

# **Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr**

## **Llandeilo Fawr Town Council**



### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.**

**Present :** The Mayor Cllr Eifion Davies, Deputy Mayor Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Christopher Parish, Cllr Rebecca Butcher, Cllr Owen James, Cllr Christoph Fischer, Mr Roger Phillips ( Town Clerk )  
Mr Christopher Plummer ( Finance Officer )  
Mr Desmond Davies ( Technical Officer )

**Apologies:** Cllr Gordon Kliby, Cllr Lesley Prosser, Cllr Robert Jones.

**Prior to the Meeting Police Inspector James Davies addressed Council on the value of recently installed vehicle recognition cameras on the A40 and A483.**

**Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Rebecca Butcher signed the Book of Declaration of Interest and left the room when discussing Planning Application E/35836.  
Cllr Edward Thomas also signed the Declaration of Interest and left the room for the Planning Application E/35836 discussion.

#### **Police Matters.**

PCSO Roger Anthony stated that the Police were monitoring groups of heavy drinkers congregating in the Town. He had visited the local primary schools prior to the summer break and issued advice on safety as well as giving a CPR demonstration.  
He reported that the Jazz Festival had gone well.

#### **Min 105 / July / 17 The County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. He stated that the Festival of Senses had been awarded a grant of £1,500 from CCC. The 'old' library has now been emptied by the library service and handed over to the CCC corporate property services. CCC was now providing an online service for Councillors to report concerns regarding faulty lighting or rubbish.

Work on the Carmarthen Cycle route would hopefully begin in 2019.

The Sports for all events held on July 16<sup>th</sup> was a success, and thanks to sponsorship was a nil cost exercise.

#### **Min 106 / July / 17 Previous Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 were read and confirmed as a true record with the following amendment :-

*Re Min 81/June /17 Accounts for Payment add the following payments :-*

<i>The Works ( Llandeilo in Bloom)</i>	<i>£ 196.77</i>
<i>The Works ( Llandeilo in Bloom)</i>	<i>£ 235.85</i>
<i>ABS Carmarthen DD 615( Shire Hall)</i>	<i>£ 55.95 plus £11.19vat total £ 67.14</i>
<i>WCVA ( payroll admin June)</i>	<i>£ 20.25 plus £4.05 vat total £ 24.30</i>

Mark Davies ( photographs)

£ 100.00

This was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Owen James. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed as a true record.

This was proposed by Cllr Rebecca Butcher, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall were read and recommended for acceptance. This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer. All were in favour.

#### **Min 107 / July / 17 Matters arising from previous meetings**

Re. Min 95 / July/ 17 Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the David Rice report was not forwarded to the Transition Town Group at this time. Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded. There were 3 votes for the proposal

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed an amendment that the report should be forwarded to the Transition Town Group. There were 3 votes for the amendment. One Councillor abstained and the Mayor did not vote. No action would be taken.

Re. Min 101/July/17. The Finance Officer reported that he had submitted a vat re-claim for £7,434.42.

#### **Min 108 / July / 17 Correspondence that required a response**

1. Tanja Neumayer-James re. vacancies on the Ffairfach Governing Body. Noted.
2. Hugh Gwynne re. Litter collections. It will be discussed later in the meeting under Asset Transfer updates
3. Steven Carter, Clerk to Llandovery Town Council. It was proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace, seconded by Cllr Rebecca Butcher that the request for borrowing the Council's PA system was refused. The motion was carried. Cllr Christoph Fischer abstained.
4. Owen Phillips, CCC Digital Co-ordinator. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish that Mr Phillips be invited to address the Council prior to the September Full Council Meeting. All were in favour.
5. Westward Heating re. gas ducting.  
It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Owen James that the Clerk will advise DAT that the Council is happy for the gas ducting to be placed in the outside trench when it is dug. The cost would be approximately £300 and the Technical Officer was asked to engage a local contractor.
6. The Mayor reported that the footpath at the bottom of Lewis Terrace is overgrown. Cllr Edward Thomas stated that he had received confirmation that CCC would cut the area around the seat and bin.  
It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Owen James that the Clerk write to complain to Network Rail regarding the overgrown hedge bordering the footpath. All were in favour.
7. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that letters of congratulations be sent to the following :- Logan Williams – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the young handlers Maisie Mackenzie for representing Wales at the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas.  
Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.
8. Letter from the Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Dinefwr requesting a donation for the annual pupil prize.

Cllr Rebecca Butcher proposed that the Council did not give a donation. Cllr Christopher Parish seconded.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed an amendment to donate £200 to the prize. Cllr Christoph Fischer seconded.

The initial proposal was carried by 4 votes to 3. The Mayor abstained from voting.

### **Min 109 / July /17 Correspondence for Information**

1. Boundary Commission Wales re. consultation over new electoral arrangements . Meeting to be held in County Hall on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor would attend.
2. Robert Edgecombe re. feedback on the recent Code of conduct Training. Noted
3. Nigel Davies. Letter complementing the Council on the improvements made to the state of Penlan Park and the work of the contractor Hugh Gwynne. The Clerk would forward the letter to the contractor.
4. Hywel Dda Trust requesting feedback on patients' experience of Hospital visits. Noted.  
**The Mayor declared an interest in the item due to his wife's occupation with the Trust.**
5. Cllr Colin Jenkins, the Mayor in 2016/17 reported that he would donate the following monies from his charity funds raised during his year of office :-  
Wales Air Ambulance - £1,585.82  
Firefighters Benevolent Fund- £1,585.82  
Noted.

### **Min 110 / July / 17 Financial Matters**

#### **1. Accounts for payment.**

	Net	Vat	Total
Orchardweb ( website updates)	£ 35.00		£ 35.00*
WCVA ( payroll admin July)	£ 20.25	£ 4.05	£ 24.30*
Hugh Gwynne ( cutting grass banks)DD612	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00*
Lewis Printers 13/6.17 (envelopes)	£ 79.00	£ 15.80	£ 94.80*
Llandeilo Literary Festival			£ 200.00*
LBS Home & Garden (vis) 26 <sup>th</sup> May			£ 64.39
Mayor's Charity ( Wales Air Ambulance)			£ 1,585.52#
Mayor's Charity( Firefighters Benevolent Fund)			£ 1,585.52#
Llandeilo Town Twinning			£ 500.00#

dd- direct debit # - cheque \* bacs .

These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer. All were in favour.

### **Min 111 / July / 17 Other Financial Matters**

The Finance Officer reported that the £30,000 High Deposit Bond had been re-invested on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Bond had accrued an interest of £33.63 over the previous 6 months.

### **Min 112 / July / 17 The Technical Officer's Report**

Mr Davies had circulated his report in advance of the meeting. He had met with Westward Heating regarding moving the existing external gas pipe from an exposed position to an underground position with plastic piping.

Access Keys for Parc Le Conquet and Penlan Park were required for the contractor. Cllr Edward Thomas would contact CCC to resolve the matter.

### **Min 113 / July / 17 Asset Transfer Update**

Cllr Edward Thomas reported on the Asset Transfer Subgroup Meeting held on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The solicitor was still waiting for the lease agreement regarding Parc Le Conquet. A meeting would

be arranged with Carmarthen Town Council to seek advice over the management of the Parks. The Clerk and the Technical Officer would attend with Cllr Thomas. The subgroup recommended that Hugh Gwynne be asked to make two litter collections per week in Parc Le Conquet and one collection in Penlan Park. Cllr Christoph Fischer proposed that this recommendation be accepted. Cllr Owen James seconded. All were in favour. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish that a quotation of £110 be accepted to repair the gate at Penlan Park. All were in favour. Electrical contractor Charles Sams was to meet with CCC to resolve an electrical problem at the Bowls pavilion.

#### **Min 114 / July/17 Planning Applications for Decision**

Cllr Edward Thomas did not take part in this item as he is not a member of the Council's Planning Committee.

- E/35835 Provide and fix hanging sign on front elevation at 2, King Street. Also provide and fix nameplate on front elevation and replace hand painted sign on shop fascia.  
**Comment : No objections as long as it complies with the style of the surrounding properties.**
- E/35816 Provision of attic conversion to habitable accommodation, replacement sun room extension with balcony over, internal alterations and reinstatement of front canopy lean-to ( retrospective) at 21, Latimer Road.  
**Comment : No objections as long as all conservation regulations are met.**

#### **Min 115/ July / 17 Transportation and Highways**

1. Welsh Government reply to the Clerk's letter objecting to proposed waiting restrictions at Ffairfach. Further consultations were to take place prior to the final decisions being made. Noted
2. Adam Price AM stating that he would bring the concerns of the Council and the community to the Welsh Government regarding the proposed waiting restrictions in Ffairfach. Noted.
3. Cllr Colin Jenkins had received complaints re. vehicles parking in the loading bay of Gerwyn's Fruit & Veg outside the agreed times. The Clerk was asked to write to the Trunk Road Agency
4. The Mayor was concerned over the overgrown vegetation along the footpath at the bottom of Thomas Terrace. Cllr Edward Thomas would contact the CCC Rangers.

#### **Min 116/ July /17 The Mayor's Report**

The Mayor gave the following report on events attended on behalf of the Council:-

- July 15<sup>th</sup> Attended the opening concert of the Llandeilo Music Festival.  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Attended the Llandeilo Sports Association Open Day at the Tregib fields in the morning followed by the Bowls, Tennis and Cycling Clubs Open day in the afternoon.  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Attended the opening of the Towy Valley Arts Trail festival.  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Attended Llandeilo CP school for the launch of a joint project between CCC and the Welsh Government

#### **Min 117 / July / 17 Other Reports**

1.Report of the Christmas Lights Subgroup.

The Technical Officer stated that he had almost completed the refurbishment of the large

Nadolig Llawen motif. It was agreed that 4 new Led wall mounted motifs be purchased to replace the old tungsten type at a cost of £1,000 with an additional £250 for further repair work. The Finance Officer stated that an invoice for £515 had already been paid for materials leading to an overspend on the agreed budget.

Cllr Owen James proposed that the £300 saved by the decision not to give a donation for a school prize should now be allocated to the Christmas lights budget. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

It was agreed to purchase a Christmas Tree for the Town to be placed in Bradford Square at a cost of £800. It was agreed to send letters to businesses for a voluntary donation towards this.

## 2. Website Update.

Cllr Rebecca Butcher reported that she and Cllr Christoph Fischer had met with the Clerk to discuss possible change to update the Website. It was agreed to invite Andy from

Orchardweb to meet with the subgroup on August 7<sup>th</sup> to further discuss changes to the website.

**Min 118 / July / 17 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 9.25pm.