

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, September 25th 2019 in the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Committee Room, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

Present : Mayor Cllr Owen James, Deputy Mayor Cllr Robert Jones
Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Lesley Prosser,
Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Gordon Kilby
Cllr Eifion Davies, Cllr Christopher Parish,
Cllr Kevin Sivyver, Cllr Christoph Fischer.
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)

Apologies: None

Police Matters.

PCSO Lousie Lewis stated that a local resident had been sentenced to prison for a short period due to her threatening behaviour in the community.
There were very few other incidents in the Town.

Min 157 / Sept / 19 Declaration of Interests. None.

Min 158 / Sept / 19 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. Cllr Thomas stated that CCC were preparing a planning application to renovate the Old Market Hall. The scheme is similar to the one drawn up by Dawnus with the removal of the restaurant.

The Welsh Government may be close to bring forward their plans for the bypass.

Concern has been expressed by local residents and traders regarding parking enforcement by a traffic enforcement vehicle.

Menter were working with CCC on a road closure plan for Carmarthen Street whilst work commences in November on Shire Hall.

A defibrillator was damaged at the Railway station and the transport police are investigating. Better police presence at the Llandeilo Show had led to fewer incidents.

Min 159 / Sept / 19 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Committee Room on Wednesday, July 24th 2019 were read and confirmed as a true record

This was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Committee Room on Wednesday, September 11th 2019 were read and confirmed as a true record with the following amendment :-

Re the September 11th 2019 Planning Committee Meeting,

It was proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby that the paragraph to not accept the apologies of four councillors be removed as apologies had been given in advance of the meeting. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed an amendment that the paragraph remain in the minutes This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. The proposal was carried by 7 votes for and 2 votes against with 3 councillors abstaining.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Committee Room September 11th 2019 were read and recommended for acceptance with the following amendment :-

It was proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the paragraph not to accept the apologies of four absent councillors be removed as each had given their apologies in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed an amendment that the paragraph remain in the minutes. Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded. The proposal was carried by 7 votes to 2 with 3 councillors abstaining.

Min 160/ September / 19 Matters arising from previous meetings.

Re. Min 135/ July/ 19 Cllr Lesley Prosser suggested that the Council consider involving the Scouts or schoolchildren with the planting of the 15 trees being provided by the Woodland Trust As this would provide an opportunity for publicity if the planting was done on November 30th as this was international tree day. Noted for consideration at the October Full Council Meeting.

Min 161 / September /19 Correspondence that requires a response

- 1.Martin Murray, CCC Rights of Way Officer in reply to Cllr Edward Thomas query regarding footpath 69.1 Glynceirch. Mr Murray blamed the poor condition of the footpath on the fact that Cattle often grazed in the area. It was proposed by the Mayor Cllr Owen James that the council continues to monitor and report the state of the path. Cllr Kevin Sivyer seconded. All were in favour.
2. Dyfed Powys Police re. Meeting for towns which had had CCTV coverage. Llandeilo had not been included.
3. Gaynor Jones re. The Rachel Barrett plaque.
It was agreed that the Clerk request details of the cost of the plaque, together with the title of the account set up to fundraise, before the Council could consider making a donation.
4. David Rice Tree report.
Mr Rice had identified 3 Ash trees that had Ash dieback disease and should be felled. There were two other trees, a Red Oak and one small diseased Beech tree that need to be felled.
It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Owen James that an order be placed for a cherrypicker at a cost of £250 to examine crown damage on the four large beech trees. This is in response to a branch falling onto a private garden. All were in favour.
5. CCC re. changes re. bin collections / recycling. Noted.
6. Carmarthenshire Ten Towns Launch.
The Mayor would attend the meeting in Llandovery.

Min 162 / September / 19 Financial Matters

1.Accounts for payment.

	Net	Vat	Total
Terry Davies (multiple invoices)	£ 703.50	£ 140.70	£ 844.20*
BT Group PLC (phone)DD	£ 53.82	£ 10.76	£ 64.58

EDF (tennis pavilion)	£ 22.73	£ 1.14	£ 23.87*
BT GroupPLC (broadband)DD	£ 65.50	£ 13.10	£ 78.60
LBS Home & Garden DD796 vis	£ 11.22	£ 2.24	£ 13.46
LBS Home & Garden DD793 vis	£ 5.07	£ 1.01	£ 6.08
Llandeilo Post Office DD795 vis	£ 9.50	£ 1.90	£ 11.40
The Works Garden Centre Chq 102306 24/7/19	£ 99.39		£ 99.39
LBS Builders Merchants DD758 vis	£ 16.15	£ 3.23	£ 19.38
WCVA (payroll admin August)	£ 20.25	£ 4.05	£ 24.3 dd- direct debit

- cheque * bacs. These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace, seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish. All were in favour.

Min 163/ Sept /19 Other Financial Matters

- 1 It was proposed by Cllr Christopher Parish, seconded by Cllr Gordon Kilby that all contractors should submit their invoices within 28days of completing the work. All were in favour.
2. Donations to the Mayor's Charities 2018/19
Last year's Mayor, Cllr Edward Thomas had nominated the monies raised, from events held during his year in office, to the following charities :-
 - i) Arthritis Research UK (£1,150.00 plus £200 – total £1,350)
 - ii) Friends of Tenovus (£1,150 plus £200 – total £1,350)
 - iii) The Fire Fighters Charity (£1,150 plus £200 total £1,350)
 Cllr Owen James proposed that these be approved. Cllr Rob Jones seconded. All were in favour.
3. Officers working from home allowance.
Due to the fact that Shire Hall had been vacated for renovations, Council had requested that the three Officers work from their homes for from September 2018 until September 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the following allowances be paid :-
Roger Phillips (Town Clerk) @£2 per week £104.
Desmond Davies (Technical Officer) @ £2per week £104
Christopher Plummer(Finance Officer)@£2 per week £104
All were in favour.
4. The Finance Officer had prepared a new order sheet to record dates for receipt and payment of invoices. This would be trialled until the end of the year.
5. Mr Desmond Davies had produced a library of photographs. It was agreed to put these onto an external hard drive for safe keeping.

Min 164 / Sept /19 There were no Transportation & Highway issues.

Min 165/ Sept / 19 Mayor's Report.

Cllr Owen James gave a report of events attended on behalf of the Council during the past month :-

- August 1st Parade of sheepdogs through the town followed by a reception for competitors in Civic Hall
- August 2nd - 4th Attended the sheepdog trials in Dinefwr Park
- August 6th Met the students involved in painting the murals on the Tennis pavilion in Parc Le Conquet
- August 15th Judged Llandeilo in Bloom
- August 23rd Met Jasmine of Welsh blood service to promote more people to give blood
- September 6th Ran the Cottage 5K with the proprietor making a donation towards the Mayor's

Charities.

September 17th Appeared on S4C's Prynawn Da to speak about Llandeilo

September 24th Opened the first Dementia Friendly Forum in the Civic Hall organised by Cllr Lesley Prosser.

Min 166/ Sept / 19 Other Reports

1. Procedures Subgroup Report.

- i) It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that the recommendation of the subgroup be accepted and that a Technical Officer be appointed. Cllr Robert Jones seconded. All were in favour.
- ii) The new Technical Officer would be employed for 5 hours per week. Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour.
- iii) It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Kevin Sivyver that from the annual donation of £1,200 made to the Church, that £900 be allocated for churchyard maintenance and £300 towards the winding of the church clock .

2. Parks Management Committee Meeting September 17th 2019.

- i) The annual maintenance service of the CCTV had been done. Cllr Colin Jenkins was appointed to check all CCTV records as and when appropriate.
- ii) The representative of Park & Play recommended that there was no room in the play area for the skateboard ramp. It was recommended that the advice be accepted.
- iii) Mr David Rice had carried out a tree inspection in Penlan Park and identified ash trees that because of the ash die back needed to be felled. Further inspections of the beech trees were required to examine squirrel damage. A cherry picker would need to be hired.
- iv) Cllr Kevin Sivyver and Cllr Dawn Wallace were carrying weekly inspections of the parks.

3. Christmas Lights Subgroup Report of the meeting held on September 24th 2019.

- i) Tender for the erection of the Christmas lights.
Of the 3 companies that had been invited to tender, the only tender received was from Charles B Sams. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies that the tender for £6, 230 be recommended to Council. All were in favour.
- ii) Tender for purchasing and erecting the Christmas Tree.
Of the 3 companies that had been invited to tender only Gerwyn's fruit and Veg had submitted a tender for £450. It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Owen James that the tender be accepted. All were in favour.
- iii) The Clerk would produce a letter to be sent to all businesses to ask for donations towards the cost of the Tree.
- iv) All shops would be invited to enter the annual shop window competition.

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed the Suspension of Standing Order 6B for 15 minutes to complete the Council's business. Cllr Owen James seconded.

Min 167 / Sept / 19 Notice of Motion. Addition to Standing Orders 1(d)

“ Councillors and Staff are expected to attend all meetings they are summoned to; however, circumstances do occur when they are unable to attend. Councillors and Staff are respectively asked to contact the Clerk by 9am on the day of the meeting to tender their apologies preferably by sending an email. The Clerk will record their absence.”
Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Gordon Kilby.

Min168/ Sept/ 19 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