

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Committee Room A, County Hall

**Present:** Cllr J Williams, S Deeks-D'Silva, J Hawker, S Meredudd, B Williams, S Moore, K Nicholls, G Price, L Ward, A Curtis, D Pugh

**Apologies:** None.

**Absent:** Cllr W Curzon, R Evans, D Walton

**TC 162/18** **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Alan Curtis and Cllr Dianne Pugh to their first meeting.

**TC 163/18** **Declarations**

Cllr S Meredudd – 8j

Cllr J Williams – 9a,b,c,d,e

**TC 164/18** **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were confirmed and signed subject to amendment.

**TC 165/18** **Clerks Report**

None.

**TC 166/18** **Chairmans Report**

12 Oct – Help set up the church for Children's Eisteddfod

12 Oct – Bryn Terfel scholarship at the pavilion. A fantastic evening to see the final 6 compete for the scholarship. S4C were filming the event and the pavilion looked amazing. A lot of hard work by Jase, Helen and team which really promoted the venue nationally. I was pleased to hear great feedback from the chairman of the Urdd about the evening.

12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Llandrindod Wells children's Eisteddfod. Another fantastic day with the primary school children competing in the different categories. My thanks to Cllr Dave for attending and helping out, it would have been nice to see a few more there.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Presentation and photos at Cefnlllys school.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Meeting at the fire station to discuss help with Christmas lights.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Festive lights committee meeting.

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Inspection and measuring up for drainage at putting green.

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Full town council meeting.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Meeting with residents at The Court to discuss on going works.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Meeting with BBC radio Wales. I took the researcher and technician around town to look at locations and possible spots to discuss on the radio show. This will be a huge day for Llandrindod as they are broadcasting all day from here. They will be interviewing many locals throughout the day.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Twinning meeting.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Site visit with the fire brigade to inspect the tree for Christmas lights.

20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Albert Hall talent night.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Citizenship ceremony. I was asked to perform the citizenship ceremony at County Hall for two new citizens. An honour to represent the Queen and welcome two such nice people to be British citizens.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Eisteddfod meeting.

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – meeting to sort out the Christmas lights issues within Middleton street.

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Montpellier residents meeting. This is a really active group who are looking to get more involved with the community. It's a good way to hear what the issues are with residents and how they view us.

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Meeting at Credu.

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Picked up poppy wreaths and delivered collection boxes around town.

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Attended Alice in wonderland show but was called away to sort out problem with Christmas lights.

26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Installed the wooden crosses to remember the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of world war one. My thanks to my family, Cllr Dave and Phill and Amanda from the museum for helping with this.

27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Town council putting up lamppost poppies.

28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Royal British Legion anniversary church service. It was great to see the church full for this remembrance service. And an honour to lay a wreath on behalf of the town.

29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Putting green works. Removed old fence, installed drainage pipes and installed concrete pad and electrical box. My thanks to my son, Ben, my wife Jo and Cllr Dave for helping out with this project. It was pleasing to have so many people stop and ask what was going on and hear the great comments about the improvements the town council were doing. It would have been nice to have had some help.

1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Picked up fireworks and sweets for the Town council firework display.

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Collecting for the poppy appeal at Tesco.

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Opening of the Radnorshire remembers exhibition. I was asked to open this fantastic exhibition to the men of Radnorshire who fought during the first world war. This is open until 31<sup>st</sup> January and is well worth a visit. There is a huge amount of work gone into it by Phill and Amanda Jones. Well done.

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fitting the Christmas lights to the Wellingtonia tree at memorial gardens.

What a fantastic community event, the fire brigade did a great job of hanging the lights and my thanks to everybody that turned up and helped. Also, thanks to Lee, Jenni and Gethyn from Instascran for providing free bacon sandwiches to all there.

5<sup>th</sup> Nov – I had the pleasure of attending a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at Wylesfield and presenting Lilly with a bouquet of flowers. Great fun and looking forward to going back in a few weeks to celebrate with Mavis for her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Llandrindod Wells town council fireworks and bonfire. A great community evening was had by all with over 300 people turning up. A great fire and fireworks display. My thanks to everyone that came to help build the fire and marshal the event. Thanks to Cllr Sharron for making and distributing the soup along with Cllr Kim and Cllr Sian. A huge thank you to the Welsh 2 day for giving money to buy sweets and sparklers they were much appreciated by the children and adults!

6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cleaned up around the putting green after the bonfire, my thanks to Gordon Phillips who yet again came to check the fire and help clear up.

9<sup>th</sup> Nov – The Poppy Red show - 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary show to commemorate all those who served in the first world war. It was great fun with everyone enjoying themselves. My thanks to Jane for loaning the hall the "there but not there" figures which really brought home what we were commemorating.

10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Charity Race Night in Builth Wells. Great fun night for local charity Here to hear.

11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Parade. Very moving to be laying a wreath for the town on this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of world war one.

11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Call for Peace. Event organised by the town crier to link in with the world-wide call for peace on this anniversary. Well done to Jan for doing such a great job. Lighting of the candles at the base of the wooden remembrance crosses was very moving. Lovely to see Cllr Kim, Cllr Sharon and their guides lighting specially made candle jars to the memory of the fallen My thanks to my wife, Jo, and Cllr Diane for serving the teas and coffees, it would have been nice if help was offered as this was supposed to be Town Councils' contribution.

Cllr Deeks-D'Silva asked the Chair if ward Councillors would be able to attend the Montpellier Residents meeting. The Chair confirmed he had been invited as Mayor due to his links with Credu and felt that members would be welcomed and should get out an about in their areas and participate.

**TC 167/18**      **Public Speaking**

None.

**TC 168/18**      **Correspondence.**

**a) Radnor Fringe Festival – Relocation**

Response to Council's enquiry. Confirmed that the road closure would be operational for the whole of the event, but will allow access to the Lakeside Café and for disabled drivers.

Cllr Hawker had spoken with the proprietor of the Lakeside Café who was not aware of the application for road closure. She was concerned at the impact this would have on her business and the lack of vehicular access.

Several members were concerned at the length of time for the closure of 3 days.

**Resolved:** not to give support to the road closure.

**b) Powys County Council – Healthy, Active & Outdoors Projects**

Members discussed this matter. Cllr Moore felt this was something the Council should be involved in as there are several local groups such as Mid Powys Mind who have many service users who may wish to participate in programmes such as these.

**Resolved:** to express an interest and obtain further information.

**c) Resident – Public Spaces Protection Order**

Letter from local resident expressing concern at the comments made by Cllr B Williams at the last meeting with regard to dogs.

Cllr Price pointed out that council members have the right to express freely their opinion. These are personal comments. Cllr Hawker felt that these comments had been taken out of context.

The Chair reminded members to mindful of their comments at a meeting.

This letter was noted.

**d) Powys County Council – Public Spaces Protection Order**

Confirmation from Steve Gealy

The areas within Llandrindod Wells are all Outdoor Recreation managed land.

- Lake 2 x Commons
- Lake surrounding area
- Temple Gardens
- Memorial Gardens
- Rock Park
- All Playgrounds
- Alexandra Road Field (Town Green)
- Lant Avenue Football & Rugby complex

Also confirmation that there is no immediate intention to implement this order, however PCC are gathering information from all local Town & Community Councils with regard to us having the potential for any future orders if and when required.

Further confirmation was received that this includes everything its everything all the pitches, even includes the Arlais Brook.

The Chair was pleased to see that all pitches would be included. This was noted.

**e) D Ward – Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

Enquiry as follows:

“Could I ask whether the Town Council have put some thought into the possibility of a rapid charger for electric vehicles in Llandrindod, either on their own initiative, or by working with the County Council or Welsh Government.

At present it is extremely difficult to travel with an EV through mid Wales, because the only charge points are private, and charge at a slow rate suitable for overnight charging.

There are companies who will pay the council for the use of a parking space - a route my.local council in Oswestry are following

There would surely be advantages to the Town, since a half hour stop to charge allows time to spend as well.

I make this request because I travel regularly between Oswestry and Milford Haven. I keep an old diesel just for this, because it is not possible to make the journey in my EV, the rapid charge points being too far apart.”

**Resolved:** to respond suggesting that Mr Ward contact Powys County council who are responsible for car parks in the town.

**f) M Watson, Howlta – Thanks**

Thanks for the grant of £100 towards the launch event. This was noted.

**g) Little Acorns – Thanks**

Thanks from the group for the opportunity to operate the Crazy Golf for a week during the summer. This noted. The Chair hoped this is something that the Council could roll out in future years.

**h) Tony Caine, PCC – Traffic Road Orders**

**Response as follows:**

“Many thanks for your council’s stance on this matter. Support from the Town Council would have been useful to take this forward since the Minister needs to be persuaded to allow us to consult upon the proposals in the first place.

Not having general support of the Town Council at this stage lessens our case and may therefore not be considered by the Minister.”

The Chair was disappointed that the Town Council did not respond to the request from Tony Caine which may affect the outcome of the Traffic Road Order.

**i) Elaine Worgan – Resignation**

Letter of resignation received on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

**Resolved:** to write to Cllr Worgan to thank her for her hard work on behalf of the Town Council for over several years.

**j) Resident – Benches on Town Green, Rock Park**

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

Letter informing the Council that 2 benches from the Town Green have now disappeared and others have deteriorated. The resident notes that the Pomarium has 2 sturdy benches however these are popular by dog walkers. The resident would like to request 3 or 4 new benches to be sited on the Town Green.

**Resolved:** to contact Steve Gealy of PCC to ask if he would be prepared to work with the Town Council to provide new benches.

**k) Cllr Tom Taylor – Heart of Wales Line**

The transport group of Knighton Town Council met a couple of weeks ago and this Council should have received a letter from the Clerk to Knighton suggesting a meeting of Town Council representatives in December.

Cllr Taylor has been doing some detailed work on the proposal to get at least eight services a day from three train units and their crews. to provide the main stations (Knighton, Llandrindod, Builth Road, Llanwrtyd, Llandoverly, Llandeilo and Ammanford) with a regular two-hourly interval service tailored to provide for specific traffic flows and needs, e.g. work, school, college, etc. The little used halts would still retain their basic four trains a day in each direction, but they would be at better times to serve their needs and they would also benefit from faster train services.

Cllr Taylor felt this would not only provide us with much improved service but should reduce the subsidy required to keep the line open and be of great economic benefit to our towns and area.

Cllr Taylor thinks that local councils must get on with our submission to TfW, before they have decided what they are going to spend money on and we get left out.

Cllr Taylor has written to all our AM's and Ken Skates. All the Labour members have replied positively and he is still awaiting a reply from Kirsty Williams.

If the Town Councils get behind this I think TFW and Welsh Government will give it the go ahead. The Clerk confirmed that no letter had been received.

Cllr Price would like to see the group work with HOWLTA Forum to ensure there is no duplication of work.

**Resolved:** to contact Cllr Walton to see if he has an update on this matter and information with regard to the meeting and to move on with this matter.

**a) Llandrindod Wells Project Officer – December Meeting**

Following the recent presentation from the Project Officer which was attended by only a few members of the Council, a request has now been received to make a presentation to the Full Council at the December meeting.

**Resolved:** to contact the Project Officer to invite her to make a presentation at the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.

**TC 169/18**

**Planning Applications**

Cllr J Williams declared an interest in all planning applications and left the room whilst discussions took place.

- a) **18/0763/FUL** - Proposal: Change of use from nightclub to 2 no. residential units and associated works - Site Address: Rumours Nightclub, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5ER. **No objection.**
- b) **18/0783/TRE** - Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation Area  
Location: 1 Cecil Lodge, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5EY. **No objection.**
- c) **18/0458/FUL** - Proposal: Conversion of existing Coach House to a dwelling  
Site Address: South Court, Park Terrace, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6AU. Cllr Price stated that he would not participate in discussions and would abstain from the vote on this item as a former tenant of the building. **No objection.**
- d) **18/0787/FUL** - Proposal: Change of use from a commercial garage to a funeral parlour. Site Address: The Garage, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6AH. **No objection.**
- e) **18/0914/TRE** - Proposal: Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area. Location: 1 Rock House Court, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 6AX. **No objection.**

**TC 170/18**

**Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Dyfodol Powys Futures – Room Hire**

**Resolved:** to write to ask how many residents of Llandrindod Wells will benefit from this application.

**TC 171/18**

**Finances**

**To approve the payments for October 2018**

The payments for October 2018 were approved and signed.

**TC 172/18**     **Mid & West Wales Fire – Corporate Plan**

The Working Group consisting of Cllr G Price, Cllr S Meredudd and Mr E Williams have prepared a draft response on behalf of the Council which was presented to the meeting. This was approved.

**Resolved:** to submit a response on behalf of the Town Council to the consultation including the additional comments.

**TC 173/18**     **Llandrindod Wells ALP (Aerial Lift Platform)**

Cllr Price briefed members on the history of the ALP and the proposal to remove this from Llandrindod Wells and re-site it in Aberystwyth. This would leave Powys with 18 stations and without a designated ALP.

Cllr Price that we write to all Town & Community Councils in Powys (110) and ask they consider making representations to the Chief/Chair of the MAWWFA about the retention of the ALP in Llandrindod Wells.

The Chair fully supported Cllr Price's comments and proposal.

**Resolved:** to contact all Town & Community Councils for their support.

**TC 174/18**     **Vision for the Town/5 Year Plan**

Cllr B Williams had circulated the following brief proposal for discussion by members:

"In any business or in any aspect of our lives, it is so important to have a vision of where you want to be and a plan of how you might get there. Therefore, I would recommend that the Town Council needs a five-year plan.

Given the scale of the task initially, we could choose to break the vision/plan up into categories and assign a task and finish group to each one. I have listed possible Examples of categories below:

- Tourism – all things related to promoting town, to include events etc..
- People / wellbeing – Community engagement, vulnerable people etc
- Infrastructure – buildings and grounds and transport
- Youth - looking more specifically at young people
- Places and Beauty – planting, key feature of town etc.

In order to share the responsibility and give Councillors more ownership, we could restrict Councillors to only being on two of the groups. In my calculations, with five groups, there would be 6 Councillors on each one. We could then choose to assign a lead onto each group.

As they would be Task & Finish groups, although there may be some delegated responsibility, ultimately everything would have to go to the Full TC to be approved. There is no reason why other people outside of the TC could not be co-opted onto this groups to provide extra experience, skills and also support.

If the above is accepted, we could implement a fair system to help assign members to the various groups. Each group could then get together and look at what needs to be done and what they would like in the future. Obviously, "Rome was not built in a day,"

So, once done, the groups can then formulate a plan as to when each target could be achieved i.e a five-year plan.

This will only be the starting point of what will take a little time to implement, but I think it is worthwhile and will help future Town Councillors.

The plans will also be dynamic and ever evolving as the world changes around us, but it would also give some consistency and direction to the approach of the Town Council, thus making us more pro-active rather than re-active.”

This matter was discussed at length with several ideas being brought forward.

Cllr Price felt that this would be an ideal opportunity to amalgamate the existing committee system within this plan and he would like to see a small group of members get together to put something forward to Full Council.

The Chair felt it is important that all members of the Council should be involved in this work and suggested that the Council hold a Business Development Meeting to discuss this in January.

**Resolved:** to support the proposal from Cllr B Williams and discuss this at a BD Meeting in January.

**TC 175/18**      **Christmas Fayre – Town Hall Stand**

The Clerk circulated the incomplete rota amongst members to ensure sufficient cover is available. She had also prepared a short Draft Questionnaire for discussion. The rota was discussed and agreed.

Some amendments were made to the draft questionnaire. Cllr Hawker felt that a more comprehensive tick box questionnaire should be produced and circulated to all residents of the town as he felt that only a small proportion of residents would visit the Christmas Fayre.

**Resolved:** to make some amendments to the existing questionnaire for distribution at the event.

**TC 176/18**      **Putting Green**

Cllr Deeks-D’Silva felt it would be helpful if a Task & Finish Group be established to look at the designs submitted for Crazy Golf. The Chair confirmed that the closing date had been extended to the end of November and he is awaiting some further designs. The Chair stated he had been tasked with this job, however if members wished to establish a group that was their decision.

**Resolved:** to establish a Task & Finish Group consisting of Cllr Meredudd, B Williams, S Deeks’D’Silva, A Curtis & L Ward to look at all designs submitted and bring forward a selection to Full Council for discussion and selection.

**TC 177/18**      **Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival**

The Clerk had circulated a poster for this event and had established that the installation of trees would be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Hawker had some ideas with regard to themes and Cllr Nicholls is happy to assist with the installation and decoration of the tree. Further volunteers would be required.

**Resolved:** to host a tree at the Festival.

**TC 178/18**

**Llandrindod Wells Lake**

The Chair proposed to move this item to “Confidential Matters” in view of some information received on the day of the meeting which is contractual. This was agreed.

**TC 179/18**

**Town Council Commitments**

The Chair stated that the Town Council makes decisions to organise or assist at events, however some members don't attend events and if they turn up they don't offer to help. He referred to the recent Cry for Peace where several members were in attendance. The Chair's wife and Cllr Pugh made refreshments for everyone whilst the Chair assisted with the lighting of candles and set up. He commented that some members were involved with other groups, however other members were present but didn't offer to help out.

The Chair stated that if the Town Council commits to running or assisting at an event members need to step up and help.

Cllr Deeks-D'Silva stated he Had been confused whether that event was a Town Council event or a Mayoral event.

The Chair confirmed that this had been discussed at several meetings and was a Town Council event. He concluded by stating that members need to make more of a commitment.

Cllr B Williams stated had given a good reason why he was unable to attend and that all members have commitments and it is not always possible for them to attend. He felt that as long as everyone does what they can that should be sufficient as not everyone has to go and help at every event.

**TC 180/19**

**Noticeboards**

The Chair and Cllr Hawker had met with Steve Gealy with regard to installing a poster noticeboard at the lake. However, Mr Gealy was not in agreement with the proposed site. He did agree to boards being placed on both sets of railings and on the amphitheatre gate. Members will discuss this at a later date.

The Chair asked what progress had been made with the installation of the replacement town noticeboards. The Clerk confirmed that these had been replaced and the remaining board will be replaced shortly along with the new Town Council board.

**TC 181/19**

**Remembrance Day Service**

The Chair had been contacted on the day of the meeting by the press with regard to the issue with the absence of the Powys County Council wreath and that the Town Council were upset by this. The Chair was asked for his views. It was stated that Cty Cllr Pete Roberts apologised to the Town Council via the Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Deeks-D'Silva confirmed that Cty Cllr Roberts had spoken to him at the Royal British Legion, Cllr Deeks-D'Silva confirmed that he had been speaking to Cllr Roberts as an individual and was not representing the Town Council, he felt that Cty Cllr Roberts had been speaking to the person rather than the office.

The Chair reflected this back to the press and also to the Leader of Powys County Council.

Since the publication of the agenda the Chair had received an email from Helen Edwards informing him that after 60 years her family have decided to bow out of providing the PA System for the Remembrance Day Parade, the equipment is quite old and the family feel that it is possibly time now to pass this over to someone else. The Chair is aware of someone who may wish to take over this role.

**Resolved:** to write a letter to the Edwards family thanking them for their services over the last 60 years and for the contribution that Colin made to the community.

**TC 182/18**      **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 183/19**      **Confidential Minutes**

**a) Community Asset Transfer**

Despite reminders from the Clerk the information requested had not been received from Powys County Council.

**b) Town Council Transport**

**Resolved:** The Task & Finish Group consisting of Cllr L Ward, S Deeks-D’Silva, W Curzon and S Moore to identify Transit Vans for sale up to a budget of £6000.

**c) Lakeside**

Members discussed the boats on the Lake.