

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017 in Committee Room A, County Hall

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

Apologies: Cllr W Francis

Absent: None

1. Acceptance of Office

All members present completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms prior to the meeting commencing.

2. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked them for re-standing for the office of Councillor. He felt this is a challenging role, particularly over the next few months until the Council is up to full complement.

3. Clerk's Introduction

The Clerk had prepared packs of information for all new members, but in light of the 8 vacancies felt that it would be better to hold an Introduction Meeting once 15 members are in place. This was agreed.

The Clerk reiterated the importance of the role of a Councillor and hoped that all members understood that it is not just about attending one monthly meeting. To fully embrace the role of Councillor will mean attending regular meetings and assisting the Council in community events.

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the new term of the Council and looks forward to working with them for the benefit of the Town Council and the Town and residents of Llandrindod Wells.

4. Council Vacancies

The Clerk had drafted a co-option notice which was discussed and amended by the members. The Town Council needs 5 members to constitute a quorum and this may cause issues during the co-option process. She suggested that the applications received should be redacted by the Clerk and would remain anonymous to members. This was discussed and agreed by members.

Resolved: Clerk to amend the co-option advertisement. Closing date 12 noon, Monday 12th June 2017. Meeting to be held on Weds 21st June 2017 to select members from the applications received.

5. Grant Presentation Event

Members discussed holding this event.

Resolved: to present grant cheques at the meeting held on 20th June 2017 at 7pm. Clerk to write to recipients and contact Ernie Husson.

6. Bank Mandate

In view of the change in membership of the Town Council the 7 current members were appointed as signatories for the bank accounts.

Resolved: members to complete mandate and provide identification to the bank.

7. Trefonnen School Governorship

Former Cllr Millington represents the Town Council on the Governorship body. Members were asked if anyone would be interested in taking over this role. Cllr Price would be contacting Sarah Millington with regard to LE Governorship.

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Benjamin Williams to represent the Town Council on this body.

8. Town Leaflet

The draft leaflet was circulated to members. Members discussed this and put forward some amendments.

Resolved: Clerk to report changes to WPG and ask for a new proof.

9. Hanging Baskets

21 Hanging Baskets will be ready for collection on Thursday 25th May. The Chair will collect these. Kelvin Greetham has agreed to take over the watering of these. Members agreed to this and to the payment of the relevant invoices.

Resolved: members to meet in Middleton Street at 6.30pm on 25th May to hang the baskets.

10. Role of Chairman

The Clerk explained the normal process for the nomination and election of Chair. As this is an election year the process would be different. Members were asked to approach the member they wish to nominate to seek their acceptance. At the AGM members will be asked for nominations a vote will take place.

11. Vision for the Future

The Chairman would like to see the Council have a clear vision for the future. Cllr Worgan mentioned that this had been given some thought during her term as Mayor and the following statement had been adopted:

Working for you, to conserve and improve Llandrindod Wells as an attractive and sustainable place in which to live, work, visit and to do business.

The Chairman would like to see the Council raise its profile and run events. Other members felt that the Council could provide funding to facilitate events as the Council does not have the work force to do this.

Cllr Makusha would like to see the Town Council hold social get togethers which would give members the chance to discuss things openly.

Other suggestions were made e.g. SWAT analysis, Open evening, general vision, partnership working, participating in community events.