

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Committee Room A, County Hall

**Present:** Cllr J Williams, S Deeks-D'Silva, E Worgan, S Meredudd, G Price, W Curzon, D Walton, L Ward, S Moore, K Nicholls

**Absent:** Cllr B Williams, R Evans, J Hawker

The Chair addressed the meeting stating that he had received concern from members about the conduct of some members at the last meeting. He reminded members to leave personal issues outside of the meeting.

**TC 107/18** **Declarations**  
Cllr J Williams - 7a, 8a, 8b

**TC 108/18** **Minutes**  
The minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were confirmed and signed.

**TC 109/18** **Clerks Report**  
**Defibrillator**  
The Defibrillator has now arrived and is being installed in the office shortly. The Town Council has purchased a bracket so this can be wall mounted at a cost of £50. Training took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 and was attended by 7 Town Council representatives. The defibrillator has now been registered and is in place.

**Hanging Baskets**  
Following consultation with members a contractor was employed to water the Hanging Baskets on a daily basis until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**Radnor Fringe**  
This was extremely successful again this year and the Town Council sponsorship was promoted within the programme and on site.

**Carnival**  
The Town Council had agreed to have a stand at the Carnival, however, due to other commitments many members were unable to assist with manning the stall.

**Putting Green Grants**  
We await notification from Tesco on the outcome of the Bags of Help Grant. Also await contact from the grant applications to Greggs and Big Lottery Awards for All.

**TC 110/18** **Chairmans Report**  
12<sup>th</sup> June – Attended Marches home build centre job fair. It's great to see a local business doing so well and reinvesting back into the local community by offering a variety of jobs and opportunities to the local area.

13<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting with the Clerk.

13<sup>th</sup> June – Town Council Policies Sub Group meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> June – Visually impaired National Bowling Competition. I had the honour of opening the competition and bowling the first bowl, badly. It was fantastic to see the skill of the competitors and coaches whose visual impairment ranged from totally blind to very limited.

14<sup>th</sup> June – Opening of the Radnorshire Museum local artist exhibition. A very good display of some of the work that the many local artists produce.

15<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting at the high school. Community plans.

16<sup>th</sup> June – Credu picnic. I opened the first Credu picnic and although the weather was unkind to start with things picked up later. We were treated to a medley of songs from the Bracken trust singers and there were games and fun to be had by all.

16<sup>th</sup> June – Visually impaired National bowling competition closing ceremony and prize giving. I returned to the outdoor bowling centre to attend the closing ceremony and present the winners and runners up with their trophies. As the mayor it is always a pleasure to hear the fantastic comments made about our town and this facility from visitors such as the bowlers. We are truly lucky to have a bowling centre that is to international standard and it's a credit to the group running it.

18<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting at the Herb garden. I had a meeting with the chairman of the herb garden community café about the issues they are facing and options that may help them continue running this vital project.

19<sup>th</sup> June – Called to office to sign cheques.

19<sup>th</sup> June – meeting with local businessman about community events and possible sponsorship.

19<sup>th</sup> June – Residents meeting at the Commodore. I was asked to attend a resident meeting to hear the issues they are facing, local police initiatives and made a link with the housing officer.

19<sup>th</sup> June – Full Town Council meeting.

20<sup>th</sup> June – returned the watering kit to office.

20<sup>th</sup> June – Twinning meeting. Going over plans for the September visit of Bad Rappenau.

21<sup>st</sup> June – Valley Commandos presentation. I was asked to present the valley commandos bikers club with a certificate of thanks from Credu carers for raising nearly £100 by buying cakes. On the night they also had a whip around and put another £50 into the fund. A truly community minded group of guys and gals.

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Meeting with the Tesco community town champion. Looking at future plans and events.

24<sup>th</sup> June – Radnor Fringe Festival. Attended the festival again this year and what great weather they had. It was great to see the rock park buzzing with people and everyone having a good time. Again, the complements from the many people, on their first visit to our town, I spoke to were very pleasing to hear. Well done to the many volunteers that give up so much time to make this event such a big success and ensure that the park is left as found, if not better.

26<sup>th</sup> June – Hwggga Studio. Called in to see the newly opened studio and talk about community projects. I think there are going to be some great new ideas coming from this studio.

26<sup>th</sup> June – RAF 100 celebration. Attended the celebration of 100 years of the RAF and raising the ensign at county hall. It was great to have the Llandrindod Wells High School Choir entertain us with songs and sing the National anthems. It was humbling to hear two stories of local Radnorshire men that won VC's whilst serving with the RAF.

26<sup>th</sup> June – Personnel Committee meeting.

27<sup>th</sup> June – Peter Davies funeral. Pete was a huge supporter of the twinning association and was the driving force behind the twinning year book. He was ever resourceful with members of the twinning committee always amazed at how he was so organised. Pete you will be very much missed, rest in peace.

28<sup>th</sup> June – Welsh 2 Day Enduro. I had the pleasure again this year of starting the Welsh 2 day along with the children that won the poster competition. This event is always a huge part of our towns year and the riders and support teams are always welcomed to the lakeside. We are proud to call Llandrindod Wells the home of the Welsh.

29<sup>th</sup> June – Welsh 2 Day Enduro prize giving. Attended the prize giving at the Metropole along with Cllr Steve and Cllr Rod to present the prizes. It's always a fun evening and a charity auction was held which raised nearly £3500 for Cancer research in memory of former rider Prys Morris who sadly died from cancer earlier this year. Two of his friends rode the course on mountain bikes over the weekend after the event, an extremely hard thing to do but they finished well done. Sadly, there was one major accident but the latest news is the rider is off life support and I wish him a speedy recovery.

1<sup>st</sup> July – Don Hughes Jones farewell party. Attended former Mayor Don's farewell party as he will be moving from town shortly. Don has been a major part of Llandrindod's history and has been involved with just about every organisation in town. He will be remembered fondly for his many performances at the Albert hall where he has entertained young and old alike for so many years. A real character of Llandrindod you will be missed.

4<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting at Signal Box with builder and Network Rail.

5<sup>th</sup> July – Community Asset Transfer meeting with Cllr Steve.

6<sup>th</sup> July – Fairtrade Coffee Morning at holy trinity church. It is great to hear that the church has been awarded Fairtrade status and the cakes were good also.

6<sup>th</sup> July – Silver kite presentation and afternoon tea. I attended the presentation of a silver kite to Jayne Griffiths Tesco Community Champion for her work within the community by the Chairman of the County Council. This was followed by afternoon tea and I thank the Chairman for his kind hospitality.

The Chair informed members that he had visited Belgium and laid a wreath on behalf of the Mayor and the fallen of Llandrindod Wells at the Menin Gate

**TC 111/18**      **Public Speaking**

None.

**TC 112/18**      **Correspondence**

**a) Powys County Council – Tri Towns Project – Update**

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

The Vice Chair thanked Cllr Meredudd for her written report on the recent group meeting. He informed members that he attends meetings as the Town Council representative on the Steering Group. The purpose of the group is to set up a triangle formed of Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells and Rhayader to look at a tri-town approach towards business, tourism etc. The group is looking at setting up a website to link the three towns. Unfortunately Powys County Council has very little money to support this so there may be a possibility of approaches being made to the three towns for grant fund this.

Cllr Price commented that he had attended two meetings and felt they were a talking shop and he has reservations about this. He felt that PCC should be doing something which would be beneficial to Powys as a whole.

Cllr Meredudd asked for confirmation that she would be able to attend further meetings. The Vice Chair confirmed that this would not be a problem, but she would not be able to attend Steering Group meetings.

**b) Llandrindod Wells Fairtrade Group – Town Council Support**

Request for Town Council support for the renewal of Fairtrade status for Llandrindod Wells and committed to use Fairtrade products where possible at Town Council meetings and events. Cllr Meredudd is to remain as Town Council nominated representative to attend Fairtrade Group meetings.

**Resolved:** Unanimously to write a letter of support for this application.

**c) One Voice Wales – Champion a Tree**

The Woodland Trust is organising a Wales Tree of the Year competition and is looking for nominations which will be put to the public vote. The winner of this will receive £1000 to use towards the upkeep of the tree.

**Resolved:** to nominate the Wellingtonia Tree within Memorial Gardens.

**d) Victorian Festival – Town Council Participation**

This was noted. The Chair indicated that he and the Vice would discuss attendance at events and respond. The Clerk will contact members with regard to the complimentary event tickets.

The Chair wished to confirm that he had received an apology from the Victorian Festival Director for not inviting him to any events at last year's festival. The Festival Director has offered to put this in writing if required.

**TC 113/18 Planning Applications**

a) **TREE/2018/0018** - Application for works to a TPO tree at 10, Crabtree Green.

Cllr J Williams declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place. No objection.

b) **P/2018/0662** - for Full: Alterations to access and creation of a vehicular track at Field adj to Lakeside Avenue. Cllr J Williams declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place. No objection.

**TC 114/18 Applications for Financial Assistance**

a) **Men Shed – Grant towards purchase of Lathe - £549.99**

The Clerk had received confirmation that 2 members of the group are resident within Llandrindod Wells and the group does not have a current balance sheet.

**Resolved:** to award 20% of the cost of the Lathe (£110) towards its purchase, subject to the receipt of a current balance sheet.

Cllr Deeks-D'Silva suggested that the Men Shed could be approached to carry out work on behalf of the Council. The Chair confirmed this may be possible. Cllr Walton suggested approaching Men Shed with regard to making picnic benches for the putting green. No decisions were made following these suggestions.

**TC 115/18 Finances**

a) **To approve the payments for June 2018**

Cllr Walton queried the postage and petty cash payments. The Clerk will include the accounts sheets for the Petty Cash account on a monthly basis. The payments for June 2018 were approved and signed.

b) **Income/Expenditure – First Quarter 18/19**

These were received, agreed and signed by the Chair.

**TC 116/18 Town Council Vacancy South Ward 1 – Co-option**

2 nominations were received for this vacancy. A secret ballot was undertaken.

**Resolved:** Dianne Pugh was chosen to fill this vacancy.

**TC 117/18 Town Council Vacancy South Ward 2 – Co-option**

PCC had notified the Town Council that no call election had been made. Therefore, the Clerk had published the co-option notice with a closing date of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.

**TC 118/18**

**Hanging Baskets**

The Chair had watered the Hanging Baskets for 3 weeks and had asked for members to volunteer to carry out this work. Only a few members had stepped forward so it was agreed via email amongst members to employ a local contractor to carry out the work until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Cllr Meredudd stated that Mr Mckechnie was doing a wonderful job and the baskets look great. She also mentioned that as a gesture to the community he is filling and watering the planters. Cllr Ward also stated she had noticed him washing down signs, bins etc and his route.

Discussions took place on the future watering and the Chair asked for volunteers to carry out this work. Some members came forward, however the Chair felt there should be a commitment from all members. This was put to the vote which resulted in a tie. The Chairman stated he would go against his original vote and vote to employ a contractor as without a commitment from every member, he felt this would be the only option.

The Clerk provided details on the budget and indicated there would be an overspend.

**Resolved:** to transfer the shortfall from the Flowerbeds & Planting budget.

**Resolved:** to continue to contract with P Mckechnie to water the hanging baskets for a further 44 days at a rate of £15 per hour.

**TC 119/18**

**Putting Green - Update**

The Chair updated members with the progress on the Putting Green. He stated there is a real buzz coming back from organisations concerning the Design a Hole Competition, the closing date is the end of August.

The Chair thanked the Vice Chair for jet washing down the existing holes in preparation for a survey to the works required. The Chair suggested that the Crazy Golf could be used by local groups to raise funds during the summer holidays. Members felt this was a good idea.

**Resolved:** to allow local youth and volunteer groups the opportunity to run the Crazy Golf Course on a weekly basis.

The Chair had contacted several fence suppliers and had received 3 quotes for the fencing of the Putting Green Area. This would be on a supply basis only. The Chair reminded members that the previous suggestion was for the Town Council to install this fencing.

**Resolved:** to accept the quote from Heras Fencing for £7852.84 plus VAT.

**TC 120/18**

**Carnival**

Cllr Meredudd was disappointed at the Chair's decision to cancel the Town Council stand at the Carnival and felt that the Chair looked like a lonely idiot wondering around. Cllr Meredudd and Cllr Nicholls had offered to host the stall along with some time from Cllr Deeks-D'Silva. Cllr Meredudd felt this was a missed opportunity.

The Chair felt that due to the lack of response from members it would be unfair for a couple of members and the Clerk to run the stall. He felt the lack of response reflected badly on the Town Council. Members could engage with the community by putting on their Councillor badges and going out and about to talk to people.

Cllr Meredudd suggested that the Council has a stand at the Christmas Fayre and would like this put on the agenda for September. This was agreed.

**TC 121/18**      **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 123/18**      **Confidential Minutes**

**a) Signal Box Museum**

The contractor is ready to start the work, however, Network Rail has insisted on an Engineers Report being carried out and erection of Harris Fencing. This will incur an additional cost for both items. There will also be an additional cost for a Banksman and labour cost for the contractor who will be required to carry out extra work.

**Resolved:** to waive financial regulations due to the health & safety implications for this project and agree to fund the Engineers Report, Harris Fencing, Banksman and additional labour cost to be approved by the Chair, Vice Chair in conjunction with the Clerk.

**b) Community Asset Transfer (Contractual)**

Further discussions took place on this project with regard to Heads of Terms, Lease and space allocation.

**Resolved:** to contact PCC to ask them to accept the Town Council's drafted Heads of Terms; to accept the proposed layout and ask for a draft lease.

**c) Mobile Technology (Contractual)**

Cllr Curzon presented specifications and prices for the iPads following his research. Some discussions took place with regard to spec and storage. It was agreed the 32gb would be sufficient.

**Resolved:** Cllr Worgan to approach PCC to see if some saving could be made via public sector pricing.