

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, September 28th 2016 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: The Mayor Cllr Colin Jenkins

Declarations of Interest. None.

Police Matters.

PCSO Roger Anthony reported that there had been a number of charity boxes taken from shops over the Bank Holiday weekend including the Post Office, the Salvation Army shop, and the Red Cross Shop. A person had been arrested for threatening behaviour against another person, with a hand gun in Parc Lon Rhys. Officers were now visiting schools with warnings regarding Halloween celebrations and the use of fireworks.

Min 154 / Sept / 16 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. Cllr Thomas stated that CCC were to sell a parcel of land at the bottom of Parc Pencrug. He had arranged to meet with the CCC Ranger regarding the unofficial path, behind the railway, leading to the King's bridge. Between 20-25 French exchange students would be staying in the Town from the 17th-20th October and would be visiting Shire Hall to meet the Mayor and Councillors on Monday 17th at 11.00am.

Work on resurfacing King Street, George Hill and George Street starting on October 31st . Meeting are to take place regarding making Market Street a limited vehicular access Road.

Min 155 / Sept / 16 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, July 27th 2016 were read and confirmed as a true record with the following amendment :

The Technical Officer wished to add 2015 to the Terry Davies invoice DD502A.

This was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, 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, September 14th 2016 were read and recommended for acceptance with one correction i.e. Cllr Geraint Price had given his apologies for the meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr Julia Jones, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, Sept 14th 2016 were read and recommended for acceptance.

This was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace. All were in favour.

Min 156 / Sept / Matters arising from previous meeting

Re. Min 125/July/16 Cllr Robert Jones asked if a letter had been sent to Nia Clwyd regarding the Choir's success. The Clerk stated that he was to liaise with the Mayor to obtain a suitable date for the reception.

Re. Min 133 / July / 16 In reply to Cllr Robert Jones the Clerk stated that he had not to date written to Nigel Williams regarding the work done to clear the border at the rear of his property
Re.Min 100/June/16 Cllr Robert Jones asked if there were further developments regarding providing electronic equipment to Members. The Finance Officer stated that he was due to meet with Andrew of Easy PC in the next week.

Min 157 / Sept / 16 Correspondence that required a response

1. Jenny Hewitt, Service Manager of Carms. Meals on wheels – request for volunteers. Noted.
2. Lisa Tuckwood re. road safety concerns around the Bro Dinefwr school. The Clerk was to reply to Mrs Tuckwood to state that the Clerk had already raised these concerns with WAG.
3. Quality Solicitors re. Accident in Rhosmaen Street. The Town Council did not have any responsibility for highway matters.

Min 158 / Sept / 16 Correspondence for Information

1. Andrew Cook, Heart of Wales Development Company Ltd. Noted.
2. Megan Bentall re Parks in Carmarthenshire. Noted.
3. Mrs Julie Griffiths, Bro Dinefwr Head teacher, letter of thanks for the Council's donation. Noted.

Min 159 / Sept /16 Financial Matters

1. Accounts for payment.

	Net	Vat	Total
BT (phone)dd	£ 50.20	£ 10.04	£ 60.24
BT (broadband) dd	£ 52.03	£ 10.41	£ 62.44
Relm Signs (penlan park banner)	£ 83.00	£ 16.60	£ 99.60*
Clerk (postage)	£ 23.61		£ 63.61#
Maplin (DD579) vis	£ 6.58		£ 6.58

dd – direct debit. * bacs # cheque

These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

2. Other Financial Matters
 - i) It was agreed to defer the Quarterly check report to the October Full Council Meeting at the request of the Finance Officer.
 - ii) Audit 2015/16.
The Finance Officer stated that the conclusion of Audit 2015/16 notice was to be displayed on the Council noticeboard.
 - iii) The Finance Officer was to submit a Vat reclaim of £ 3,588.71.

3. To receive Tenders for the contract to erect the 2016 Christmas lights in the Town.
Three tenders had been sent out to :-
 - i) Davies Electrics
 - ii) Charles B Sams
 - iii) Rhys Williams.Rhys Williams did not return the tender for the work.
The following were received by the closing date of 27th September 2016 and opened in the presence of Cllr Eifion Davies, Cllr Gordon Kilby and Cllr Edward Thomas
Charles B Sams Total £ 4,050.00 ex vat
Davies Electrics Total £ 3,990.00 ex vat.
It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the contract be awarded to Davies Electrics. All were in favour.

Min 160 / Sept / 16 Transportation & Highways

1. Cllr Edward Thomas letter to Ken Skates AM re. accident on the A40 roundabout .
Noted.
2. Ken Skates, reply to Cllr Thomas' letter. Noted.
3. Cllr Edward Thomas letter to Ken Skates regarding the need for a pedestrian crossing for pupils walking to and from Ysgol Bro Dinefwr. Noted.
4. Ken Skates reply to Cllr Thomas's letter. Noted

Min 161 / Sept /16 The Technical Officer's Report

Mr Davies had circulated a report to Members in advance of the meeting. Cllr Geraint Price proposed that letters be sent to Tom Lloyd, Ros Beynon to request that they cut the trees on their properties so that the views of the valley could be seen from the Crescent. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

The Clerk was asked to write to Nigel Williams, Pharmacy, Nice Price News and the Carmarthen Street Dentist for agreeing to the Council attaching Christmas lights motifs to their properties.

Min 162 / Sept / 16 To adopt the Revised Mayor's Expenses Policy.

It was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Carol Watts that the Revised Policy be adopted. All were in favour.

Min 163/ Sept /16 The Mayor's Report was deferred to the October Meeting due to the Mayor's absence.

Min 164 / Sept / 16 Other Reports

1. Christmas Lights Subgroup.
Arrangements for carrying out the Load testing of brackets on Sunday, October 2nd were confirmed.
2. Shire Hall Report.
DAT had reported that there were issues regarding the gas main serving Shire Hall. The Technical Officer was to seek an estimate from Westward Heating to redirect the gas main.
The Finance Officer and Cllr Carol Watts were given permission to speak with Owain Gruffydd of Menter Bro Dinefwr regarding their future plans.

3. Llandeilo in Bloom subgroup.
Cllr Dawn Wallace gave a report of the work done to plant daffodils, pansies and violas in the car park tubs.
Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Edward Thomas together with Cllr Owen James and partner had planted four sacks of daffodils in Penlan Park on September 25th.
4. Fireworks Subgroup
Llandeilo Town Band had agreed to play at the event on November 4th.
Llandeilo Young Farmers had agreed to help with car parking stewarding. They would be supported by Round Table members. St Johns would also be in attendance.
It was agreed not to produce a programme this year.
It was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Rebecca Butcher that the prices for admission would be Adults £4 with £1 for children. All were in favour.
Neil Craven- Lashley would be asked to produce a flier for the event.
5. Asset Transfer Subgroup
It was proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace, seconded by Cllr Carol Watts that Mr Edward Friend be engaged as the Council's solicitor for negotiations with CCC regarding Asset transfer. All were in favour.
It was agreed to engage Mr Carl Morgan ex- building manager with the National Trust to carry out independent surveys regarding a) The Technical Officer's report of defects identified in Penlan Park and Parc Le Conquet
b) Mr Morgan's own report on immediate and future repair works required.
The estimate cost given for the reports was between £750-£1,000.

Min 165 / Sept / 16 Arrangements for Subgroup Meetings

Cllr Geraint Price proposed the following to have more clarity over organising subgroup meetings.

- i) That all meetings should be registered through the Clerk.
- ii) That all members be notified of meetings by the Clerk.
- iii) Each meeting to be organised with at least 1 week's notice.
- iv) All meetings to be advertised on the Council's website and notice board.
- v) No more than 2 meetings would be organised per evening.

Cllr Richard Wallace proposed suspending Standing order No 6 for 5 minutes to complete Council business

Members then voted on the above.

The following were carried by 8 votes to 2

- i) All meetings should be registered though the Clerk
- ii) All Members to be notified of meetings by the Clerk
- iii) Each Meeting to be organised on Tuesday evenings with at least 1 week's notice.
- iv) No more than 2 meetings would be organised each evening

The requirement for meetings to be advertised on the Council website and noticeboard was defeated.

Min 166 / Sept / 16 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 closed at 9.35pm