

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, Oct 28th 2020 in Llandeilo at 7.00pm

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 Christopher Parish,
Cllr Kevin Sivyer, Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Geraint Price
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies: Cllr Lesley Prosser (family matters)

There were no Police Matters.

Min 77 / Oct / 20 Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Edward Thomas and Mr Christopher Plummer both declared interest in the Agenda item on **request for financial support, as Officers of the Llandeilo Sports Association. They did not take** part in this item and signed the book of declarations of Interest.

Min 78 / Oct / 20 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the Meeting. TRJ have started work on the Old Provisions Market Hall. Work is estimated to be completed in 18-24 months. Unfortunately, there is a loss of the free residents' car park, but the employment opportunities will be of benefit to the whole Town.

Cllr Thomas has contacted CCC to request that the two hour waiting limit near the Chinese restaurant and outside the old Church school could be lifted to allow additional parking.

There has been some increase in antisocial behaviour with a minority of youngsters, and the Police have been requested to increase their patrols.

Concern continues to be expressed by parents over the removal of the Crossing patrol lady from duties outside the primary schools. Cllr Thomas believes that she could continue to provide this support if she was provided with PPE.

The owner of Waterloo Villa and Canton Stores has been served with a Section 215 Enforcement Notice due to the condition of the property.

There have been several enquiries from residents regarding the need for social housing which is badly needed in the Town.

Min 79 / Oct / 20 Previous Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in remotely in Llandeilo on Wednesday, Sept 23rd 2020 were read and confirmed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Robert Jones, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies. All were in favour.

Min 80 / Oct / 20 There were no matters arising from previous meetings

Min 81 / Oct / 20 Planning Matters

- i) Planning Application PL00388.
Installation of solar PV panels x12 on South facing elevation roof at 56 New Road
Comment : No objections .

- ii) Planning Application PL0008.
Revised front elevation at Erw'r Delyn, Carmarthen Road.
Comment : No objections.

- iii) Planning application E/38117
Non material amendment, revised plans on Penrock Cottage.
Comment : No objections

- iv) Planning Application PL00620
To take down existing south west chimney and rebuild chimney at 8, George Hill.
Comment : No objections as long as all conservation regulations are met.

- v) Extension to existing Rear Ground Floor Sun Room at 12, Llys Pencrug
Comment : No objections.

Min 82 / Oct /20 Correspondence

1. Mered Williams re. Petition to CCC to make the closure of the bottom of Carmarthen Street in Llandeilo permanent, changing it to a pedestrian zone.
It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies that the Council seek greater clarification from Carmarthenshire County Council before making a decision on the plan.
Cllr Christoph Fischer proposed an amendment that the Council vote now to support the petition. Cllr Kevin Sivyer seconded.
The amendment was defeated by 7 votes to 3 with **Cllr Dawn Wallace being unavailable to vote due to loss of Zoom link.**
2. Traws Link Cymru. West Wales Rail Campaign to provide a railway between Carmarthen and Aberystwyth. Noted.
3. Local Incidences of vandalism. Concern was expressed at damage caused at the Bowls club and Penlan Park. Cllr Christoph Fischer stated that local residents were working to seek ways of setting up a youth club in the Town to engage the Town's youngsters in planned activities. The Mayor asked to be kept informed of developments. Noted.
4. Cllr Christoph Fischer had been approached by residents from Diana Road regarding the poor state of the path leading towards Dynefwr Avenue.
Cllr Edward Thomas produced evidence to show that research into the ownership of the path had failed to confirm the landowner. It was proposed by Cllr Kevin Sivyer, seconded by Cllr Rob Jones that a letter be sent to the owner of 27, Diana Road regarding the tree root from the property encroaching onto the path and a cause of danger to the public using the path. All were in favour.

5. A letter from the RFO Mr Christopher Plummer to Council advising it of his intention to retire in 2021 was read at the meeting. Councillors expressed both their disappointment yet gratitude to Mr Plummer for his excellent work over fifteen years. He would be sorely missed having provided superb financial management for the Council. Cllr Edward Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Plummer on behalf of the Council reluctantly accepting his decision and thanking him for his courtesy in giving a notice of twelve months for Council. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. All were in favour.

Min 83 / Oct / 20 Financial Matters

1.Accounts for payment for September 2020

	Net	Vat	Total
Hugh Gwynne (DD 604PLQ) bins Sept	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00
Hugh Gwynne (DD604 PP) bins Sept	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00
Hugh Gwynne (DD 604PLQ) grass Sept	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
Hugh Gwynne (DD604PP) grass Sept	£ 135.00	£ 27.00	£ 162.00
Hugh Gwynne (footpaths)	£ 520.00	£ 104.00	£ 624.00
EDF Energy (bowls pavilion)	£ 37.20	£ 1.86	£ 39.06
EDF (tennis pavilion)	£ 18.91	£ 0.95	£ 19.86
Zurich Insurance	£ 3,948.45		£ 3,948.45
Mr Flag (Town Flags)	£ 225.00	£ 45.00	£ 270.00
Ar y Gair (translations)	£ 202.80		£ 202.80
WCVA (payroll admin Aug)	£ 26.25	£ 5.25	£ 31.50
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Relm Signs (park notices)	£ 37.00	£ 7.40	£ 44.40
Davies Electrical (Christmas lights)	£ 1,180.00	£ 236.00	£ 1,416.00

dd- direct debit # - cheque * bacs. These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies and seconded by Cllr Gordon Kilby. All were in favour

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2. Income Received since 24th Sept 2020 to date

St David's Day Income) £ 803.50

3. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 25/10/20 £ 8,663.96
 LTC Deposit Account as at 25/10/20 £ 20,004.49
 Mayor's account balance at 01/10/20 £ 2,000.00

Min 84 / Oct /20 Other Financial Matters

1.External Audit 2019/20

The RFO, Mr Plummer reported that Grant Thornton, the external auditor had given the Council an unqualified audit report. The Audit return was in accordance to proper practices and no matters gave concern. There was one recommendation regarding the cancellation of cheques written before 31/03/19. This had been dealt with in the Receipts and Payments Accounts

2019-20 as circulated to Councillors prior to the audit. The Annual report next year will take account of this.

The Notice of the completion of this Audit to be posted on the Council Noticeboard.

2. The Q2 budget figures were presented to Council. Mr Plummer reported that due to COVID-19 restrictions the income figure was over £7,000 down from the original budgeted figure. This was impacting cash flow. There was a higher than expected expenditure on the parks and measures should be taken to control this to protect the Capital reserve.
3. Mr Plummer requested that the Council discuss as to whether officer hours need to be revised as a result of the Council voting to only hold one meeting a month until it is reconsidered at the May Annual Meeting. Noted.
4. Request for Financial Assistance for the Llandeilo Sports Association
The accounts for the previous year were presented to Council and noted. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the budgeted sum of £2,000 be awarded so that there would be continued support for the local sport clubs. Cllr Eifion Davies seconded. All were in favour.
5. The resident of Prospect House had requested payment for the electricity consumed at the property by the Christmas lights 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the agreed sum of £22 be paid. All were in favour.
6. Christmas Window Competition. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that this Council event be held again this year. All were in favour.

Min 85/ Oct / 20 The Town Christmas lights

The Clerk reported that two contractors had tendered for this year's erection of the Town Christmas lights. They were Charles Sams Electrical and Geraint Davies Electrics. These were opened by the Mayor and Cllr Edward Thomas, chair of the Finance Committee and recommended Geraint Davies Electrics to do the work. Noted.

Min 86 / Oct / 20 Parks Management Report

Cllr Edward Thomas reported that Cllr Dawn Wallace and Mr Richard Wallace had joined with the Mayor and himself to weed the planters in the car park.

Cllr Thomas reported that he together with the Clerk and the Mayor had met with Hugh Gwynne. He was requested to keep to the agreed grass cutting contract and remain within Budget.

This meeting was followed by a meeting at the park with our Arborist Mr David Rice. He identified Area G6 of the park as being suitable to plant the 105 tree saplings. The Mayor was enlisting the assistance of some of the Councillors and volunteers to clear the area in preparation for planting. This together with other work will restore the views from Penlan Park.

Cllr Thomas asked for some of the Members to assist in clearing all the fallen leaves along the bottom path.

The Mayor together with Cllr Thomas and Cllr Eifion Davies had cleaned the flagpole and planted some additional rhododendrons.

Cllrs Rob Jones, Christoph Fischer and Edward Thomas had joined in the first TACLO Llandeilo Rubbish Pick up on October 10th.

Hugh Gwynne has requested that the Council purchase a double recycle bin to separate rubbish. The estimated cost was £400-£500. Noted.

Cllr Dawn Wallace proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Edward Thomas for securing grants of £9,900 for the Llandeilo Food Banks. Cllr Eifion Davies seconded. All were in favour

Min 87 / Oct /20 Mayor's Report

Cllr Owen James reported that he had procured the order for Dylan from Green Fingers Ltd. to carry out the reurfing of the Civic Corner. This is lower than that quoted by another contractor last year. All were in favour of Dylan doing the work. Noted.

Min 88 / Oct / 20 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, Cllr Owen James announced that there would be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 7.00pm by Zoom to deal with two urgent matters.

- a) To consider the WelTAG2 consultation options.
- b) To consider the important planning application PL00672.
This is for the proposed change of use of the former Llandeilo Library to a Health & Wellbeing Centre linked to the adjacent Doctor's Surgery.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm