

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Committee Room A, County Hall

**Present:** Cllr J Williams, S Deeks-D’Silva, B Williams, S Meredudd, E Worgan, D Walton, K Nicholls, S Moore, L Ward, R Evans, J Hawker, G Price.

**Apologies:** Cllr W Curzon

**TC 87/18** **Grant Presentations**

The Chair welcomed all recipients as guests to the meeting and thanked them for their hard work within the community. He then presented the following grant cheques.

Albert Hall	4000
National Cycle Collection	500
Llandrindod Wells Silver Band	1000
Llandrindod Eisteddod	250
Junior Girls Football	300
YMCA	500
First Responders	600
RVS – Assisted Shopping Service	500
Carnival	1500
Radnor Fringe Festival	500
Friends of Rock Park	300
Llandrindod High School – School Photo	2079

**TC 88/18** **Declarations**  
Cllr J Williams - 10a, b, c

**TC 89/18** **Minutes**  
The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were confirmed and signed.

**TC 90/18** **Minutes**  
The minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were confirmed and signed.

**TC 91/18** **Clerks Report**  
**High School Photograph**  
The Town Council has now awarded a grant of £2079 to Llandrindod High School towards the cost of a full school photograph based on the number of pupils who reside within the boundary of Llandrindod Wells.

**Open Office Doors Review**

This event was run as planned and was facilitated by Cllr Deeks-D’Silva, Cllr Price and Cllr Worgan. Unfortunately no one attended.

**Llandrindod Big Lunch/Big Walk**

This event took place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and was well attended.

The weather was wonderful and it was a great community event. The Town Council were thanked for sponsoring elements of the event by funding the Public Liability Insurance, purchasing flags, funding the musicians and flowers for Jude Boutle. The Town Council also provided refreshments on Temple Gardens. Thanks goes to those members who helped out throughout the day. Total Town Council expenditure was £313.15.

### **Credu Community Picnic**

Credu were delighted with the Town Council's offer for them to use the Putting Green for the Community Picnic on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm. This is to celebrate Carers Week. This will be a family-friendly afternoon open to all with free entry. People are asked to bring a picnic and there will be lots of activities including Crazy Golf and outdoor games.

### **Defibrillator**

The anonymous donor has now ordered and paid for the Defibrillator. I am awaiting contact from Welsh Hearts with regard to installation and training. Training will be open to anyone wishing to attend.

### **Hanging Baskets**

These were installed at the end of May and thanks go to Stephen Smith for collecting and assisting with installation along with thanks to those members who attended and helped out. The shop keepers have also installed hanging baskets and the brackets were kindly funded by our Chair.

### **Radnor Fringe**

The Town Council will be loaning Chairs to the Radnor Fringe for their event from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **Wales Two Day Enduro**

As previously agreed, I will place the Lake Toilets on "free" for the duration of the Enduro from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## **TC 92/18**

### **Chairmans Report**

18<sup>th</sup> May – Credu Carers drop in session. Great to catch up with the group of carers and see their jewellery making morning.

18<sup>th</sup> May – meeting with Clerk.

18<sup>th</sup> May – Meeting with Tesco Community Champion for further joint events.

21<sup>st</sup> May – Children's Eisteddfod meeting. Great to have students from the local schools come to the meeting to put their ideas forward for this year's event.

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Meeting with Clerk and Vice Chair.

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Town Council Business Meeting.

24<sup>th</sup> May – Victorian Festival Press Launch. Attended the launch of this year's festival along with the Vice Chairman.

25<sup>th</sup> May – Dementia Awareness coffee morning. Attended the coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church to help raise awareness of Dementia within our community.

25<sup>th</sup> May – Hanging Baskets. Along with Cllr Gary, Cllr Kim, Cllr Steve, Dave Nicholls, Steve Smith and Ben Williams we fitted the real hanging baskets around town. They are looking fantastic and I have received so many great comments and feedback. The traders in Middleton Street organised their own hanging baskets to go on their shops and I have paid for the brackets for them.

27<sup>th</sup> May – Guides Jumble Sale. Popped by to see the jumble sale at the Pavilion. They are doing a great job raising funds and awareness of their group.

29<sup>th</sup> May – GDPR training at County Hall.

31<sup>st</sup> May – Credu Awareness Meeting. Attended the awareness meeting of the carers along with the Vice Chair. It was a great way to see and hear the many issues this determined group of carers are facing within our community. They are a really driven group who want to see Llandrindod wells become a "Carer Friendly town" and they have made a great start already.

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Mike Hall Memorial Audax event. Attended the memorial event in memory of local cyclist Mike, who was tragically killed in 2017. He had been part of the Llandrindod Wells Cycle Fest from the beginning. This event was organised by his friends as a tribute to a very popular man. It was moving to meet Mikes mum surrounded by so many of his friends from all over the country. This event has raised the profile of Llandrindod Wells within the cycling world bringing in over 500 riders who were totally bowled over by what we have to offer. Speaking to the main organiser there may be a chance that this could become an annual event. Let's hope so.

6<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting with the Youth Justice Officer to discuss the restorative justice for the damage to the fairy bell tree on Christmas day.

8<sup>th</sup> June – Indoor Bowling Club EGM. I was asked to attend the EGM of the club in case I was able to help with any issues they were having.

9<sup>th</sup> June – Ashfield Community Enterprise Open Day. Attended the open day and had a tour around the project. What a fantastic community resource we have on our doorstep, with lovely plants and an amazing sensory garden for people with disabilities. They are promoting a Seed to Saucepan initiative which takes you from planting your own food all the way to finally eating it. It's really worth a visit if you haven't been. The site is also home to the local Men's shed group who are busy building many products from planters to picnic tables.

The Chair announced he will be visiting Belgium and the Memim Gate, Ypres to lay a wreath on behalf of the Llandrindod Wells. Philip Jones will also be attending and laying a wreath on behalf of Radnorshire on 11 July 2018. This will be a great honour.

He also mentioned the up and coming Radnor Fringe Festival and Carnival and hoped members would support these events.

TC 93/18

**Public Speaking Protocol**

**Resolved:** to approve this protocol subject to one amendment.

TC 94/18

**Correspondence**

**a) Llandrindod High School – Thanks**

Thanks for the grant of £2079 towards the cost of the end of school photograph.

**Resolved:** Chair to approach School to see if the photographs will be distributed at a presentation, if so, as many Councillors as possible to attend.

**b) National Assembly for Wales - Consultation on Diversity in Local Government**

**Resolved:** Individual members to undertake this consultation.

**c) Town Crier – The Battle’s Over**

Further information from the Town Crier with regard to organising this event.

**Resolved:** to discuss this with the Town Crier on her return from holiday.

**d) HOWLTA – 150 Buffet Luncheon**

Invitation to attend the AGM and Buffet.

**Resolved:** members to contact HOWLTA individually should they wish to attend.

**e) Powys County Council – Consultation, Revised School/College Transport Policy**

The consultation period is from 21 May 2018 to 20 July 2018. For information.

**Resolved:** Individual members to undertake this consultation.

TC 95/18

**Planning Applications**

**a) TREE/2018/0013, TREE:** To fell two Lawson Cypress trees in a conservation area at The Lindens, Spa Road. Clr J Williams declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** to object to this application due to lack of information and also to removal of trees to provide additional parking.

**b) P/2018/0576 - for Section 73 application to vary condition no. 1 of planning approval P/2013/0367 to allow further time for commencement of development at Spa Residential Home Temple Street. Clr J Williams declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. No objection.**

**c) P/2018/0619 - for Householder: Demolition of the existing store and erection of an extension to the side of the dwelling at Vine Cottage, Waterloo Road. Clr J Williams declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. No objection provided that provision is made for the parking of contractors vehicles off road whilst construction is taking place.**

**TC 96/18**      **Applications for Financial Assistance**

None.

**TC 97/18**      **Finances**

The payments for May 2018 were approved and signed. Cllr Walton queried the cost of the Electricity invoice for Station Crescent Toilets. The Clerk will look into this.

**TC 98/18**      **New In-Town Leaflet**

The Chair gave an outline of the history with regard to Town Leaflets and reminded members that it had been agreed to develop a leaflet specifically designed for when visitors are in Llandrindod Wells. Several ideas were discussed.

**Resolved:** to form a Working Group to work on this prior to presentation to the Full Council.

**TC 99/18**      **Town Council Vacancy – South Ward 1**

The notice of co-option had now been advertised with a closing date of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 12 noon. Members were asked to circulate this information within the community.

**TC 100/18**      **Town Council Vacancy - South Ward 2**

Cllr Grace Davis tendered her resignation from the Town Council on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The statutory notice of vacancy has been published enabling residents to request and election. The Clerk will report the outcome to the next meeting.

**TC 101/18**      **Revised Standing Orders**

The Town Council adopted new model Standing Orders at the May meeting. Subsequently an amended set have been issued by NALC to take into account changes in legislation. These were presented to members.

**Resolved:** to adopt these Standing Orders.

**TC 102/18**      **Community Engagement Strategy**

Cllr Hawker had prepared a draft strategy for discussions by members.

Cllr Hawker introduced this item and highlighted points from his draft strategy and confirmed that this is a document for discussion and to bring ideas to the table.

Members felt this was a good idea and thanked Cllr Hawker for preparing this.

**Resolved:** to establish a Working Group to develop a strategy for the Town Council for discussion by Full Council. The group will consist of Cllr J Williams, S Deeks-D'Silva, J Hawker, L Ward, K Nicholls, D Walton, S Meredudd, B Williams.

Cllr Meredudd asked if the Town Council would have a stand at the Carnival

**Resolved:** Cllr Meredudd, Ward and Deek's-D'Silva will organise this and ask for other members to volunteer.

**TC 103/18**      **Social Media Presence**

Cllr Ward had presented ideas with regard to Town Council social media presence for discussion.

Cllr Ward introduced this item and expanded on the reasons behind this and her ideas.

**Resolved:** to combine this matter with the Community Strategy and include this in part of the Working Group's remit for presentation back to Full Council.

**TC 104/18**     **Council Transport**

Cllr Walton had agreed to come back to the Council with ideas with regard to Town Council transport. Cllr Walton feels passionate that it is time for the Council to own its own transport to alleviate the pressure off the Chair and members using their own vehicles for transporting items.

Cllr Walton brought a proposal to the table, however, due its possible contractual nature this was deferred to "Confidential Matters"

**TC 105/18**     **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 106/18**     **Confidential Minutes**

a) **Council Transport**

**TC 104/18** – Cllr Walton had identified a vehicle for sale locally. Members discussed the cost and suitability of this vehicle.

Lengthy discussions took place with varying opinions with regard to the need for transport and the type and medium through which transport could be obtained.

The Chair felt the Town Council should purchase its own transport which could be loaned out to community groups and organisations free of charge.

**Resolved:** That the Town Council should have its own transport.

Cllr Price felt there were many unanswered questions with regard to this matter.

**Resolved:** A Working Group be set up to present a full cost and life cycle analysis comparing the cost of purchasing, hiring and leasing an appropriate vehicle. Cllr L Ward, S Deeks-D'Silva and E Worgan will form this group and will provide the above for the September meeting.

b) **Weed Spraying**

The Clerk reminded members that the Town Council engaged a contractor to spray the weeds within the town centre last year. She requested authorisation to do this for this year. The Clerk will contact PCC prior to undertaking this work to check out which areas, if any, they will be spraying.

**Resolved:** to engage Steve Smith Gardening Services to undertake this work.