

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, April 26th 2017 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr Carol Watts, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Gordon Kilby,

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Chief Inspector Steve Thomas attended to listen to the concerns of Councillors on various issues affecting Llandeilo. He promised to ask Officers to increase their visual presence in some of the areas which have experienced antisocial behaviour. He would also check on the possibility of providing CCTV cameras.

Declarations of Interest. Cllr Rebecca Butcher declared an interest in the item on Girlguiding Llandeilo and did not take part in the item during financial matters.

Police Matters.

PCSO Roger Anthony stated that the Police would increase patrols in Penlan Park and the Railway station

Min 18 / Apr / 17 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. He had reported to the CCC Housing Dept. the lack of maintenance in the public areas around Council properties in the Town. A report is being prepared by CCC to restrict greater vehicular access onto the Primary school grounds.

Min 19 / Apr / 17 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, March 26th 2017 were read and confirmed as a true record
This was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones. All were in favour.
The Minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, April 12th 2017 were read and confirmed as a true record.
This was proposed by Cllr Julia Jones, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones. All were in favour.
The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, March 8th 2017 were read and recommended for acceptance with the following amendment :-

Add - It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that Mr David Rice be asked to go ahead and prepare a 3 year Maintenance tree report at a cost of £350.

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

Min 20 / Apr / 17 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re. Min 14/ Apr/ 17 It was proposed by Cllr Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Owen James that Officer be awarded an additional 1 hour's payment per month for the next 6 months starting on May 1st after which it will be reviewed. This is as a result of the additional workload during the Asset Transfer negotiations. All were in favour.

Re. Min 15/Apr/17 The Clerk stated that he had completed most of the Cariat grant application. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones that the Council make an application for 3 defibrillators. The Clerk was to write to the owners of the following for permission to attach the defibrillator cases on their property. The cost of each defibrillator was £1,450.

- a) CCC regarding the archway to the car park
- b) Mr Lyn Griffiths owner of the Hen Vic Pub.
- c) Co-operative stores in Rhosmaen Street.

Min 21 / Apr / 17 Correspondence that required a response

1. Dafydd Llewellyn Police & Crime Commissioner announcing new community grants up to £5,000. It was proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace, seconded by Cllr Rebecca Butcher that the Council makes an application for CCTV to be erected in Par Le Conquet. This was to apply for a grant of £3,000 and then the Council would match fund the difference. All were in favour.

Min 22 / Apr / 17 Correspondence for Information

1. Gareth Jones, Dawnus development manager. Mr Jones provided an update of the progress of their Lottery fund application to renovate the old Market Hall. The company was still waiting for further advice from the Lottery commission.
2. Cllr Edward Thomas re. the new owner of the closed HSBC Bank. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner for an update on completing the renovation stated in the planning application
3. Cwmfera re. course on Community engagement. Noted.

Min 23 / Apr / 17 Financial Matters

1. Accounts for payment.

	Net	Vat	Total
BT phone	£ 50.55	£ 10.11	£ 60.66
BT Broadband	£ 53.20	£ 10.64	£ 63.84
SW Guardian advert	£ 155.00	£ 31.00	£ 186.00*

dd- direct debit # - cheque * bacs .

These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Rebecca Butcher and seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace . All were in favour.

Income omitted from the Finance Committee Meeting not noted on the Agenda

Dathlu Dewi (events)	£ 2,038.63
Dathlu Dewi (chair CCC donation)	£ 25.00

2. Audit 2016/17

- i) The Finance Officer stated that all the documents would be delivered to the Internal Auditor on May 10th 2017.
- ii) The Finance Officer asked all Councillors to consider the Accounting Statements as part of the Audit process. All agreed with accounts presented.
- iii) The Finance Officer asked the Mayor to read the Governance Statements as part of the Audit process. All Councillors agreed with the statements. The Council does not have any Trust Funds.
- iv) The Financial Risk Assessments and Management had been assessed and it was agreed to leave them unchanged.
- v) The purchase of speakers and sound equipment at a cost of £600 was added to the Asset Register. Also added were 3 benches placed around the Town as Street Furniture at a cost of £ 2,000.
The old UDC Chain and coat of arms had been moved from the HSBC bank to the Shire Hall.
- vi) In this year's Audit there was a question about compliance with the Code of Conduct. All Councillors had signed this document at the start of their term in Office. These had been updated individually as circumstances altered. All Councillors had attended CCC Courses on an Annual basis. All 4 co-opted Councillors had attended courses following their joining the Council.
- vii) Budget Report 2017/18.
The Finance Officer presented a draft Budget for the coming Financial Year. Acceptance of this Budget was proposed by the Mayor Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

Min 24/ April / 17 Other Financial Matters

Requests for Financial Support.

1. Llandeilo Fawr Music Festival
Cllr Julia Jones declared an interest in this item. She signed the Book of Declaration of Interest and did not take part in the item.
The Finance Officer had recommended in his draft Budget that the Council should reduce its contribution to Public events held in the Town.
Cllr Robert Jones proposed that the Music Festival be donated £3,250 a decrease of £250 on last year's donation. Cllr Richard Wallace seconded. All were in favour.
2. Tywi Valley Open Spaces
Cllr Richard Wallace proposed a donation of £50. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.
3. RNLI.
A donation of £100 was proposed by Richard Wallace, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.
4. Girlguiding Llandeilo
This was a request to support a Girl Guide Leader carry out an expedition to China and in doing so raising £1,500 for her Llandeilo Group.
Cllr Edward Thomas proposed a donation of £200, seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace. All were in favour. The Council would ask the Leader to address the Council on her return.

Cllr Richard Wallace proposed a Suspension of Standing Orders 6B for 30 minutes in order to complete Council Business

Min 25 / Apr / 17 Asset Transfer Update

The Chair of the working group Cllr Edward Thomas stated that the group were in the process of carrying out the tendering process for the grass cutting contract for Penlan Park and Parc Le Conquet. Eight contractors had shown interest in applying.

Cllr Rebecca asked if all the Council should be part of this group as Asset transfer was at such an important stage. Cllr Thomas stated that as soon as the lease for Parc Le Conquet had been signed then the Group would be disbanded and a proposal to have a Parks Management Committee would be made.

Min 26 / Apr / 17 Transportation & Highway Issues.

The Technical Officer had circulated a report on the vandalism carried out at the railway station, which continued to be a venue for antisocial behaviour. Noted.

Min 27 / Apr /17 The Technical Officer's Report

Mr Davies had circulated his report in advance of the meeting. Consideration of the budget for the Christmas lights was deferred to the Full Council Meeting on May 24th 2017. The rest of the report was noted.

Min 28/ Apr /17 The Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave a report of functions attended on behalf of the Council.

March 23 rd	Twinning Social evening in the Cottage.
March 27 th	Inner Wheel Dinner in the White Hart.
April 13 th	Tenovus Presentation at the Plough.
April 16 th	Arrival of visitors from Le Conquet.
April 17 th	Mayor's Reception for the twin Town of Le Conquet. Attended a Twmpath in the Civic Hall.
Apr 18 th	Trip to St David's.
April 19 th	Twinning Dinner in the Cawdor.
April 22 nd	Llandeilo Bowls Open Day.
April 24 th	Inner Wheel Charter Dinner.

Min 29 / Apr / 17 There were no Other Reports

Min 30 / Apr / 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 Mayor thanked all Councillors for their service to the Town over the past five years, especially Cllr Julia Jones and Cllr Carol Watts who were retiring from future Council commitments.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.