



CYNGOR TREF LLANDEILO FAWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the January Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held in Hengwrt on Wednesday January 25th 2023, in Llandeilo at 7:00PM

Present : Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby
Deputy Mayor Cllr Christoph Fischer
Cllr Charlotte Morgan Cllr Bryony Preston Cllr Simon Brownsill
Cllr Guy Evans Cllr Sian Lewis Cllr Keely Clarke
Cllr Matthew Crayford Cllr Rob Jones
Mr Owen James (Clerk)
Mr David Eve (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies : Cllr Charlotte Walker (Medical)
Cllr Geraint Price (Work Commitments)

Min 160 / January / 23 - Declaration of Interests

None

Min 161 / January / 23 - Police Report

None

Min 162 / January / 23 - County Councillors Report

County Councillor Edward Thomas circulated his monthly report :-

1. A meeting was held Mid December with CCC Head of Service Highways and officers of Welsh Government regarding Llandeilo By Pass. We are awaiting the report from WG but CCC made it clear to the Welsh Government Officers that the NO By Pass option i.e. traffic light in the centre of town and diversion alongside road would not work and would create more problems than it would solve.
2. The discussion I had with Lee Waters AS Minister for Transport clearly revealed he is not keen on fulfilling his party's commitment to the Plaid / Labour agreement made in 2016 regarding Llandeilo By Pass. Jonathan Edwards MP has called on the Plaid AS's who represent this constituency to campaign harder for the project.
3. I have asked Wales & West Utilities when they intend moving on from New Road. It is causing issues for New Road residents who are unable to park close to their property.
4. New Waste strategy starts January 23rd. All residents will get their glass collection box before 2nd week of February in plenty of time for the first glass collection.
5. I have had meetings with Carl Cooper and Richard Workman who are setting a residents group in Parc Pencrug regarding the proposed development by Pobl Group. I have contacted the Head of Service for Planning to arrange a meeting to discuss the project. All residents are concerned about the road access into the estate and the repercussions for the

town's infrastructure. I would like to compliment Cllr Byrony Preston for the lead she is taking on this project on behalf of the Town Council. We need additional social housing – there is a definite need but Pobl do not seem to understand that the access they are planning is not right and they should look to access on to Lower Rhosmaen near the Gurrey as it will provide better connectivity to the town, schools and shops

6. Complaint received from a resident Rhosmaen Street regarding the cars she feels are abandoned in the old Thomas Bros garage. Also she stated that there are rats. I asked Public Protection to check the site and they saw no evidence of rats.

7. Trying to help one resident in Maes Elfryn and one resident in Heol y Garreg Glas with housing repair issues. Also another resident is seeking to down size

8. I was made aware of plans by an energy company to erect pylons from a wind farm in Powys down the Towy Valley to a site near Pont Abraham. I believe that BUTE ENERGY should run these cables underground.

A meeting has been convened by Cllr Ann Davies Rural Affairs to update county councillors whose wards are affected. It's hoped that communities will form action groups to fight this blot on the landscape. I will report back once I have more information.

9. I have liaised with the clerk in trying to get a new port-a-cabin on the Tregib site after Owen forwarded pictures of the roof, which is showing the ravages of age and bad weather.

10. Resident in Red Cottages near Home Farm has written to National Trust to complain about their lack of maintenance of culvert on their land, which has the potential of causing flooding to the 4 properties, which get the run off. National Trust have stated they are maintaining and that the recent heavy down pours are exceptional

11. The present financial situation has caused the LA to reappraise its MEP {Modernising Education Plan} and Llandeilo schools have been moved from Band A to Band B. I am disappointed but we are dealing with tremendous demands on funding and I will continue to lobby to get the project.

12. A new order to restore yellow lanes in Greenfield Place is due to take effect early Feb. This to prevent cars blocking or making it difficult to access/ egress to Orchard Close & Johns Villa

13. I have chased up the Transport on the plans to put double yellow lines on the junction of Diane Rd and Carmarthen Rd.

14. The Head Teacher of Ysgol Bro Dinefwr will retire end of Spring Term. Job Advert out shortly

Questions as follows to the County Councillors report:-

Cllr Christoph Fischer asked when was the next meeting for the Market Hall. CC Edward Thomas confirmed 01.02.23

Cllr Charlotte Morgan asked what is happening to the bin schedule? Bin bags have been sat outside properties for approximately a week with no collection?

CC Edward Thomas confirmed that the lorries were behind on collections and the transition will take more time than envisaged.

Cllr Rob Jones asked had POBL considered a Layby entry point on the A40 for the new development?

CC Edward Thomas confirmed this was discussed but it seemed this had not been an option prior to local information.

Cllr Matthew Crayford added that land could be rented to make this a feasible option. CC Edward Thomas to take this back to POBL at the next meeting.

Cllr Gordon Kilby regarding point 6, stated that the area should be planning and licence if trading off the premises. CC Edward Thomas stated that he will look into the matter.

Min 163 / January / 23 - Questions from Councillors

Cllr Matthew Crayford asked who owns the Squash club and would there be a contact as the surrounding wall and railings are overgrown with ivy and various bush/shrub.

Clerk to get contact details.

Min 164 / January / 23 - Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Hengwrt on Wednesday, December 14th 2022

The December Full Council Minutes were read by Chair Mayor Gordon Kilby.

Cllr Charlotte Morgan proposed them as correct, seconded by Cllr Geraint Price.

All were in favour.

Min 165 / January / 23 - Matters arising from previous meetings

None

Min 166 / January / 23 – Correspondence

1. Section 6 – One Voice Wales form

Clerk informed and circulated the Section 6 document for council to approve. Clerk thanked Cllr Charlotte Morgan and Cllr Matthew Crayford for their input to the document.

Proposed by Cllr Bryony Preston, seconded by Cllr Charlotte Morgan. All in favour

2. Llandeilo RFC – Grant Support

Llandeilo RFC contacted to ask for Llandeilo Town Council's support for fund applications with the WRU.

Cllr Christoph Fischer proposed we offer support as we use the facility for yearly events, seconded by Cllr Rob Jones.

3. Bute Energy – Possible consultation for a sustainable development

There is a current development for new 132kV electricity overhead line which will connect Mifhill Energy Park to generate 237MW of clean green wind energy. There will be a meeting consultation date in the near future. Discussions have started with local landowners.

Proposed by Cllr Gordon Kilby for the Clerk to chase the meeting date as there is some concern around the project. Seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke, all in favour

4. Crickieth creadigol

Crickieth creadigol have been shortlisted for a national competition and would like all local councils to support where possible.

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5. 30 Bridge Street Llandeilo, Listed structure request

The current Occupant of 30 Bridge Street, also known as Gerwyns Fruit and Veg building, is requesting Llandeilo Town Council to support the listing application.

Cllr Charlotte Morgan, Chair of Planning, confirmed until the listing application is with Carmarthenshire County Council, LTC will not be able to add comment or support as the official documentation will not be in the public domain.

Once the official documentation is readily available, LTC will then be able to add comment.

Cllr Charlotte Morgan proposed speaking to the Civic Trust society to offer assistance with the project.

6. EV Charging points, 'Char.gy'

Clerk circulated correspondence from 'Char.gy', an energy company looking to install EV charge points into local communities.

Clerk to respond and state that it could be of interest but Carmarthenshire County Council manage all Carparks and roads in Llandeilo. It would be best to contact them directly

7. Street Flags Llandeilo

Cllr Geraint Price proposed a list of flags to purchase for the 2023 summer season,

Cllr Rob Jones added this year it would be the same as 2021 and before, where Wales and St Davids flags will alternate on the main street. Cllr Christoph Fischer added that 6 flags of special occasions would be beneficial, that could be interchanged throughout summer.

Cllr Rob Jones proposed the following flags for Rhosmaen Street.

6no St David flags, permanent through summer

6no Welsh flags, permanent through summer

6no Brittany flags, temporary for Le Conquet visit

6no Pride flags, temporary for pride month

Seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke.

9 votes for, 1 abstention.

Clerk to liaise with David Eve and Cllr Geraint Price for purchase of flags

Clerk also requested which flags to purchase for Penlan Park flagpole.

Cllr Charlotte Morgan proposed the following purchase of 1 flag each :-

Union Jack for Armed Forces day

Brittany Flag

VJ day flag

VE day flag

Peace flag for world peace day

Urdd Flag

Ukrainian Flag

Seconded by Cllr Rob Jones. All in favour.

Cllr Charlotte Morgan proposed purchase of 1 each of the four nations Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales to fly on their respective Saint days. Seconded by Guy Evans.

Cllr Keely Clarke proposed we only purchase Welsh flag and not all four. Seconded by Christoph Fischer.

For the counter proposal – 4 votes

For the original proposal – 6 votes

Original proposal proceeds.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Geraint Price to purchase the flags

8. Llandeilo TC Community school Governor vacancy

Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant had noted that an existing governors term was coming to an end, therefore there was a vacancy on the board.

Cllr Rob Jones proposed Cllr Christoph Fischer be put forward for the role, pending Cllr Christoph Fischer was happy to accept the nomination. Seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke. All in favour.

Clerk to forward Cllr Fischers name and any others prior to the 28.02.23 deadline.

9. Tregib Stores

Clerk reported the current storage at Tregib is insufficient long term as the building is deteriorating. Discussions have started with Carmarthenshire County Council for another suitable cabin already on site, although it has no access ramp or steps. CCC have offered the cabin to LTC, but LTC must pay for the steps leading into the cabin.

Cllr Simon Brownsill proposed we accept the cabin and cost steps leading into the cabin. Seconded by Cllr Rob Jones. All in favour.

Facilities officer Eifion Jones to liaise with the Clerk to cost steps.

10. Farmers Market proposal – Simon Buckley

Local resident and business owner Simon Buckley has contacted regarding a possible Farmers Market in Llandeilo Town to generate footfall in the Town.

Cllr Rob Jones propose we accept a meeting with Simon to discuss potential developments as this could work well in the town. Seconded by Cllr Bryony Preston. All in Favour.

Clerk to Contact Mr. Buckley for a meeting date

11. Llandeilo Town Council update and overhaul

Clerk gave a verbal report to council that having attended a GDRP Course via One Voice Wales, the current documentation was not up to standard.

Council have been offered guidance by a local resident, but the Clerk informed we have official routes via Welsh Government and One Voice Wales to obtain such documentation. Clerk thanked the resident for their offer.

Clerk to circulate new guidance for February Full Council.

Min 167 / January / 23 – Planning Matters

Planning matters

None

Planning Decisions

None

Min 168 / January / 23 - Financial Matters

1. Accounts for payment

	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
* Orchardweb - Nov updates	75.00	0.00	75.00
* G Price - Grillo Fuel, Cutting Head, Weed Killer, Stationery + Mileage	380.93	64.23	443.16
* Owen James - Zoom Dec 2022	5.99	1.20	7.19
* One Voice Wales - Training	315.00	0.00	315.00
* Dwr Cymru - Bowls Club	151.55	0.00	151.55
* LAS Recycling - Dec	3.26	0.65	3.91
* GT Locksmith - Bowls Club	7.00	0.00	7.00
* Davies Eectricals - Christmas Lghts	6,295.00	1,259.00	7,554.00
* EDF - Bowls Club - Dec	151.45	7.59	159.04
* EDF - Tennis Club- Dec	25.60	1.25	26.85

dd - direct debit

- cheque

* BACS

These payments were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Charlotte Morgan, seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer. All in favour

2. Income Received

	£
Town App income - go cardless	49.16
Carms CC - Precept	24,790.33

3. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 20th Jan 2023 = £2,583.63

LTC Deposit Account as at 20th Jan 2023 = £68,066.82

4. Financial Requests

i) Litfest Llandeilo – Litfest is going ahead on April 29/30th 2023. Provided financial documentation and cover letter.

Cllr Christoph Fischer left the room as he is chair of the Litfest Llandeilo Festival.

Cllr Rob Jones proposed we offer the budgeted £350.00, also offer possible further funding pending discussions with the Festival, permitting they have a project for additional funding. Seconded by Cllr Charlotte Morgan, all in favour.

Cllr Keely Clarke proposed a letter also be sent, that ideally once any initial funding has been approved that all festivals aim to become self-financing. Seconded by Cllr Simon Brownsill.

ii) Urdd Mural

A request had been made for Llandeilo Town Council to support a new mural being made for the Urdd 2023. The mural location is to be confirmed but Meddygfa Teilo but not confirmed. Cllr Charlotte Morgan request we have more information regarding location, design, costings etc prior to proposing to support.

Clerk to respond.

iii) Action Hub, on behalf of Pride Llandeilo

Llandeilo Pride has formed a sub committee to organise events around Pride on July 8th. The group have asked for support regarding flags to be flown on Rhosmaen Street during Pride Month, June and July.

Cllr Keely Clarke confirmed this had been discussed prior in the meeting and 6 flags will be purchased for Rhosmaen Street.

5. Other Matters from the Responsible Finance Officer

Bank Mandate

The council agreed to obtain a new bank mandate from HSBC bank with a new list of authorised signatories comprising and the Finance Officer David Eve, Christoph Fischer and Simon Brownsill. 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 Rob Jones, Seconded Cllr Charlotte Morgan. All in favour.

Min 169 / January / 23 – Reports

1. Facilities officer report

Report circulated to all councillors prior to meeting :-

Facilities officer report

1. Bins
2. Electric meter readings
3. Price from Matthew regarding repairs to exercise area
4. Oil locks, gates and Bins
5. Clean up after blown pipes in tennis pavilion
6. Check CCTV for incident regarding bowls roller
7. Dog fouling signs removed
8. Plumber repaired tennis pavilion and will make good bowls shed as soon as

possible

9. Requested price for gate between tennis courts

10. The '5 minute litterpick' sign had been left out

2. Parks Report – Chair Cllr Charlotte Morgan

Cllr Charlotte Morgan reported on further progress

- Probation team have been attending the parks and are progressing well with general park maintenance and cleanliness

- Revised budget and moneys are being spent as required.

- Charlotte is to get quotes for tree work once the tree report is returned from Tree Consultant Paul Cleaver

Next Parks meeting at 6:30PM – 07.02.23

3. Publication report

Cllr Charlotte Morgan stated Newsletter in hand and due for dispatch end of April.

Website is advancing, thanking the Clerk and Cllr Rob Jones for looking at the Welsh aspect of the website.

A Llandeilo Town Council Instagram has been made to add to the social media outlets.

Next publications meeting 6:30PM – 28.02.23

Min 170 / January / 23 – Development by POBL Housing at Parc Pencrug

Consultation phase and pre applications had begun. Cllr Bryony Preston has been in constant discussion with the residents of Maes Elfryn and POBL housing to make sure concerns are heard such as wildlife, noise, pollution, disruption during build etc. POBL are hoping to submit a planning application by March 2023.

Clerk has asked POBL to keep Llandeilo Town Council in the know re progress.

Min 171 / January / 23 – Bowls Club Rental Agreement

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer have devised a Rental agreement document to sign with the Llandeilo Bowls club moving forward.

Cllr Rob Jones proposed Clerk and finance officer meet the bowls to arrange and negotiate the agreement. Seconded by Cllr Simon Brownsill. All in favour

Min 172 / January / 23 – Tender document for Bowls Club

Clerk advised that the Tender for the Bowls Club Extension will be ready by beginning of January.

Cllr Rob Jones advised to proceed with the Tender at the earliest availability, with an approximate month lead time for returned documents. Cllr Simon Brownsill seconded.

All in favour

Min 173 / January / 23 – Carmarthenshire Budget report and consultation

Clerk advised that Carmarthenshire County Council had sent a consultation regarding the proposed budget that Councillors decided at the end of January. This was to be returned by 29.01.23. Clerk asked all councillors to respond in their capacity as councillor to the report.

Min 174 / January / 23 – Mayors report

Cllr Gordon gave a verbal report as follows:-

- Visited ex Councillor Chris Parish, who wishes everyone a healthy and happy new year
- Visited Lee Selby at the Llandeilo Boxing Club. A very pleasant, professional boxer who spent the day at the Boxing Club

- The Mayor Charity Dinner will be on March 03, 2023 at The Plough

Min 175 / January / 23 – 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

Meeting Closed at 21.30PM