



Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, December 9th 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, Cllr Gordon Kilby.
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies: None

There were no Police Matters.

Min 107 / Dec / 20 There were no Declaration of Interests.

Min 108 / Dec / 20 The County Councillor's Report

Cllr Thomas had met CCC officers regarding the speed of vehicles at the A40T junction. He has written to SWTRA & Ken Skates regarding the need to lower the speed limit.

Cllr Thomas had spoken with Chris Llewellyn (CCC) regarding a local resident who continued to present problems in her area. The matter remains unresolved.

The Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Dinefwr had reminded students not to leave the school during lunchtimes as complaints had been received of students congregating outside town takeaways. Permission had been received for two free parking days in the Town on 12th and 19th December.

Min 109 / Dec / 20 Previous Full Council Minutes.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held by Zoom remotely in Llandeilo on Wednesday, November 25th 2020 were read and confirmed as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Kevin Sivyer. All were in favour.

Min 110/ Dec/ 20 Minutes of the Special Budget Council Meeting

- A) The Minutes of the Special Budget Council Meeting held by Zoom remotely in Llandeilo on Wednesday, December 2nd 2020 were read and confirmed that the precept would rise by 3.5% for 2021-22. This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.
- B) The Finance Officer recommended the Budget Forecast for the year 2021-22. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that the recommended forecast be accepted. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. Cllr Christoph Fischer abstained from voting. Eleven Councillors voted in favour of the recommendation. The motion was carried.

Min 111 / Dec / 20 There were no Matters arising from previous meetings

Min 112 / Dec /20 Correspondence

- i) Mary Morris re. Tennis Pavilion energy charges. Mary stated that tennis club had agreed at their last AGM to contribute £50 per annum towards these charges. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish to request the Tennis club to send to the Council £50 to cover 2019/20 and £50 towards charges in 2020/21. All were in favour.
- ii) Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner re. proposed new Domestic Abuse Policy. Noted.
- iii) Dafydd Llewellyn Dyfed Powys Police Commissioner re. online dangers. Noted.
- iv) Cllr Christoph Fischer re. Standing Order 15 sub paragraph f. It was proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby that a meeting of the Procedures committee be held early in January to review the Council's Standing Orders. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour
- v) The Clerk re the Council telephone line. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the Council continue to pay the line rental in order to secure the phone number in readiness for its return to Shire Hall. All were in favour.

Min 113 / Dec / 20 Financial Matters

1.Accounts for payment for November 2020

| | Net | Vat | Total |
|---|----------|---------|----------|
| Hugh Gwynne (DD 604PLQ) bins Dec | £ 80.00 | £ 16.00 | £ 96.00 |
| Hugh Gwynne (DD604 PP) bins Dec | £ 80.00 | £ 16.00 | £ 96.00 |
| Orchardweb (website updates) | £ 40.00 | | £ 40.00 |
| LBS Builders Merchants | £ 298.16 | £ 51.26 | £ 349.42 |
| Royal British Legon Poppy Appeal(donation) | £ 50.00 | | £ 50.00 |

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 24th November 2020 to date

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| Infinite Law | £ 60.00 |
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3. Account Balances

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| LTC Current Account as at 8/12 20 | £ 6,764.28 |
| LTC Deposit Account as at 8/12/20 | £ 15,005.48 |
| Mayor's account balance at 8/12/20 | £ 1,735.00 |

Min 114 / Dec /20 Other Financial Matters

- i) The Finance Officer reported that he had sent all the requested Borrowing Approval details to the PLWB. Noted.
- ii) The Finance Officer had circulated the revised 2021/2 Budget data to all Councillors.

Min 115 / Dec / 20 Planning Matters

1. Planning Applications

- i) PL00885 Erection of residential dwelling 1 ½ storey bungalow on land at 40, Lon Rhys.
Comment : No objections.

2. Planning Decisions

- i) PL00388 Installation of Solar PV Panels x12 on South face elevation at 56, New Road. **Fully Granted.**

Min 116 / Dec/ 20 To Update the Annual Council Health & Safety Policy for 2020/21

Cllr Kevin Sivyer addressed the Council of the necessary changes that had been made to the

- (A) Policy as part of the annual update. The updated policy was proposed for adoption by Cllr Kevin Sivyer, seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Owen James. All were in favour. Cllr Edward Thomas proposed a Volunteer Protocol for work being carried out in the Council's parks. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed one change to be made in the document; to change the word owned by the Town Council to leased by the Town Council. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that the amended Protocol be adopted by the Council. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded. Cllr Christoph Fischer abstained from voting. All other Councillors voted in favour of accepting the protocol. This motion was carried. Cllr Kevin Sivyer and the Mayor would organise a short course for all volunteers. Noted.

Min 117/ Dec / 20 The Town Christmas lights

A verbal report was given by the Mayor and Cllr Geraint Price. They stated that a new position for the Nadolig Llawen Motif was still being investigated. There were a few buildings that did not have their lights on, i.e. Threshers, Laundrette, Carmarthen street Dentist and only one of the Cawdor motifs were lit. The Mayor would make enquiries.

It was proposed by Cllr Geraint Price, seconded by Cllr Lesley Prosser that the Council advertise a three year tender contract for the erection of the Christmas lights for 2021,2022 and 2023.

All were in favour.

It was agreed that the Tender documents be sent out in February with the final details to be confirmed at the January Full Council Meeting.

Min 118 / Dec / 20 Parks Management Report

The Mayor reported that as a result of Mr David Rice being unable to carry out inspections of Penlan Park due to knee problems, he had been recommended another tree specialist. This was necessary to comply with the fact that Penlan Park was in a conservation area. David Rice has recommended a Haverfordwest company, Tree Consultants Wales. The quoted price for a two year contract of inspections and advice was £450 ex vat.

It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones that this be accepted. All were in favour.

The Mayor stated that as a result of the current Covid virus restrictions he had attended very few engagements during the year and had therefore a significant reserve in the Mayor's Account. It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Robert Jones that permission be given to reallocate funds from the Mayor's account to pay for the above fees. All were in favour. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Mr Rice for all the help and guidance he had given the Council over many years. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded. All were in favour.

Min 119 / Dec /20 Mayor's Report

Cllr Owen James thanked all Councillors for their commitment and attendance at meetings throughout 2020.

He wished all a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Min 120 / Dec / 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