



Minutes of the June Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held in Hengwrt on Wednesday July 27th 2022, in Llandeilo at 7:00PM

Prior to the start of the meeting, newly co-opted members Simon Brownhill and Bryony Preston signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Code of Conduct agreement and took their position as Councillor

Present : Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby Deputy Mayor Cllr Christoph Fischer
Cllr Dawn Wallace Cllr Charlotte Morgan Cllr Rob Jones
Cllr Geraint Price Cllr Edward Thomas Cllr Eifion Davies
Cllr Bryony Preston Cllr Simon Brownsill
Mr Owen James (Clerk)
Mr David Eve (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies : Cllr Richard Wallace (Unwell)
Cllr Charlotte Walker (Pre-planned holiday)

Min 73 / July / 22 - Declaration of Interests

Cllr Eifion Davies declared interest on point 11 in the County Councillors report, as a member of the Parc Pencrug Group

Cllr Christoph Fischer declared an interest in the request for free parking days on the Correspondence list, and will not discuss or vote on the matter

Min 74 / July / 22 - Police Report

No Report

Min 75 / July / 22 - County Councillors Report

County Councillor Edward Thomas circulated his monthly report :-

1. Residential Parking Bays repainted in New Road. Line marking renewed in Carmarthen Road.
2. Stage 1 Consultation re double yellow lines in Carmarthen St / Diana Road. Hopefully when the yellow lines are installed later in year, the irresponsible parking can be policed. I have kept residents informed.
3. Police have issued a community protection notice to the gent causing concern to a lot of residents with his erratic behaviour. I have not heard further reports but I am aware the Police have offered him help regarding his homeless status and if he needs any other support – the individual has declined
4. Resident of Church St has written to Jonathan Edwards MP concerned about the size & speed of tractors coming down Church St. The tractors are exiting Ysgubor Abad after accessing the field s near the railway line. I am getting advice from CCC and will meet Jonathan on site if needed. Resident is concerned about size and speed of the tractors

5. I have heard that a Dolen Teifi are looking to base an electric 14 seat bus in Llandeilo for the use of community groups. A meeting is being arranged with the organiser.

<https://www.dolenteifi.org.uk/>

They are a community-based group and it might be an interesting offer for local groups. Will report back when I know more info.

6. No further update from Pobl {Housing Association} planning to build in Parc Pencrug. Local resident Carl Cooper has written to them asking them to consult with residents. The current impasse on Phosphates is preventing a lot of new development in the Towy Valley.

Cllr Geraint Price questioned the double yellow lines for the Diana Road junction, stating it simply pushes the issue elsewhere. The parking in Llandeilo is a major issue and needs a major resolution. Cty Cllr Edward Thomas confirmed lines will only be on the junction.

Cllr Rob Jones proposed to write to Carmarthenshire County Council to work with Cae William to utilise the parking available there. Seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies.

All in favour. Clerk to write to CCC as advised

Min 76 / July / 22 – Special request by Cllr Edward Thomas to read information re the Market Hall, passed by the chair, Mayor Gordon Kilby

Cllr Edward Thomas read a statement as follows:-

I highlight the history of this building from its erection in 1838 until 2002 when Brockington & Scott Ltd vacated the building. During the next 14 years, there were several attempts to revitalize the building, which failed for various reasons - this included a plan by Gwalia to build a three-storey flat complex on part of the site.

Dawnus, a large engineering company with links to Llandeilo, submitted an expression of interest which depended on them injecting funds but also applying for Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF). Their plan involved a market space, café, offices and retail on the ground floor. The top floor would have a 60-seat restaurant.

Planning permission was granted in 2016 but Dawnus struggled to get HLF funding, failed to get any interest in the restaurant and they unfortunately had financial difficulties and pulled out.

I was able to persuade the local authority to revisit the project and the cabinet agreed to what I called “Plan B”. CCC decided to use the same architect but were obliged to change the configuration of the top floor. CCC had applied for a number of grants – EU Regional Development Funds, building for the Future and the bulk of the monies coming from Welsh Government Transforming Towns Grant. CCC also injected funds from reserves.

The WG grant stipulated that more space had to be created for job opportunities and therefore more retail, workshops and offices had to be created. This meant that there could be no restaurant on the top floor as this space had to be used for offices, workshops, retail etc. As a result, this would create more employment opportunities and in turn more money being spent in town in our shops, pubs etc.

Whilst I know many will be disappointed that there will be not be a top floor restaurant but this allocation of space will mean more jobs, better paid jobs and hopefully career

opportunities for our children. The restaurant was not on the plans submitted in 2019 and subsequently approved by Llandeilo Town Council and Local Authority Planning. TRJ are ahead of schedule and hopefully will hand the building over on time in November 2022.

Let us all rejoice that a Llandeilo landmark, which was empty for 20 years, has attracted over £4M investment and will provide this community with a revitalized building that we can all be proud of.

Min 77 / July / 22 - Questions from Councillors

Cllr Edward Thomas raised an issue from a local resident regarding the large Beech trees at the rear of the property which may cause danger to property and life if they fell. Cllr Geraint Price advised to add it to the next Parks Meeting.

Noted

Min 78 / July / 22 - Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Hengwrt on Wednesday, June 22nd 2022

The Minutes were read by Chair Mayor Gordon Kilby.

With an amendment to :-

minute 61 – Cllr name change from Cllr Charlotte Walker to Cllr Charlotte Morgan

minute 64 (2) - description of detail from Welsh Government to HMRC, British Government

minute 64 (6) - description of detail in the Congratulations letter to Ysgol Gynradd Llandeilo
Cllr Eifion Davies propose them as correct, seconded by Cllr Rob Jones.

All were in favour.

Min 79 / July / 22 - Matters arising from previous meetings

Min 64, (4) – Dani Lee mural in Llandeilo. Cllr Charlotte Morgan suggested the entrance to Park Penlan as a possible location, subject to planning requirements

Min 80 / July / 22 – Correspondence

1. A Fairer Council Tax consultation

The Welsh Government has published the consultation, ‘A Fairer Council Tax’. This consultation is live between 12 July and 4 October 2022. Llandeilo Town Council to respond. Cllr Bryony Preston to be added to the same group who will discuss Council Financial workings. The group consists of :- Chair of Finance Cllr Christoph Fischer, Clerk Owen James, Responsible Finance Officer David Eve, Cllr Charlotte Morgan, Cllr Bryony Preston

2. Planning Framework seminar

Head of Place and Sustainability within Carmarthenshire Council are running a planning framework. Clerk have advised Llandeilo Town Council will be interested in attending.

NOTED

3. Letters of complaint – Jubilee Flags

Clerk received a number of emails, phone calls and correspondence regarding why are the Jubilee flags are still being flown, especially as a high number of traffic will travel through Llandeilo to the Eisteddfod and will see mainly Jubilee flags on the High Street.

Cllr Eifion Davies proposed the jubilee Flags be taken down, and where possible replaced with any Welsh related flags that council has in stock at their earliest convenience. Seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer.

Cllr Eifion Davies requested a recorded vote, as follows :-

Vote for :- Cllr Eifion Davies, Cllr Christoph Fischer, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Rob Jones, Cllr Dawn Wallace.

Vote against :- Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Charlotte Morgan

Abstention :- Cllr Bryony Preston, Cllr Simon Brownhill

Facilities Officer Eifion Jones will sanction the removal of the jubilee flags at the contractors earliest convenience, reporting any costings that may be incurred.

4. Eisteddfod Urdd 2023 – Forward planning, Cllr Edward Thomas

Cllr Edward Thomas raised the following points for the Urdd Eisteddfod 2023

- Llandeilo Town Council need to pay the Second installment of £500 donation

Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in favour.

- Flags – ddraig goch, urdd need to be ordered in readiness for the event

- Window Competition for the event

Cllr Geraint Price stated to think of flags in the flags budget, also added a window event can be arranged nearer to the date by the Mayor.

NOTED

5. Williams Brownhill grant acceptance for Pump Track - £10,000

Clerk Owen James had been successful in obtaining a grant of £10,000 from the Williams Brownhill trust, to add to the £100,000 for the Pump Track from the Ten towns project

6. Mens Sheds – Bench to donate

Mike from Llangadog, Llandeilo & Llandovery Mens Sheds has advised they have received a grant to make community benches. More details will be advised once contact is made.

Clerk to contact and arrange style and placement of bench.

NOTED

7. Free Car Parking request – Festival of Senses

Festival of Senses have requested free car parking days for the event on November 18-20th 2022. Cllr Geraint Price proposed to arrange free parking for the Festival of Senses, adding the festival brings in significant footfall to the town. Seconded by Cllr Rob Jones. All in Favour.

8. Zoom – annual subscription

With the Zoom remote entry working, the Clerk advised an annual subscription would save approx. £25-£50 compared to a monthly contract over the course of a year.

Cllr Geraint Price proposed to look into the cheapest deal and purchase, seconded by Cllr Rob Jones. All in favour.

Clerk to source the cheapest deal which suits Llandeilo Town Council

Min 81 / July / 22 – Planning Matters

i) Planning applications :-

None

ii) Planning decisions :-

PL/03970 - Single storey extension to dwelling 25, Carmarthen Road, Llandeilo, SA19 6RP
Householder Granted

PL/03897 - Variation of Condition 2 on E/39454 to enable reconfiguration of car parking area, reduction of parking spaces amendments to drop off bay and HGV delivery zone, provision of bicycle shelter and refuse store and retention of existing retaining wall
Former Market Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo, SA19 6AE
Removal / Variation of Condition Granted

Min 82 / July / 22 - Financial Matters

1. i) Accounts for payment

	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
* Owen James – Developer Registration – Town APP LEADER	86.87	13.17	100.04
* Orchardweb – June	75.00	0.00	75.00
* LAS – June Bins	58.25	11.63	69.88
* Owen James – Zoom service LTC	11.99	2.40	14.39
* EDF – Bowls Club June	47.79	2.39	50.18
* Relm Signs – Park Signage	74.00	14.80	88.30
* Welsh Water – Bowls Club	96.39	0.00	96.39

dd - direct debit

- cheque

* BACS

These payments were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Geraint Price, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour

2. Income Received

Town App income - go cardless	£294.96
E Rees – Photos Penlan Park	£25.00
Ysgol Teilo Sant - Gazebo Hire	£25.00
B M Rogers - Gazebo Hire	£50.00

3. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 24th July 2022 = £5,490.82

LTC Deposit Account as at 24th July 2022 = £40,012.47

4. Financial Requests

i) None

5. Other Matters from the RFO

i) HSBC Mandate :-

The council agreed to obtain a new bank mandate from HSBC bank with a new list of authorised signatories comprising Councillors Edward Thomas and Christoph Fischer and the Finance Officer David Eve, the form requesting this would be signed by the Mayor / Chair Gordon Kilby and the Town Clerk Owen James. The mandate covers all accounts maintained by the Council which will require any two signatories to sign instructions. Proposed Cllr Christoph Fischer, seconded Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in Favour

ii) Audit Wales Notice 20/21 :-

Audit was passed and noted. Clerk to advertise notice on public noticeboard for a duration of 14 days at his earliest convenience

Min 83 / July / 22 – Reports

1. Facilities officer report

Report circulated to all councillors prior to meeting :-

1. Bins have been installed in new locations. This will be monitored through August to see if any other bins are required
2. Proposal by Cllr Geraint Price to erect a Welsh Flag on Penlan Park flagpole, replacing the LGBTQ+ Flag that was erected for the month of July. Seconded Cllr Charlotte Morgan, All in favour.

2. Parks Report – Chair Cllr Charlotte Morgan

- 5 year plan has begun with groundworks on the remembrance garden area at the top of Penlan Park. Work done by ETL Jones, invoice will be sent as soon as possible.

Llandeilo Bowls Club have requested Town Council purchase new machinery and paint for maintenance work, which will be paid back over a duration of time. Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, Seconded Dawn Wallace, All in favour. Clerk to liaise with Facilities officer and Llandeilo Bowls Club

Parks subgroup meeting to be called week commencing 08/08/2022

Cllr Geraint Price would like it put on record that the Car Show was a fantastic event utilising community space and would like to write and thank the organizers for their well organised event. Adding if they would like any help in 2023, LTC will be more than happy to assist where it can. Seconded by Cllr Simon Brownhill. All in favour.

3. Publication report

- Cllr Charlotte Morgan requested information from each councillor for the Website design
- Clerk to chase the declaration of interest form for each Councillor
- Social Media content needs discussion and review, meeting to be arranged at earliest convenience.

4. Christmas Lights Report

Main points from report as follows :-

1. Christmas tree to be ordered with Gerwyn. Facilities Officer Eifion Jones to sanction.
2. Tenders for the Christmas lights have been sent to companies of interest, with a return date of 25/08/22. To open Tenders 01/09/22
3. Clerk to check Anchor testing paperwork

Min 84 / July / 22 – Transport and Highways

None

Min 85 / July / 22 – Town Council Gazeebos and rentable assets

Cllr Geraint Price proposed item be given to Chair of Finance, Deputy Chair and select councillors to discuss costings going forward.

Min 86 / July / 22 – To purchase Past Mayor, Mayoress, Consort Medals

Clerk to get prices for Full Council September for Council to then make a decision of how many to purchase

Min 87 / July / 22 – To approve drawings for Bowling Pavilion extension

The bowling pavilion extension drawings supplied by DR Design had been circulated for Councillors. It was proposed by Rob Jones that these fulfil the need of a storage area for council and improved Indoor Sport for Llandeilo Bowls Club. Seconded by Cllr Geraint Price. All in Favour.

Min 88 / July / 22 – Mayors Report

Mayor Gordon Kilby gave a verbal report as follows :-

- Attended Rotary AGM
- Opened 20th Music Festival in Llandeilo and gave a closing speech on 23/07
- Judged the best entry for the Classic Car event on King Street, thoroughly enjoyed a great event
- Attended a lecture by Thomas Lloyd OBE, ‘Architects of the Tywi Valley’

Min 89 / July / 22 – Any 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 Geraint Price requested ‘Social Media during meetings’ be put on September Full Council agenda. Mayor Gordon Kilby approved and will be added

Meeting Closed at 20.44pm .