

# **Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr**

## **Llandeilo Fawr Town Council**

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### **Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Christopher Parish,  
Cllr Kevin Sivyer, Cllr Lesley Prosser, Cllr Geraint Price  
Mr Roger Phillips ( Town Clerk )  
Mr Christopher Plummer ( Finance Officer )  
Mr Eifion Jones ( Facilities Officer)

**Apologies:** Cllr Gordon Kilby ( attending a meeting on behalf of the Council)

**There were no Police Matters.**

#### **Min 91 / Nov / 20 Declaration of Interests.**

Mayor Cllr Owen James declared an interest in the Agenda item regarding PWLB Borrowing Approval as an employee of Menter Bro Dinefwr and did not take part in the item.

#### **Min 92 / Nov / 20 The County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Edward Thomas had circulated his report in advance of the meeting. Cllr Thomas reported that CCC were trying to provide additional bays in Carmarthen Street to help residents.

The defibrillator in New road was used on a local person last week. The machine has been replaced and the Council has been asked to take part in a 'guardian scheme' to ensure its safe working again in the future.

There have been reports that some drug taking is occurring in PLQ. The Police have been informed.

Damage has been caused to the grass verge in Heol y Garreg Las. This is being caused by cars parking inconsiderately taking and collecting their children from school. The head teachers would be asked to write again to parents to request their co-operation.

A webinar organised by Antur Teifi reported on how successful the Llandeilo Town WiFi had been when compared to similar Towns in the County.

SWTRA had resolved a flooding problem in a Bridge Street house after initially refusing responsibility. SWTRA are also investigating the possibility of a guardrail along the pavement near the primary schools.

CCC are still committed to the concept of converting the old Tregib site into a super primary to host 4/5 small schools.

#### **Min 93 / Nov / 20 Previous Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held by Zoom remotely in Llandeilo on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 were read and confirmed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Robert Jones, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held by Zoom remotely in Llandeilo on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 were read and confirmed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones. All were in favour.

### **Min 94 / Nov/ 20 Matters arising from previous meetings**

Following a request from Cllr Colin Jenkins regarding the tenders for the contract to erect the 2020 Christmas Lights the Clerk provided the following details :

Charles Sams Electrical £ 6,840

Davies Electrics £ 6.500

The contract had been awarded to Davies Electrics.

### **Min 95 / Nov /20 Correspondence**

1. Cllr Edward Thomas reported that he had been contacted by the Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust regarding the need to register the details of each defibrillators in the Council Area. The Mayor stated that he had already uploaded one apparatus on the system and would continue to add the others. Cllr Colin Jenkins stated that this was very important to assist the emergency services. Noted.
2. Cllr Kevin Sivyer reported that he had revised the health and safety policies for the Council and asked for these to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting. Noted.
3. Cllr Christoph Fischer reported that Llandeilo Town WiFi had secured funding for the next two years and would continue to provide valuable services for the Town businesses and visitors. Cllr Edward Thomas stated that it had one of the highest usage in Carmarthenshire.
4. Cllr Christoph Fischer raised the concerns of some local people regarding the behaviour of a local resident. Cllr Thomas stated that CCC were hopeful of having a positive outcome to the problems. Cllr Fischer's letter would be forwarded to Mr Chris Lloyd.
5. The Clerk had sent a letter to the Council of his intention to retire in 2021. Cllr Edward Thomas in accepting his decision with reluctance, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Phillips for all his work over the last fifteen years. This was seconded by the Mayor Cllr Owen James. All were in favour.

### **Min 96 / Nov / 20 Financial Matters**

#### **1.Accounts for payment for November 2020**

	Net	Vat	Total
Hugh Gwynne (DD 604PLQ) bins Oct	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00
Hugh Gwynne ( DD604 PP) bins Oct	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00
Hugh Gwynne (Edward Thomas)Fence Rail	£ 380.00	£ 76.00	£ 456.00
The Works ( plants for park and civic corner)	£ 195.74		£ 195.74
EDF Energy (bowls pavilion) Oct	£ 37.02	£ 1.85	£ 38.87
EDF ( tennis pavilion) Sept	£ 18.91	£ 0.95	£ 19.86
WCVA ( payroll admin Nov)	£ 26.25	£ 5.25	£ 31.50
Audit Wales	£ 398.75		£ 398.75
Dawn Wallace ( daffodil bulbs)	£ 17.94		£ 17.94
BT Broadband (DD)	£ 54.46		£ 54.46
BT Phone (DD)	£ 65.50		£ 65.50
Lloyds British ( Christmas lights)Brackets	£ 920.00	£ 184.00	£ 1,104.00
EDF Energy ( Tennis pavilion) Oct	£ 20.23	£ 1.02	£ 21.35

dd- direct debit # - cheque \* bacs. These were recommended for payment.

Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser. All were in favour.

## 2. Income Received since 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to date

Carreg Law	£ 60.00
Evans & Hughes	£ 60.00
Llys Cennen	£ 60.00

## 3. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 19/11 20	£ 6,781.17
LTC Deposit Account as at 19/11/20	£ 20,004.49
Mayor's account balance at 19/11/20	£ 1,800.00

## 4. Matters arising from the Accounts for payment.

- i) It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones that the Clerk writes to the Tennis Club to request a contribution towards the EDF charges for electricity. No contribution had been received to date this year. All were in favour.

### Min 97 / Nov /20 Other Financial Matters

- i) To remove the extra one monthly hour payment in lieu of Asset Transfer.  
The RFO recommended that this be removed as the process had now been completed.  
It was proposed by Cllr Robert Jones, seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser that the extra one hour Monthly payment be removed. All were in favour.
- ii) Further PWLB borrowing Approval.  
Mr Plummer requested permission from the Council to seek the Approval of the PWLB so that the Council could apply for loans suitable for future Council projects. Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that Mr Plummer may apply for the approval. Cllr Eifion Davies seconded. All were in favour.
- iii) Request for Financial Support from Adran Penrhyd  
Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that this be declined. It could be reconsidered if the organisation could produce a full set of accounts. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. All were in favour.
- iv) The Finance Officer provided comprehensive data for the Councillors to examine thoroughly in readiness for the Council Budget Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm by Zoom. Noted.

### Min 98 / Nov/ 20 Planning Matters

#### 1. Planning Applications

- i) PL00693 Change of use from A1 shop to an A3 food & Drink Shop at 135, Rhosmaen Street.  
**Comment : No objections**
- ii) PL00624 Proposed installation of 8 Solar Panels on South East ( road facing )slope at 22, New Road.  
**Comment : No objections as long as all conservation area regulations are followed.**

#### 2. Planning Decisions

- i) E/33694 Construction of a garden shed at Myrtle Hill, 9, Bank Terrace. **GRANTED**

- ii) E/31648 Replacement of 13 traditional single sash sliding windows with 13, traditional sliding double glazed windows at The Cawdor. **GRANTED**

### **Min 99/ Nov / 20 The Town Christmas lights**

- i) The Clerk was requested to contact SWTRA to seek clarification as to whether it was compulsory that the Council had to have load testing carried out on the Christmas lights brackets every year. Proposed by Cllr Owen James, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour.
- ii) Cllr Geraint Price proposed that the Clerk relays the Council's thanks to the Christmas lights contractor Geraint Davies for all his excellent work this year. Cllr Owen James seconded. All were in favour.
- iii) It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Christmas Lights subgroup by Zoom on Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 8.00pm. Noted.

### **Min 100 / Nov / 20 Parks Management Report**

Cllr Edward Thomas and Cllr Kevin Sivyer had carried out a safety inspection of Penlan Park. Several issues of safety were highlighted on various paths and these will be remedied over the next twelve months. Warning signs will be placed appropriately to guide users of the park.

Cllr Kevin Sivyer has also prepared a report to Council on matters in Parc Le Conquet that need attention. This will be discussed at the December Full Council Meeting.

Cllr Edward Thomas will request Council to re-consider improving the lighting in Parc Le Conquet in light of recent incidents.

### **Min 101 / Nov /20 Mayor's Report**

Cllr Owen James reported on the RBL Remembrance Day service held for the first time in Penlan park due to current Covid regulations. It was conducted with the dignity it deserved, and he thanked the Councillors who took part as members of the British Legion.

The work on the Civic corner has been completed with the new turf laid.

The Bowls club had given permission for the Council to erect a small tool shed on their premises. This would store equipment for volunteers assisting the Council on the parks.

The Mayor and many volunteers continued to work on the Nature project in Penlan Park.

Cllr James offered a grateful thanks to all who had assisted with the work.

The Mayor had also opened a new Pop-up Shop on Rhosmaen Street

### **Min 102 / Nov/ 20 To consider the Petition to pedestrianise Carmarthen Street**

As a result of Minute 82/ Oct/ 20 which Council passed that greater clarification from statutory bodies be sought, correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors. This included comments from Richard Waters, CCC Highways & Transportation Manager and Richard Felton, Head of Response Mid & West Wales fire & Rescue Services.

The Mayor Cllr Owen James proposed that Llandeilo Town Council supports a further study to close the bottom of Carmarthen Street. Cllr Christoph Fischer seconded.

Cllr Dawn Wallace proposed the following amendment; that Llandeilo Town Council does not support a study to close Carmarthen Street. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded.

Three votes were cast for the Amendment and seven votes were cast for the Proposal.

The Proposal was carried by 7 votes to 3, with CC Edward Thomas abstaining.

**Min 103/ Nov/ 20 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2021-22.**

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor for 2021-22 be done at the February Full Council Meeting as per the norm. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

**Min 104 / Nov / 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 9.28pm