

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, January 27th 2016 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

Present : The Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby, The Deputy Mayor Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Eifion Davies, Cllr Julia Jones, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Carol Watts, County Councillor Edward Thomas, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Robert Jones
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Desmond Davies (Technical Officer)

Apologies: Cllr Geraint Price

Prior to the start of the meeting Members of the Llandeilo Public Hall & Literary Institute gave a presentation to Council on the issues facing the Committee. Representing the Committee were Nigel Davies, Richard Friend, Robin Simms as well as their secretary Desmond Davies. The Hall was in a state of poor repair and urgent electrical work was required before the Hall could be used. The Hall they felt was an iconic building, in the centre of the Town, which was worthy of being saved for the Town. The committee was seeking financial support to provide it with breathing time to embark on a membership drive as well gaining some professional assistance to submit grant applications.

Following questions from the Councillors, the Mayor thanked them for their presentation and promised that the Council would consider their request.

Declarations of Interest.

Mr Desmond Davies as secretary of the Llandeilo Public Library & Literature Institute which was to be discussed on the Agenda.

Police Matters.

PCSO Louise Lewis stated that the Christmas period had passed with little incident. They had been called to two properties in the Town which continued to present problems of antisocial behaviour. Councillors raised the issue of illegal parking outside the Cennen Dental Practice in Rhosmaen Street. Evidence had been submitted to the Police. The Police would continue to carry out observations.

Min 249/ Jan/ 16 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. Cllr Thomas had met with the CCC's Executive Board member for Education to discuss the Tregib School site, who agreed that the site was unsuitable as a Primary school.

Cllr Thomas stated that traffic monitoring was in progress in Carmarthen Street due to complaints from residents.

A Planning enforcement notice is to be served by CCC against the advertising boards opposite the CK's supermarket.

Concern regarding cars parking on the pavement outside the Cennen Dental Practice and obstructing pedestrians has been reported to the Police.

Following a meeting with Jacqui Kedward of the National Trust, a group from the National Trust would carry out some clearing work in Penlan Park as part of a team building exercise. Cllr Thomas had asked the Police to maintain a presence in Heol y Garreg Las at the start and end of school times.

Stuart Quick, CCC Streetscene had agreed to authorise work to be carried out to rectify the water puddles in Crescent Road and at the bottom of Carmarthen Street.

Min 250 / Jan / 15 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, December 9th 2015 were confirmed as a true record

This was proposed by Cllr Carol Watts and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning & General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, January 13th 2016 were read and recommended for acceptance. This was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Carol Watts. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, January 13th 2016 were read and recommended for acceptance.

This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

Min 251 / Jan / 16 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re Min 246/ Jan/16 Cllr Edward Thomas asked if the Llandeilo First Responders had been invited to address Council. The Clerk stated that they had agreed to attend at 7.45pm on February 2016 and address Council between the Planning and Finance Committee Meetings.

Min 252 / Jan / 16 Correspondence that requires a response

2. Huw Parsons CCC Tourism Manager re invitation to a Tourism Partnership meeting. Cllr Julia Jones would attend.
2. Llinos Quelch , CCC Planning Dept. response to the Town Council's concerns regarding perceived inconsistencies in planning applications. Noted.
3. One Voice Wales Carmarthen Area Meeting in Ammanford on February 3rd 2016. Cllr Eifion Davies would attend.
4. An invitation for the Mayor to St. David's Day Parade in Carmarthen on 27th February. Noted.

Min 253 / Jan / 16 Correspondence for Information

1. WAG re. Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2016/17/. This is £7.42 per elector. Noted.
2. Wrenvale Nurseries 2016 brochure. Noted.

Min 254 / Jan /16 Financial Matters

1. There were no Accounts for payment.
2. The Finance Officer reported that notification had been received that the end of year Footway Lighting charges made by CCC would be £ 906.28
3. The Finance Officer stated that the Council precept demand for 2016/17 had been sent to CCC.
4. It was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace that the High

Interest Deposit Bond be re-invested from the 20th January for a further 3 months. All were in favour.

5. The Clerk provided quotations from companies supplying national flags. Cotton flags were not readily available at economical rates. Different quality polyester flags were priced from £4.70 to £ 55.00, but companies could not guarantee more than 12months usage for all qualities of this material.

It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace that 25 national Flags, be purchased from Mr Flag at a cost of £4.70 each ex vat so that they can to be displayed in the town by Easter. All were in favour.

Min 255 / Jan / 16 Transportation & Highways

1. Rhain Jones CCC, regarding proposed new Parking Restrictions Order. These covered areas throughout Carmarthenshire. The Clerk stated that he would provide Members with Orders that only affected Llandeilo.
2. Cllr Edward Thomas re. letter sent to Edwina Hart , WAG Minister regarding road safety in Llandeilo. Noted.
3. Elfyn Williams WAG Engineer response the Council's enquiry as to whether the maintenance work identified by WAG had been carried out. Mr Williams stated that it was hoped to carry out drainage work on the Bridge this year as long as permissions were forthcoming from the landowners and the Environment Agency. Noted.

Min 256 / Jan / 16 Llandeilo Public Hall & Literary Institute

Councillors thanked Cllr Carol Watts for the information she provided during the discussions held with representatives of the Public Hall prior to the Meeting. Cllr Watts had agreed to meet with the Committee to help them prepare a vision for the way ahead before reporting back to Council.

Cllr Carol Watts proposed that the Council provide financial assistance of £2,000 to the Public Hall and Institute to enable them to carry out urgent repair work to make the building safe. Cllr Julia Jones seconded. All were in favour.

It was agreed that a further discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting on 10th February be held in relation to how the Council was to finance this unbudgetted sum.

Min 257 / Jan /16 The Technical Officer's Report

Mr Davies had circulated a report to Members in advance of the meeting. The Technical Officer stated that requests had been received for reimbursement for electricity consumed by Christmas light motifs.

They were – Mrs White, Wardrobe (Flat 7a) Carmarthen Street - £20

Mathew Corner, Prospect House (Flat 4) - £20

Mrs Mandy Bendry, National Trust Shop, flat at 99, Rhosmaen Street - £20

It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace that these persons be reimbursed and thanked for their cooperation. All were in favour.

Min 258/ Jan /16 Mayor's Report

Cllr Gordon Kilby reported on the events he had attended on behalf of the Council during the month. He had also been invited to attend a St David's Day celebration in Carmarthen on February 28th.

Cllr Robert Jones requested that a St David's Day celebration be considered for Llandeilo for next year and for it to be discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting in March.

Min 259 / Jan / 16 Other Reports

1. The following subgroups were set up for the Council's Community events in 2016

- i) Fireworks Subgroup 2016 :- The Mayor, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Colin Jenkins.
- ii) Christmas lights subgroup 2016 :- The Mayor, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Robert Jones
- iii) Penlan Park Summer event subgroup 2016 :- The Mayor, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Eifion Davies, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Julia Jones.

2. The Clerk was asked to circulate reports from the Christmas lights Subgroup and the Shire Hall subgroup

Min 260 / Jan / 16 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

The Clerk was requested to send a letter of congratulations to Wendy Churchouse on the award of the BEM for services to the British Heart Foundation

Meeting ended at 9.10pm