

# **Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr**

## **Llandeilo Fawr Town Council**

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### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, September 27<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 Owen James, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Lesley Prosser.  
Mr Roger Phillips ( Town Clerk )  
Mr Christopher Plummer ( Finance Officer )  
Mr Desmond Davies ( Technical Officer )

**Apologies:** Cllr Christoph Fischer, Cllr Rebecca Butcher.

Prior to the meeting Mr Owen Phillips, CCC Digital Co-ordinator gave a presentation to Councillors. This was to explain a new project to make Llandeilo recognised as a Wi-Fi Town. The objective would be to allow local businesses to work effectively together and in this way boost the local economy.

**Declarations of Interest.** None.

#### **Police Matters.**

PCSO Roger Anthony stated that there had been a busy few months with the various festivals in the Town which had all gone well.

#### **Min 136 / Sept / 17 The County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. He stated that the litter bins along the A40 between the roundabout and King's Lodge were now being collected more frequently.

Cllr Thomas had received reassurances that the CCC Planning Department would remain in Llandeilo. He had expressed concerns to CCC that the Scouts Hall is not being maintained following the disbanding of the local branch.

#### **Min 137 / Sept / 17 Previous Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 were read and confirmed as a true record.

This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Owen James. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Special Full Council held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 were read and confirmed as a true record.

This was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed as a true record.

This was proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall were read and recommended for acceptance with the following amendments:-

*Add the names of Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Robert Jones, Cllr Lesley Prosser to those present.*

*Re. Min 131/Sept 17 Accounts for payment change the Current Account from £44,444.55 to £ 48,444.55. This was proposed by Cllr Owen James, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.*

### **Min 138 / Sept / 17 There were no matters arising from previous meetings**

### **Min 139 / Sept / 17 Correspondence that required a response**

1. Ken Murphy , DAT Chief Executive, request for an extension for lease of Shire Hall.
  - a) It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the Council agree to Mr Murphy's request to extend the extension of the lease agreement to pay the Utility bills until they leave the premises. All were in favour.
  - b) Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that a letter be sent to Mr Murphy acknowledging the fact that DAT are the owners of the Chamber's tables and chairs. Cllr Lesley Prosser seconded. All were in favour.
  - c) Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that the Council accept the offer made by DAT for the Council to have use of the Corner House committee room for the Town Council meetings if required. Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded. All were in favour.
2. Robert Evans re. a request to have a noticeboard re-installed under the archway near the car Park. It was proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby, seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser that the Council re-install the noticeboard. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed an amendment that the Council does not re-install the noticeboard.  
The amendment was carried by 7 votes to 2.

### **Min 140 / Sept /17 Correspondence for Information**

1. Welsh Government consultation re. Taking Wales forward. Noted.
2. Carl Willett, request from Festival of Senses to place temporary portaloos on the Shire Hall courtyard. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that this request be rejected. All were in favour.
3. Brian Clark thanking the Council for initiating the 20mph through the Town centre. Noted
4. The Mayor reported on the meeting with Mr Ross Beynon regarding overgrown trees. Noted.

### **Min 141 / Sept / 17 Financial Matters**

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

	Net	Vat	Total
Orchardweb ( website )	£ 234.00		£ 234.00*
BT Broadband (DD)	£ 53.20	£ 10.64	£ 63.84
BT Phone ( DD)	£ 51.01	£ 10.20	£ 61.21
Pinc ( Mayor's reception bouquet).	£ 30.00		£ 30.00#
N.Wall ( chain repairs)	£ 20.00		£ 20.00#
D.Davies ( DD625)	£ 59.95		£ 59.95

dd- direct debit # - cheque \* bacs .These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

### **Min 142 / Sept / 17 Other Financial Matters**

#### **1. Budget 2018/19**

The Finance Officer had circulated a full breakdown of the Council's income and expenditure. Mr Plummer reminded the Council that they had agreed to take out a loan for £125,000 to complete necessary renovations in Shire Hall. This would equate to a £7,000 per year repayment cost over the period of the loan. He insisted that the Council had to prioritise items in all future expenditure. The Council would have to continue to control its expenditure. Capital reserves were to be brought forward.

As previously agreed the Council would continue to request a 5% increase in Precept each year for more than 4-5 years.

He urged all Councillors to consider their budget priorities in readiness for the Special Budget Meeting in December.

2. Mr Plummer stated that he had received the report of the Audit return for 2016/17 from Grant Thornton, the external Auditors. There was nothing that should be brought to the attention of the Council. The Auditors however did make a comment that the Council should adopt the 2016 Amendment Order of the Code of Conduct. Noted.

### **Min 143 / Sept / 17 The Technical Officer's Report**

Mr Davies had circulated his report in advance of the meeting. He stated that the date of the anchor testing being carried out by Lloyds British had been changed to October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Lesley Prosser enquired if the Council could work to clean up footpath 69/1. The Council had made several requests to CCC to carry out work on this footpath without success. Cllr Edward Thomas agreed to contact Caroline Ferguson, CCC as to why the agreed work had not been carried out.

Mr Davies requested that a meeting of the Christmas lights subgroup be arranged as soon as possible. It was agreed to hold this on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

### **Min 144 / Sept / 17 Asset Transfer Update**

Cllr Edward Thomas reported on the Asset Transfer Subgroup Meeting held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Legal matters were progressing slowly. The Mayor had signed the Deed of Covenant. There were health and safety concerns with the lack of progress with the replacement of the tennis fencing in Parc Le Conquet and work on the South East corner boundary wall in Penlan Park. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies that a letter be sent to the Head of Service. CCC to complain. All were in favour.

The subgroup had visited local play areas recently and also met with a representative from HAGS –SMP, the preferred contractor to provide equipment to upgrade the Parc Le Conquet play area.

Contact was being made with WREN to apply for a grant to place a multipurpose court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> tennis court.

Compliments were paid to Hugh Gwynne for his excellent work maintaining the two parks. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones that letter be sent to Mr Gwynne confirming the Council's request that he carries on with the work as part of the present 3 year contract. All were in favour.

The subgroup had received a request from the Bowls Club for assistance to purchase a new mower. The subgroup recommended that the Council purchase the mower. The Bowls Club would purchase the mower from the Council with the monies that the Bowls club had raised. There was a short fall of £947 which the Council would put against the agreed maintenance for Parc Le Conquet. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that

the purchase proceed subject to all legalities. All were in favour. Once purchased the Council would enter into further negotiations with the Bowls Club.

#### **Min145 / Sept / 17 Transportation and Highways**

The Clerk reported on correspondence with Network Rail regarding the vegetation growing onto the footpath leading from the railway station. Several phone calls had been made to complain about the issue. Finally an email had been received stating that Network rail would not carry out any work to trim back the vegetation. Both the Mayor and County Cllr Edward Thomas had also written to them.

#### **Min 146/ Sept / 17 Providing Information to the Public**

Cllr Lesley Prosser requested that the Council consider producing a newsletter that could be circulated to all residents. It was agreed that Cllr Prosser and Cllr Edward Thomas discuss this and bring their views back to the October Full Council Meeting.

#### **Min 147/ Sept /17 The Mayor's Report**

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

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| 29 <sup>th</sup> July      | Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the opening of the Llandeilo Gardening Club at the Civic Hall.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> August     | Attended the Llandeilo Small Business Forum at Maryellens.   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> August    | Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended St Peter's Church Carmarthen to honour Rhys ap Thomas at the Battle of Bosworth with the unveiling of his flag. In the afternoon the Mayor attended the Llandeilo Agricultural Show. |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September | Attended a curry night at the Cottage Inn, Llandeilo.  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | Invited by the National Trust to present medals and prizes to the competitors at the White Cattle run at Dinefwr Park.   |

#### **Min 148/ Sept / 17 Other Reports**

1. Report of the Christmas Lights Subgroup.  
The report of the Meeting held on July 25<sup>th</sup> was circulated in advance of the Council Meeting. As the budget had been cut to £4,500 it was agreed that a further £1,010 would be made available for new motifs plus an additional £429 for accessories to carry out repairs. This would take to budget to £6,245.00 It was hoped that income from donations received from local businesses would reduce the large cost involved in having a Christmas Tree. The next Subgroup meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.
2. Website Subgroup Report.  
Cllr Rebecca Butcher had circulated a report indicating the changes that had been made to the Website as well as recommending further changes to improve the website. These included updating a Council Directory of Businesses, shops and organisations.
3. Fireworks Subgroup Report.  
The Report was circulated in advance of the Council Meeting. This gave a breakdown of all the arrangements for the event. The following indicated their presence to help at the event :- Cllr Owen James, Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Lesley Prosser, Cllr Dawn Wallace. The next meeting would be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm

**Min 149 / Sept / 17 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.**

Cllr Robert Jones stated that Mr Aled Rees had been appointed as the new Headteacher at Ysgol Teilo Sant and would commence in January 2018.

Cllr Colin Jenkins stated that RNLI were holding a charity event on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.