

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, July 22nd 2020 in Llandeilo at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Cllr Geraint Price (work commitments).

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor asked all to pay tribute to Charlotte Leadbeater with a minute's silence. Charlotte was Mayor in 2009/10, and passed away on Sunday, July 19 following a short illness.

There were no Police Matters.

Min 39 / July / 20 There were no Declaration of Interests.

Min 40 / July / 20 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. Cllr Thomas stated that monies had been made available to CCC to undertake pavement widening in the Town. A consultation would take place to recommend streets where this work would be suitable to aid walking to school.

Cllr Thomas had requested that John Evans from Capita resends an email to shop owners to provide responses on the amount of passing trade that they were experiencing.

Cllr Thomas reported that some people were not separating their rubbish into correct recycling bins. The Recycling Centre in Wernddu is now open for weekly bookings.

Cllr Thomas hoped that residents of Stepney Road and Alan Road would report any incidents caused by young people congregating around the railway station and the King's Bridge by ringing 101 as soon as these occur.

There was still no news of when the library will open.

All councillors will have an opportunity to visit and see the progress being made at Shire Hall. The Mayor will organise these in small groups.

Rotary has given awards to the Gwili Café and Bryan Jones for their support to the community during the lockdown period. The Town Council was also recognised for setting up Llandeilo Covid 19 Community Support.

Min 41 / July / 20 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in remotely in Llandeilo on Wednesday, June 24th 2020 were read and confirmed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Christoph Fischer, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones. All were in favour.

Min 42 / July / 20 matters arising from previous meetings

- Re. Min 31.1 The Clerk confirmed that a letter of congratulations had been sent to Professor Dave Worsley on his recent award. Noted.
- Re. Min 31.2 The Clerk was requested to contact Mark Jones of Rugby tots for more information regarding his ideas for courses to introduce rugby to children. Noted.

Min 43 / July / 20 Planning Applications for Decision

- E/40790 Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed use or development : extension to existing rear ground floor sunroom at 12, Llys Pencrug
There were no objections

Min 44 / July /20 Correspondence

1. The Heart of Wales – Launch of a Community Resilience Grant Fund.
Cllr Edward Thomas would examine as to whether the Council could qualify for this grant. Noted.
2. Cllr Kevin Sivyer proposed that the Welsh Flag in Penlan Park be replaced due to its poor appearance. Cllr Owen James seconded. All were in favour. The Clerk would access a replacement.
3. Government Domain Management. Orchardweb would ensure that the Council registration was secured.
4. Bernadette Tunney correspondence criticising the Council’s management of Penlan Park. Cllr Edward Thomas and the Clerk would respond. Noted.
5. Letter from Mr D I Davies requesting payment for winding the Church Clock. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Gordon Kilby that the Clerk respond to Mr Davies stating that this was not the responsibility of the Council. Mr Davies would be advised that the Church had its own insurance policy.
The Council was annually donating monies towards the Churchyard maintenance as well as donating £300 to the Church to recompense whoever they were using to maintain the clock.
6. Tennis courts. The Clerk reported that a parent had contacted him with a view to booking the tennis courts for coaching. Discussions were ongoing with the parent, their coach and the Llandeilo Tennis Club.
7. CCC re plans for Town Centre changes to boost businesses. The work, initially would be carried out in Carmarthen, Llanelli and Ammanford. Noted.

Min 45 / July / 20 Financial Matters

1.Accounts for payment for July 2020

	Net	Vat	Total
EDF Energy (Bowls Club)	£ 35.78	£ 1.77	£ 37.15
EDF Energy (Tennis Club)	£ 18.76	£ 0.94	£ 19.70
Hugh Gwynne (DD604PLQ) litter June	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00*

Hugh Gwynne (DD604PP) litter June	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00*
Hugh Gwynne (DD 604 PLQ) grass cutting June	£ 1,440.00	£ 288.00	£ 1,728.00*
Hugh Gwynne (DD 604PP) grass cutting June	£ 1,900.00	£ 360.00	£ 2,260.00*
Llandeilo Bowls Club (irrigation inspection)	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00*

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.

2. Income Received since 25th June 2020 to date

None

3. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 20/07/20	£ 11,335.30
LTC Deposit Account as at 20/07/20	£ 20,004.49
Mayor's account balance at 01/07/20	£ 2,000.00

Min 46 / July /20 Financial Matters

i) **Audit 2019-20.**

Mr Christopher Plummer reported that all Audit documentation had been sent to Grant Thornton by due date of 10th July.

ii) A Monthly Standing Order had been set up to Cllr Edward Thomas for £7.00 as agreed at the June Full Council Meeting as the Town Council's contribution towards the Zoom monthly meeting subscription/

Min 47 / July / 20 Other Financial Matters

- i) Mr Plummer requested that the Audit notice be displayed by August 15th and a photo taken to be displayed on the Council's website. Noted.
- ii) Mr Plummer will circulate the first quarter budget report on the chromebooks

Min 48 / July/ 20 Parks Report

i) Penlan Park .

Cllr Edward Thomas stated that he and the Mayor had met with the contractor Hugh Gwynne regarding some issues

- a) Moles were causing potential damage to the machinery. This will be monitored.
- b) Work to trim back brambles along the railings were approved.
- c) The contractor has been asked to provide an estimate of the cost to clear an overgrown area. This would also need to be replanted and fenced. Noted.
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Kevin Sivyer that the Ddraig Goch flag be replaced with a new flag. The Clerk stated that Mr Flag had special offers for a professional quality 6x4 flag at a cost of £42 plus Vat. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that this be purchased. Cllr Sivyer seconded. All were in favour. Volunteers were also required to clean the flagpole.
- e) It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that a letter of thanks be sent to Kayley Sizmur for organising the NHS Rock Snake in the park; that involved large numbers of primary schoolchildren. All were in favour.

- ii) Parc Le Conquet.
- a) Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Kevin Sivyer and the facilities Officer had carried out a visual inspection with all being in order. Cllr Sivyer was thanked for clearing many weeds from the park.
- b) Signage to give guidance to users of the park had been produced and will be displayed to help them take precautions, such as using sanitizers to wipe surfaces and maintaining social distancing
- c) Charles Sams had submitted a quotation to put additional lighting in the Park. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that this be left to be considered at a later date. All were in favour.
- d) Re. the load testing of the town's Christmas light brackets. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the Clerk contact Lloyd's British to arrange this year's testing on Sunday, October 4th. All were in favour.

Min 49 / July/20 Other Park Issues

- a) Dog Fouling in the Parks.
Cllr Dawn Wallace reported that some dog walkers were not keeping their dogs on leads and also not cleaning up after their dogs
It was proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace that :-
 - i) That available Councillors will make regular patrols wearing their high viz jackets and remind dog walkers of our guidelines.
 - ii) Request additional signage from CCC coupled with more regular visits from their staff to patrol the parks.
 - iii) That a social media posting be made to display our Public Awareness Strategy.
This was seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser. All were in favour.
- b) Permission was given to Plant Dewi to use Penlan Park. They were made aware of the need to maintain correct social distancing

Min 50 / July / 20 Mayor's Report

Cllr Owen James stated that the work on the Shire Hall had restarted after being suspended for 14 weeks due to lockdown restrictions. Obtaining materials has been a difficult process. There is no additional costs to Menter for the suspension. The front part of the roof has been found to be rotten. The new roof cost is £50,000. A party wall agreement has been drawn up with DAT.

The Mayor had taken part in filming an item for Tinopolis.

The Mayor and the Facilities Officer visited the Bowls Club to see the measures that the Club had taken to ensure they complied with current regulations. Cllr Owen James wishes to thank the Bowls Club for all the hard work that they had done to keep members safe. It was proposed by Cllr Owen James seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the Bowls Club have permission to open for their members. All were in favour.

Min 51/ July / 20 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 8.30pm