

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, July 22nd 2015 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

Present : Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby, Deputy Mayor Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Eifion Davies, Cllr Robert Jones (left early) County Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Neil Craven-Lashley, Cllr Carol Watts
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Desmond Davies (Technical Officer)

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

Police Matters.

PCSO Roger Anthony reported that the Music Festival had gone well. The Jazz festival had also gone well with no reports of disorder.

Two warrants had been served during the month, both of which had been positive for drugs. A large amount of cocaine was found in one and the person arrested. A small amount of drugs were retrieved from the other premises. The Police had warned the gentleman who had written graffiti inside the bandstand regarding his future conduct.

Damage had been caused to two vehicles in Church Street.

The Police had contacted various agencies regarding the need for the occupants of two flats to have support.

Some charity boxes had been stolen from shops by persons travelling through the Town.

Min 120 / July / 15 The County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Edward Thomas had circulated his report to Council. Following complaints from Cllr Dawn Wallace, the Housing Officer had told some residents to keep their gardens tidy. The Tywi Centre at Home Farm had been re-launched to train traditional country crafts to young people.

Solutions to the poor state of the lane from Dynevor Avenue to Diana Road have still to be resolved due to ownership issues.

CCC are in the process of reviewing car parking charges.

Cllr Dawn Wallace raised the possibility of purchasing second hand speed guns that could be used by the schools to monitor traffic speeds along Heol y Garreg Las. It was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Carol Watts that Cllr Edward Thomas be asked to make enquiries over their use. All were in favour.

Min 121 / July /15 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, June 24th 2015 were confirmed as a true record . Proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Geraint Price. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, July 8th 2015 were read and recommended for acceptance with the following amendment :

As Cllr Geraint Price was present, his name to be removed from the apologies given.

This was proposed by Cllr Carol Watts, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, July 8th 2015 were read and recommended for acceptance.

This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

Min 122 / July / 15 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re. Min.90 /June/15. In light of Councillor Colin Jenkins being elected as Chair of the Planning Committee and the Chair of the Finance Committee, there were now only two Councillors on the subgroup set up to consider Asset Transfer. It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Carol Watts that an additional two Councillors be co-opted onto the subgroup. This was carried by a majority with Cllr Colin Jenkins and Cllr Dawn Wallace abstaining.

Re. Min 90 / June / 15 Cllr Neil Craven-Lashley reported that advice had been received from Paul Egan , One Voice Wales regarding the Technical Officer's contract. The Staff Disciplinary and Grievance committee had met and the contract re-written and signed by the Technical Officer.

Re. Min 115/July/15. Cllr Carol Watts asked as to when the Vice Chair of the Finance Committee would be elected. The Clerk stated that this election would take place on September 9th during the Finance Committee Meeting.

Min 123 / July / 15 Correspondence that requires a response

1. Emily Thomas re Heads of terms re the Asset transfer of Parc Le Conquet.
It was agreed to defer this until the new Asset Transfer Subgroup had met in September.
2. Daphne Davies re. concerns over the County Archives. Cllr Edward Thomas stated that the archives had been moved temporarily to restore their condition.
3. NALC re. Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013. Information was circulated to all Members re publishing their contact details.
4. Receipt of Tenders for the painting/staining of the Crescent Road benches
Invitations had been sent to Prospect Construction, Moses and Dilwyn Thomas.
Only Dilwyn Thomas had submitted a tender for the work.
The Tender for completing the work was for £ 480.00 plus Vat. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that this tender be accepted. Cllr Eifion Davies seconded. All were in favour .

Min 124 / July / 15 Correspondence for Information

1. Bethan Boyd, Wales GSI. re Playing fields (community involvement in Disposal Decisions. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace that the Clerk contacts Carmarthenshire County Council to request that it contacts the Town Council if there is any discussions regarding the disposal of the Tregib playing fields. All were in favour.
2. Wales Co-operative Centre regarding voucher grants for charities to install faster broadband. Noted

Min 125 / July /15 Financial Matters

1. Accounts for Payment	Net	Vat	Total
BDO Stoy (external audit 2014/15)	£ 350.00	£ 70.00	£ 420.00*
Ar y Gair (translations)	£ 242.35		£ 242.35*
BT Broadband (office)	£ 42.00	£ 8.40	£ 50.40 dd
Clerk's BT contribution	£ 85.42		£ 85.42#
Desmond Davies (postage expenses)VIS	£ 7.56		£ 7.56#
Morgan & Morgan (files)	£ 12.00	£ 2.40	£ 14.40*
Clerk (ink cartridge)	£ 7.99		£ 7.99#

Method of payment * Bacs #cheque . dd- direct debit, dc- debit card

These were all recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace and seconded by Cllr Carol Watts. All were in favour.

2. It was agreed to transfer £2,700 to the Festival of Senses. It was agreed to re-invest the High Deposit Bond of £20,000 for a further 3 months

3. Requests for Financial Support.

i) Llandeilo Festival of Senses 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies that the budgeted amount of £2,700 be donated to this year's Festival. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

ii) Tywi Valley Open Studios. The Clerk was asked to reply requesting more robust accounts before the Council could consider a donation .

4. Quarterly Check Report.

Colin Jenkins presented the quarterly check report for May, June, July 2015. He had checked six random invoices for accuracy of recording Minute Numbers, dates and cheque numbers.

Entry 13.4.15 Morgan & Morgan	Min 12/Apr/15	B.P. 2	£ 57.19
Entry 23.4.15 Nice Price News	Min 23/Apr/15	cheque 102678	£ 20.00
Entry 01.5.15 Orchardweb	Min 61/May/15	B.P.13	£ 130.00
Entry 10.6.15 D.Wallace	Min 80/May/15	cheque 102084	£ 8.10
Entry 22/6/15 Sonia Rune Band	Min 93/June/15	cheque 102084	£300.00
Entry 22/6/15 Stiwdiobox	Min 93/June/15	B.P. 25	£350.00

All these were correct. Cllr Jenkins made a recommendation to have official order numbers on all orders .

5. Cllr Edward Thomas stated that the secretary of the Llandeilo Twinning Association had asked him to query as to why the donation agreed by the Council of £500 under Min 300/Mar/15(7.2) had not been sent to the Association. It was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies that the donation be forwarded as soon as possible.

Cllr Edward Thomas declared an interest and did not vote.

All were in favour.

Min 126 / July /15 Transportation & Highways

1. John McEvoy reply to a complaint from D. Bishop regarding parking in Heol Y Garreg Las. Noted.

2. Edwina Hart, Welsh Government Minister stating that a bypass for Llandeilo was included in the draft National Transport Plan. Its delivery would be dependant on the level of available budget and the success of drawing on a number of funding sources.
3. Cllr Edward Thomas re. incident at Zebra crossing in Rhosmaen Street. The correspondence had been forwarded to the Welsh Government for comment.
4. Mair Graham re. State of the footpath leading to the King's Bridge. The Clerk would contact the CCC Ranger service to carry out maintenance work required.
5. Christopher Richards WAG acknowledgement of correspondence sent by the Clerk regarding the safety of pedestrians on the Zebra crossing in Rhosmaen Street.

Min 127 / July /15 The Technical Officer's Report

Mr Davies had circulated a report to Members in advance of the meeting. The Technical Officer reported that he would ask for verbal quotations for the repair of the gas box outside Shire Hall. Cllr Geraint Price proposed that the Technical Officer seek estimates for two new warning signs to placed at the King's Bridge. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour. A meeting of the Christmas lights subgroup was arranged at Mr Davies' request for Tuesday, July 28th at 6.00pm.

Min 128 / July /15 The Mayor's report

Cllr Gordon Kilby gave a comprehensive report on the functions attended during the month.

Minute 129 / July / 15 Other Reports

1. Shire Hall Subgroup.

Cllr Colin Jenkins reported that he had made a declaration to the Council's Solicitor to verify the Council's ownership of Shire Hall. This would allow the Solicitor to ask CCC for sight of the purchase file. This would enable the Council to register the property with the Land Registry.

2. Staff Disciplinary & Grievance Subgroup.

Cllr Neil Craven- Lashley stated that issues regarding the Technical Officer's Contract of Employment had been resolved and that the Technical Officer had signed the contract.

Min 130 / July /15 There were no other items of business that by reason of special circumstances, the Chair decides should be considered as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Section 100B(4)(B) of the local Government Act 1972

Meeting ended at 9.05pm