mayors challenge Llandrindod Wells Raft Race. I put out a challenge to the town to take on the Mayors raft in a race across the lake. We had 13 teams take part of all age groups from around town and further afield. The day itself was wet but over 200 people turned up to support the event and watch the action. Only a few of the rafts didn't make the distance but everyone had a fantastic time. I really must thank Stu Ingram for all of his assistance on the day and in the planning of the event. My thanks also to the Fire Brigade for doing the in-water safety, the St John Ambulance for covering the medical side of things. Inflatable games and the sound system were supplied free of charge by Andrew Morgan. My thanks to the volunteers who came to help on the day. The feedback from this event has been amazing with a real buzz around the town.

26th Sept – Cobblers Celebration event. I arranged an event at the Radnorshire Museum to celebrate the many years of service the Jones family cobblers have given to the town. The event was well attended and it was a chance to say thank you and goodbye to the Ken whose family started the shop in 1907, it will be a sad loss to our town. During the evening I presented two extra certificates to long standing business owners, Mr Ernie Husson celebrating his 50th year in business and Mr John Davies in his 53rd year and longest running business in town with the original person still running it. It was great to see many long-standing businesses attend the event as they really are the corner stone of our town.

27th Sept – Herb Garden Raffle. I was asked to draw the first raffle of the share holders club at the Herb Garden Community Café. It's great to see the support they have and I hope this will continue in the future.

28th Sept – Meeting at the Putting Green to discuss the electricity supply.

28th Sept - Called into the Cobblers to thank the family for their years of service and to wish Ken all the best for the future. Sad to see this shop close as I'm sure we all have our own memories of going there.

29th Sept – Royal British Legion 100th anniversary concert. A nice evening with singing from the Rhayader Male Voice Choir and guest singer Holly. A really shame more people didn't attend.

1st Oct – Festive Lights meeting.

2nd Oct – Meeting with Cllr Jase and Steve Gealy at the Lake to discuss the proposed information board.

4th Oct – Visit to Llandrindod Wells Fire Station.

5th Oct – Race night in aid of Katheryn Oglethorpe guides trip. A great fun night at the golf club to support the fundraising efforts of Katheryn for her international guides trip next year. Again, a real shame that more people didn't attend.

8th Oct – Visit to Children's Services at the Gwalia. What an amazing job this team do and extremely touching what they have to deal with.

9th Oct – The Court residents meeting.

The Chair reminded members of the Commemorative Service on 28th October 2018 at 3pm being held in the Holy Trinity Church and hoped members would be able to attend.

The Chair is organising an event on 9th November 2018 in the Albert Hall entitled The Poppy Red he hoped that members would be able to attend.

TC 148/18

Public Speaking

None.

TC 149/18

Correspondence.

a) 1st Maelog Guides – Thanks

Thanks for the recent grant award. This was noted.

b) Royal British Legion – Commemoration Service

Invitation to attend the Commemoration Service on Sunday 28th October at 3pm in the Holy Trinity Church. This was noted.

c) Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day

Collection of wreaths is on 24th, 25th or 26th October from the RBL Club. The

Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 11th November 2018 will form at the RBL Club at 10am and march at 10.30am.

The Clerk confirmed that 2 wreaths had been ordered to be collected by the Chair or Clerk.

Resolved: to release £100 from within the budget.

d) Radnor Fringe Festival – Consultation on Location

Email detailing our proposals to relocate the Radnor Fringe Festival to the Lake Park and seeking the Town Council's support for the closure of Princes Avenue for the duration of the event.

Members discussed this, however it was felt that there was insufficient information supplied to enable the Council to make any decision on this matter.

Resolved: Clerk to ask for further information with regard to details of the proposed road closure.

e) Powys County Council – Public Spaces Protection Order

PCC is looking to introduce Dog Banning Orders for specific identified problem areas of service managed land to include open spaces, parks and woodland.

Members discussed this matter and some suggestions for areas were put forward. The Clerk reminded members that this is for service-managed land only (managed by PCC.)

Cllr Price felt that this should be open to any public space.

Resolved: to contact PCC and ask for a localised list of areas which the Clerk will circulate to members for comment prior to the deadline of 31st October 2018.

f) Samaritans – Powys Samaritans in Llandrindod Wells

Cllr Curzon declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place. Seeking support for their idea of purchasing property on High Street to run their service from.

Members gave their full support to this and commented that the town is extremely fortunate to have such an important service operating from Llandrindod Wells. This group provides an extremely important service to those people who are seeking support and advice at particularly difficult times.

Resolved: to write and give full support to this proposal and offer support in the future.

g) Mid & West Wales Fire - Consultation

Invitation to provide views on Draft Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024

Cllr Meredudd felt that a small Working Group should be set up to prepare a response to this consultation on behalf of the Town Council. Members felt it was important to respond to this consultation in view of the proposal to remove the Aerial Platform from Llandrindod Wells.

Resolved: to establish a small Working Group.

Cllr Price and Cllr Meredudd indicated they would like to be part of such a group. Cllr Price suggested that a previous member, Eddie Williams, a former Fire Service member, be approached to join the working group.

Resolved: to approach Eddie Williams to join Cllr Price and Cllr Meredudd on this group. Group to feedback draft response for the November Full Council meeting.

TC 150/18

Planning Applications

- a) **18/0577/FUL** Proposal: Demolition of existing car sales building, construction of new bus interchange with shelters and cycle racks at south of site and change of use on the northern portion for private car parking. Site Address: Land at Eric Evans Car Sales, Station Crescent, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5BE. Cllr Williams did not declare an interest in this matter as he is local member for the application and will be addressing the Planning Committee on this application and will not take part in the voting process. **Support this application.** Cllr Meredudd abstained from the vote.
- b) **18/0588/ADV** Proposal: Display of a freestanding internally illuminated advertisement sign. Site Address: Tremont Garage, Tremont Road, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 5EB. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place. Cllr Price took the Chair for this item. **No objection.**
- c) **18/0459/FUL** Proposal: Proposed conversion of the lower ground floor storage area to a two bedroom flat. Site Address: 1 Cambrian House, High Street, Llandrindod Wells, Cllr Williams and Cllr Price declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place. Cllr Nicholls took the Chair for this item. **No objection.**

TC 151/18

Applications for Financial Assistance

a) Heart of Wales Steering Group – Grant Application

Application for a grant of £200 to facilitate the Launch Event for the Heart of Wales Trails to be held in Llandrindod Wells in March 2010.

Resolved: to award a grant of £100.

b) Ysgol Trefonnen – Grant towards AED Defibrillator

Cllr Price declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Application for £250 towards the cost of providing a Defibrillator to be sited on the outside of Ysgol Trefonnen for School and Community use.

Resolved: to award a grant of £250.

TC 152/18

Finances

To approve the payments for September 2018

The payments for July 2018 were approved and signed.

TC 153/18

Annual Audit 2017/18

a) Audit for Approval

The Council had received an Unqualified Audit (pass) with one advisory note with regard to gratuities. This was noted. The Clerk was congratulated for her work on this.

b) Appoint Internal Auditor

The Clerk recommended that Lee Stephens be appointed as Internal Auditor as he is sector-specific.

Resolved: to appoint Lee Stephens as Internal Auditor for 2018/19 as in 2017/18

TC 154/18 Vacancy South 1 Ward

One application was received for co-option.

Resolved: to co-opt Dianne Pugh as member for South 1 Ward.

TC 155/18 #LLANDRINDODREMEMBERS

Members discussed the draft design prepared by Cllr Hawker. Members agreed that the title should be #llandrindodwellsremembers. Members also felt that the red border detracted from the photo and silhouette.

Resolved: to ask Cllr Hawker to remove the poppy border and amend the text to #llandrindodwellsremembers.

TC 156/18 Bonfire & Firework Display

Cllr Price declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place. The Town Council had set a date of 5th November previously for the above, however Ysgol Trefonnen has now organised a Firework Display for that evening.

Cllr B Williams suggested that the Town Council change the date of its display.

Members discussed this matter at length and it was agreed that the event should be free entry and should run from 7.15pm with the Firework Display starting at 7.30pm.

The Chair and Vice had offered to fund the Fireworks, however as the Council had resolved to run this event it was agreed to fund the Fireworks from the events budget. The Chair will fund soup and refreshments.

The Chair hoped that this could be an annual event and feel that it is important that this remains a free event for local residents. This was agreed.

Resolved: to allocated £500 from the events budget for Fireworks and to run event at the Putting Green on 5th November from 7.15pm.

TC 157/18 Powys County Council Tri Towns Project

Cllr J Williams declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place. Cllr Price took the Chair for this item.

In the absence of the Town Council representative, Cllr Deeks-D'Silva members considered the email received with regard to setting up a joint website and the possibility of funding.

Resolved: to support the idea in principle and look at funding when appropriate and upon receipt of further information.

TC 158/18

Putting Green

In the absence of Cllr Deeks-D'Silva this matter was not discussed.

The Chair confirmed that he will be undertaking drainage and fence removal on site on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31st October. He had received the offer of help from some residents, any members wishing to attend would be welcomed.

TC 159/18

Parking Restrictions

The Chair had been contacted by a Highways Officer with regard to proposals to implement Traffic Orders within Llandrindod Wells. This will include restrictions for parking outside of the Metropole Hotel. The Chair had been asked to approach the Town Council to establish if they would support this.

Members discussed this situation at length.

Cllr Price felt uneasy with the Council passing any comments on one element without receiving formal consultation documents, this was echoed by some other members.

Resolved: to contact PCC Highways informing them that the Council will await formal consultation documents before making any comments.

TC 160/18

Resolution – Confidential Matters

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as there would be disclosure to them of confidential information relating to contractual and personnel content.

TC 161/18

Confidential Minutes

a) Town Council Transport

As Cllr Ward was unable to attend the meeting this matter would be deferred.

b) One Voice Wales Training Quotation

A quotation had been received for specific training.

Resolved: to defer this matter until January 2019

c) Signal Box Museum

The Clerk informed members that the Engineers Report had now been received and submitted to Network Rail along with the payment for their services. Once confirmation has been received from Network Rail works will go ahead.

d) iPads

Cllr Worgan had obtained information from a PCC supplier with regard to the supply of iPads. This quote was felt to be excessive.