

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, May 28th 2014 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

Present : The Mayor Cllr Neil Craven-Lashley, Deputy Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Colin Jenkins, County Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Julia Jones, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Christopher Parish, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Robert Jones.
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Des Davies (Technical Officer)

Apologies: None.

Police Matters.

PCSO Louise Lewis sent in her report to Council . There was only one item to report . There had been two thefts, one from James Ash Antiques and one from The Works Antiques when items had been stolen from both locations .The offenders had been located and arrested and further charged with theft.

Min 60 / May / 14 The County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Edward Thomas had circulated his report to Council.

Min 61 / May /14 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, April 23rd 2014 were read and confirmed as a true record with the following amendments :-

Re Min 26/ Apr/14.add the words 'and repaired' following the term- ' the present fans'.

Change the word 'one to five' of the Crescent Road seats.

Re Min30/Apr/ change 48 hours to 43.5 hours

These were proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, May 14th 2014 were read and recommended for acceptance.

These were proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace and seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, May 14th 2014 were read and recommended for acceptance .This was proposed by Cllr Neil Craven-Lashley, seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish All were in favour.

Min 62/ May /14 Matters arising from the previous meetings

Re.Min 18 / Apr/14.Cllr Edward Thomas stated that the line marking work on the top car park near the ambulance station would be completed shortly.

Re.Min 21/Apr/14.Cllr Christopher Parish had attended the Carmarthen Area One Voice Wales Meeting.

Re.Min 46.5/May/14 The Finance Committee had recommended that the Technical Officer receive payment for 2 hours overtime. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Julia Jones that this be paid. All were in favour.

Re. Min 46.3 /May /14 The Finance Officer had studied the costs of the mobile phone contracts and had found them more expensive than the present 'top up' arrangements. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the recommendation of the Finance Officer be accepted and to maintain the status quo arrangement. Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded. All were in favour.

Min 63 / May /14 Correspondence that requires a response

- 1.Gerald Jones re. Request for Financial Support for the Llandeilo Music Festival 21014.
Cllr Julia Jones and Mr Christopher Plummer both signed the Book of Declaration of Interest and left the room.
It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace that the budgeted amount of £3,500 be donated to this year's Festival. All were in favour.
Cllr Colin Jenkins requested that in light of changing circumstances in the local economy that Council consider the funding of future events at a Finance meeting in early Autumn. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded.
- 2.Mr Eifion Davies re letter of expression of interest in being co-opted onto the Town Council.
Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that Mr Davies be invited to be co-opted onto the Council at the next Full Council Meeting. Cllr Robert Jones seconded. All were in favour.
The Clerk was asked to place another notice for the remaining vacancy on the Council notice Board.
3. Simon Buckley re. Jazz Festival 2014. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Buckley stating that the Council's offer to donate £750 to the Jazz Festival still remained available.
4. Geoffrey Williams re. Walkers are Welcome. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Williams to suggest that he contacted Mr Duncan Olivier of the Business Forum to seek support for the project.

Min 64 / May /14 Correspondence for information

- 1.CCC Planning Dept. re. Breach of condition notice. This had been served to CK's supermarket on planning application approval for E/27293 regarding a requirement to install doors within one month. Noted.
- 2.CCC Collaborative Communities Conference at Parc y Scarlets on June 4th 2014. Noted.
3. One Voice Wales Health & Safety Course, Civic Centre Swansea on June 9th 2014. Noted.

Min 65 / May /14 Financial Matters

1. Accounts for Payment	Net	Vat	Total
Desmond Davies (mobile phone top- up)	£ 20.00		£ 20.00#
Lyn Llewellyn (internal auditor fees)	£ 250.00		£ 250.00*
Clerk's postage (Mayor's dinner invites)	£ 24.66		£ 24.66#
Clerk (reimburse for CCC temp.event notice)	£ 21.00		£ 21.00#
Method of payment * Bacs #cheque			

These were all recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace. All were in favour.

2. Audit 2013-14.

The Finance Officer stated that he had received the accounts back from Mr Llewellyn, the Internal Auditor. The report stated that all the audit tests on the accounts showed them to be

correct.

3. The Purchase of two benches for the Town.

Cllr Gordon Kilby stated that he would provide the details to Cllr Robert Jones for the benches to be ordered by the Technical Officer. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that one seat be placed in King Street near the Civic corner. Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded. All were in favour. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish that the second seat be placed either, firstly, on the 'green' close to the Primary schools or if planning did not allow it sited there then it should be placed near the Bellissimo shop. All were in favour.

It was agreed that the wording on the plaques on the seats would read 'We will remember them' and the appropriate Welsh translation.

4. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the budgetted sum of £3,000 for the Mayor's allowance be transferred to the Mayor's Account. Cllr Christopher Parish seconded.

5. The Finance Officer provided the Technical Officer with a Council debit card for the purchase of small ancillary items.

6. Renewal of Annual Membership subscriptions

It was proposed by Cllr Christopher Parish, seconded by Cllr Julia Jones that the following subscriptions be paid :-

- i) Annual Membership of One Voice Wales - £268
- ii) Annual Membership of the Clerk's Society - £ 116.
- iii) Annual Membership of HOWLTA - £10

All were in favour .

Min 66 / May / 14 Transportation and Highway issues.

Correspondence from Gill Wright HOWLTA asking if the Council could ask CCC for a dog litter bin to be provide at the railway station. The Council agreed that the Clerk write to request such a bin. Mrs Wright stated that the station manager had been made aware of the Council's concerns regarding the broken seat and vandalised shelter and that these should be either replaced or repaired. Cllr Edward Thomas would email Mrs Wright with a suggested plan for flower planting at the station .

Min 67 / May / 14 Notice of Motion :

'Llandeilo Town Council requests that all recipients of donations, sponsorship, grants or any commercial support over £500 agree to the principles of fairness exhibited within the Council's policies relating to

- The Welsh Language
- Equal Opportunities
- The Environment.

Any organisation failing to agree to the above principles of fairness will be deemed to be ineligible for Town Council support until that organisation accepts these principles'

This Notice of Motion was withdrawn by the proposers of the motion, namely Cllr Edward Thomas and Cllr Colin Jenkins.

Min 68 / May /14 The Technical Officer's Report

Mr Davies had circulated a comprehensive report to Members. Mr Davies had witnessed students from Ysgol Bro Dinefwr abusing the newly renovated Kings Bridge. The Clerk was asked to write to the Headteacher, Mrs Griffiths to complain about the behaviour.

Cllr Robert Jones had reported that the PCC of St Teilo were only willing to have the Christmas lights on during the period of Advent. Cllr Geraint Price asked if Cllr Jones would ask the PCC if

they would be willing for the lights to be switched on for the two evenings of the Festival of Senses and then switched off until the start of Advent. Cllr Robert Jones would make enquiries. Mr Davies had the agreement of the Fireworks subgroup to meet on June 3rd at 6.30pm and the Christmas lights subgroup to meet on June 10th at 6pm.

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the Council order 2 bollards at a cost of £1,200 to be fitted by CCC's Street scene to stop unauthorised parking in front of the entrance to Penlan Park. All were in favour.

Three lamp units of the floodlights used to illuminate the Church needed to be replaced. Mr Davies had received the following two quotations :-

Charles Sams £225.00

Davies Electrics £195.

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the cheapest quote be accepted that given by Davies Electrics. All were in favour.

Min 69 / May / 14 Staff Matters

The Technical Officer had submitted an overtime claim of 43.5 hours for work done in supervising the decoration of the front aspect of Shire Hall. As this had not been agreed before hand, the Mayor had set up a subgroup to consider the request. The Technical Officer had provided the Council with a letters of explanation.

The Technical Officer signed the Book of Declaration of Interest and left the room. The Town Clerk and the Finance Officer also withdrew.

The Subgroup presented their recommendations for the Full Council to consider.

Cllr Richard Wallace proposed that the Council accept the recommendations of the subgroup not to pay the Technical Officer's overtime claim.

There followed a heated discussion during which Cllr Richard Wallace left the room.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the Council suspend Standing Orders 6B for a total of 10 minutes to complete Council business.

The Mayor called for a seconder to the proposal and Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded the proposal. Cllr Edward Thomas put the following amendment to the proposal; that further time be given to consider the Council's decision by taking the necessary advice from One Voice Wales and representatives of employment Law. This was seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that there should be a recorded vote. Cllr Richard Wallace seconded

The following voted in favour of the amendment :- Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Julia Jones, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Christopher Parish and the Mayor. The amendment was carried. Cllr Colin Jenkins abstained from voting.

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that a special meeting of the Full Council be called to resolve the Technical Officer's request as soon as the necessary advice has been received . Cllr Christopher Parish seconded. Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Julia Jones, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Neil Craven-Lashley voted in favour.

Cllr Colin Jenkins abstained from voting.

Due to fact that the allocated time for the meeting had passed, all other items on the Agenda were deferred until the next Full Council Meeting

Meeting ended 9.45 pm