

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held in Llandeilo Bowls Club on Wednesday October 27th 2021, in Llandeilo at 7:00PM

Present : Mayor Rob Jones Deputy Mayor Gordon Kilby
Cllr Owen James Cllr Edward Thomas Cllr Dawn Wallace
Cllr Colin Jenkins Cllr Geraint Price Cllr Eifion Davies
Cllr Lesley Prosser Cllr Charlotte Morgan Cllr Christoph Fischer
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies : Cllr Chris Parish (Illness)

There were no Police Matters

Min 124 / October / 21 - There were no Declaration of Interests

Min 125 / October / 21 - County Councillors Report

Cty Cllr Edward Thomas Circulated his report

Cllr Thomas had confirmed £16.7 million of funding for the bypass from British Government, levelling up fund.

Cllr Thomas stated interest of planting trees by Claire Mansel Lewis, opposite the White Hart on vacant land. Enquiries would be made re who has ownership of land etc. Llandeilo Rotary would look to support the project.

The Scouts hut are in discussion with CCC to end the current lease and knock down the building for parking. The building is in a state of non-repair, the bowls club would welcome this. Cllr Thomas to keep Town Council up to date.

Min 126 / October / 21 - Questions from Councillors

Cllr Geraint Price asked what is happening with the Ffairfach Temporary lights? Cllr Edward Thomas stated that the contractors doing the work were behind schedule due to delay in supplies, hence a delay on works.

Cllr Christoph Fischer asked who was on the Ten town Committee as council representative. Cllr Owen James stated he was involved as a voice for council as he was Mayor when this project commenced, but welcomed all members to the Ten Towns Committee.

Min 127 / October / 21 - Minutes of the September Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday, September 22nd

Cllr Geraint Price proposed that these be accepted. Cllr Charlotte Morgan seconded. All were in favour.

Min 128 / October / 21 - Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday October 13th 2021

Cllr Charlotte Morgan proposed that these be accepted as being accurate. Cllr Owen James seconded. All were in favour.

Min 129 / October / 21 - Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday October 13th 2021

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that these were accepted with a correction to the numbering of items. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded. All were in favour.

Min 130 / October / 21 - Matters arising

Cllr Geraint Price asked Eifion Jones to chase HAGS on the installation and repair of the damaged fence as a matter of urgency. The current fence surrounding the damaged area was being vandalised on a regular basis. Eifion Jones (FO) was to chase HAGS and report by November planning meeting.

Min 131 / October / 21 - Correspondence

1. Carmarthenshire Christmas Toybox appeal, request for finance.

Cllr Colin Jenkins Proposed £50.00, Seconded by Dawn Wallace, All in Favour

2. Louise Lewis PCSO re Vandalism. Council stated footage is on the system. Clerk to contact Louise to come and look at the footage first hand.

3. Welsh Government Research into the roles and remuneration of Councillors. Councillors advised to give their feedback on the online survey.

NOTED

4. Sarah Newman re. Consultation Hub for Carmarthenshire. Online Survey had been circulated, councillors to respond.

NOTED

5. Rural Health and Care conference. Email Circulated

NOTED

6. Fairtrade Llandeilo. A statement for Llandeilo Town Council was proposed by Mayor Rob Jones and Cllr Christoph Fischer, to be adopted as a supporter of Fairtrade. It was decided councillors would meet and revise the statement prior to adopting, as there was concern over some wording in the statement.

7. Cllr Owen James read out his resignation form. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Colin Jenkins, Seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in Favour. Followed, the vacant position should be discussed at November Full Council

Min 132 / October / 21 - Financial Matters

1. Accounts for payment for October 2021

		Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
*Cllr Geraint Price	Reimbursement for bulbs, banners, Traffic sign, fuel	456.20	30.13	486.33
*EDF Energy	Bowls Pavilion	40.25	2.01	42.26
*EDF Energy	Tennis Pavilion	20.11	1.01	21.12
*EDF Energy	Bowls Shed	175.69	9.11	184.40
*WCVA	Payroll Admin October	26.25	5.25	31.50
*Festive Lighting	Christmas Tree lights	720.60	144.12	864.72

dd - direct debit

- cheque

* BACS

These were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Dawn Wallace, seconded by Cllr Owen James. All were in favour.

Note - Cllr Owen James to query the Bowls shed costing with King Jones from the Bowls Club. The figure seems higher than previous years

2. Quarterly Check :-

July-September 2021

Date	Min No	Bank Ref	Amount	Payee
5/7	60	BP42	£133.28	Malcolm Jones - Grillo
5/7	60	BP47	£32.95	Owen James
29/7	76	BP54	£1176.00	Extreme Trees
29/7	76	BP 55	£40.00	Easy PC
29/7	?	BP58	£4944	M BP Fencing *see note below
17/8	89	BP62	£180.00	Toppers Wales
19/8	89	DD	£66.06	BT
23/8	89	BP66	£18.67	EDF
19/9	33VI	SO	£3369.56	PWLB
a regular payment authorised at revised AGM each year				
22/9	89	BP75	£15.94	LBS

All the invoices were checked and compared against bank payments and minute numbers and found to be correct.

*Apart from BP58 - MBP Fencing where the item is not printed on the published minutes. The item is correct and we have valid fencing installed, bank details correct and it was included on the Finance Officers report to council but omitted off the published minutes.

Council needs to amend the minute and note that this matter has been raised. **-Noted and BP58 added to Min 76**

This is the last quarterly check done with the current Finance Officer, Christopher Plummer. Cllr Edward Thomas issued thanks to Christopher for his hard work over the years in maintaining efficient finances.

3. Audit – No news received on the Audit

4. Cash for Fireworks – Finance officer to arrange collection of Float Money

6. Income Received since 22nd September 2021 to date
£1820.00 – Mayors Dinner

7. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 27/10/21 £14,602.30

8. Additional Clerk hours for transfer of documents

Mayor Rob Jones Proposed that Llandeilo Town Council Pay the Clerk an additional week's hours at commencement of his role, to go through previous documents inherited including transfer of items.

Proposed By Cllr Rob Jones, Seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All in Favour.

Min 133 / October / 21 – Other reports

1. Christmas Lights report

Cllr Owen James confirmed that Geraint the electrician has 34 lights ready to be installed in the month of November. The Christmas Tree is being erected on the 20th November, with newly purchased white tree lighting to be displayed.

2. Fireworks Group Report

Cllr Geraint Price confirmed everything is booked and ready for the 5th November. Cllr Price requested councillor volunteers for the evening.

3. Parks Group Report

Cllr Owen James presented a quote from Charles Sams re lighting for Park Le Conquet at a cost of £1543.50 exc. VAT. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Edward Thomas, Seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in Favour.

Cllr Owen James presented a quote from Stuart Law to remedial work on the Lime trees and other trees in Penlan park at a cost of £980-£1470+VAT. Proposed by Cllr Owen James, Seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in Favour.

Cllr Owen James would organise a grass cut of Penlan park and leaf blow prior to the Remembrance day parade on the 14th November.

4. Ten Town Initiative

Cllr Edward Thomas advised a £100,000 grant for capital funding, with £10,000 revenue funding available. All councillors are welcome to come onto the steering group and help with the applications.

Main projects discussed below :-

Revenue funding :-

- Spring festival to reinvigorate the town

Capital Funding:-

- Splash park, may be out of reach regarding funding
- Pump Track, Parc Le Conquet as a possible location
- Sculpture trail, Penlan Park as a possible location
- Mosaic Trail
- Smart Towns App

NOTED

Min 134 / October / 21 - To adopt the Council's Revised Standing Orders

It was proposed that Llandeilo Town Council adopt the Revised standing orders. Proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby, Seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. 9 voted in favour, 1 voted against, 1 abstention. Motion passed

Min 135 / October / 21 - To adopt a Social Media & Publications Policy

It was proposed that Llandeilo Town Council adopt a Social Media and Publication Policy. Proposed by Cllr Christoph Fischer, Seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser. 10 voted in favour, 1 abstention. Motion passed

Min 136 / October / 21 - To adopt a Council Policy on the Environment

It was proposed that Llandeilo Town Council adopt an Environmental policy. Proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby, Seconded by Cllr Owen James. 9 voted in favour, 2 abstention. Motion passed

Min 137 / October / 21 – Mayors report

Saturday 16th October – The Mayor could not attend the annual Cricket dinner, Deputy Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby attended on his behalf.

Saturday 23rd October – Attended Royal British Legion fundraiser at Davies&Co

Thursday 28th October – Raising the British Legion Flag in Penlan Park

Friday 29th October – Will be attending the Mayors Dinner at the Cawdor Hotel

On behalf of the mayor, Cllr Colin Jenkins made an address to Roger Phillips, outgoing clerk and Christopher Plummer, outgoing Responsible Finance Officer.

Presenting both with a LTC Crested plate.

Min 138 / October / 21 - 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 20.50pm