



CYNGOR TREF LLANDEILO FAWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the March Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held in Hengwrt on Wednesday, March 22nd 2023 at 7:00PM

Present : Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby
Deputy Mayor Cllr Christoph Fischer (arrived minute 198)
Cllr Charlotte Morgan Cllr Simon Brownsill Cllr Sian Lewis
Cllr Keely Clarke Cllr Matthew Crayford Cllr Geraint Price
Mr Owen James (Clerk)
Mr David Eve (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies : Cllr Rob Jones (Prior Engagement)
Cllr Guy Evans (Unwell)
Cllr Charlotte Walker (Unwell)

Prior to commencement of the meeting. Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby, acknowledged the resignation of Cllr Bryony Preston and thanked her for her work on the Council

Min 195 / March / 23 - Declaration of Interests

None

Min 196 / March / 23 - Police Report

Incidents recorded between 01/01/2023 – 27/02/2023 in the Llandeilo ward

The following are the incidents which have been reported within the Llandeilo ward from 01/01/2023 (whilst these are shown as Llandeilo ward, several are in Ffairfach).

Traffic matters 22	Safety welfare 8	Admin 8	Hate incidents 1
Suspicious incidents 14	999 calls 5	Criminal damage 4	Sexual 2
Harassment 13	Theft 8	Missing persons 3	Crime other 1
Repeat calls 13	Burglary 4	Road traffic collision 11	Sudden death 3
Domestic issues 12	Assault 2	ASB – nuisance 5	ASB – personal 2

In relation to ASB, the matters which have been raised in Llandeilo are as follows:

Crescent Road:

Unknown youths have been entering a derelict property where they have been climbing the scaffolding and are said to have been using the rear of the property as a shelter.

Rhosmaen Street:

Issues with persons unknown whom have placed chalk on a business premises. Enquires made which gives leads in relation to a customer of the business who has been banned from the shop, and is likely to be responsible.

Maesyglyn:

Housing issue regarding drug use. Occupants are known to Police

In relation to criminal damage, the matter which have been raised in Llandeilo are as follows:

Crescent Road:

Reports of vehicle window having been damaged; the caller did state that she believed the damage could be as a result of something kicking up from the road. No CCTV available.

Dynevor Avenue:

Windows egged by persons unknown. No CCTV available and negative enquires upon speaking to neighbours.

Llandeilo train station still features on our patrol plan where work has been carried out with BTP; meeting had to discuss actions and joint patrols during the spring/summer months where the issues usually increase.

Crescent Road features on the patrol plan due to concerns regarding youths attending the derelict premises and causing ASB, as well as the safety concerns.

Noted

Min 197 / March / 23 - County Councillors Report

County Councillor Edward Thomas sent apologies prior to the meeting, and forwarded the monthly report :-

1. Possible Farmers Market – Owen (LTC Clerk) & I had a meeting on Thursday 16.03 with officers from LA to discuss this possible idea. It would appear that up to £10k Revenue Grant via UK Prosperity Grant. - Certainly worth exploring. Huw Parsons of CCC tourism was very much in support of the project. We need to look at the various rules & regulations we will need to observe to comply with Market Rules etc.
2. We were also advising that through the UK Prosperity Fund that up to £1M will be available for the 10 Market Towns, that is 100k per town. It will be administered by CCC and will look at Street furniture, signage, other enhancements. A meeting for Business owners will be held mid April to hear their views.
3. Clerk gave an update on Pump Track to the Officers
4. POBL Group have still not submitted a planning application or a Pre-Application to the LA. The new LDP that will come into force in 2024/25, will reduce the land available to build on to 27 houses. I therefore suspect POBL will be keen to use the current LDP.

5. I received a request via clerk re vegetation in the car park, specifically the far corner nearest to the GP surgery extension down to the entrance to Civic Centre. A team has done some initial work in car park and have asked them to clear that overgrown vegetation. Just to clarify the trees behind the wall are not the responsibility of LA but rather the landowner.
6. I have heard some disturbing reports regarding youths congregating in the public toilets near Nigel Williams Chemist.
7. I was also told again by a local resident that a car is meeting youngsters in Penlan park. Reported this information to PCSO
8. I have a meeting scheduled with representative of Dolen Teifi to discuss further their plan to site a community minibus in Llandeilo. It will be an electric 15 seat minibus, operated by volunteers who will be trained by Dolen Teifi.
9. The TRO {Traffic Regulation Order} will be reinstated in Greenfield Place beginning April. It was inadvertently removed and it has been causing issues with residents of Orchard Close /Johns Villas trying to exit/enter their cul-de-sacs. A resident in Greenfield was parking inconsiderately. The local PCSO called and reminded the resident of their obligations
10. The Double Yellow Lines at the Junction of Diane Rd/ Carmarthen Road and the entrance of Parc Dinefwr will be installed beginning April under the same TRO
11. Planning Issues – Residents of Dynevor Avenue have expressed concerns about the Planning application submitted by a London Developer for the old St Johns building. Concerns about the lack of parking with the applicant stating there was adequate parking in the area
12. The Air raid siren has been taken down temporality from Old Provisions Market Hall but will be returned back on a new wooden plinth after a smarten up. It dates back to WW2 when the Market Hall was also the Fire Station
13. Had a response from CCC re Tennis Gates –it was local firm Hugh Evans Llangadog that fitted gate and fencing – advised clerk

Reminder that Bute Energy /Green Gen are holding a Public Engagement in Civic Hall 25th March between 11-4pm.

Point of Information. The new head teacher for Ysgol Bro Dinefwr will be Eirian Davies, the present deputy head. Eirian is a local man born in Cwnifor living in Llangadog and an ex pupil of Tregib

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Mayor & Clerk for organising an excellent Civic Dinner. Well-attended, good food and raising a good sum for Mayors Charities.

Cllr Christoph Fischer entered the meeting

Min 198 / March / 23 - Questions from Councillors

Cllr Charlotte Morgan raised a question from a local resident, that crocuses that were planted some years ago by Rotary had been covered by the new sleeper beds in Penlan Park. Cllr Geraint Price asked if permission had been given for them to be planted in the first instance? Clerk advised Charlotte to speak to the local resident and raise it with the Clerk officially to move forward.

Cllr Christoph Fischer asked if there were any plans for the Coronation in May. Clerk confirmed there are no initial plans made by Town Council, Cllr Charlotte Morgan had intended to do a 'Big Help Out' in Penlan Park but many councillors are away for the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Min 199 / March / 23 - Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Hengwrt on Wednesday, February 22nd 2022

The February Full Council Minutes were read by Chair Mayor Gordon Kilby.
Cllr Simon Brownsill proposed them as correct, seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer.
All were in favour.

Min 200 / March / 23 - Matters arising from previous meetings

Cllr Charlotte Morgan asked if another community and liaison meeting was being held. Clerk to look into the matter.

Min 201 / March / 23 – Correspondence

1. Revised LDP plan

Council have been asked to respond to the revised LDP plan

2. Bute Energy response to email 26th Jan

Clerk Received a response from Bute as follows

We are at a very early stage of the project and in March 2023, we will be holding a public consultation to listen to people's views on our preferred overhead line route, and anything you would like us to take into account when planning where the pylons should go.

Bute Energy and Green GEN Cymru attach great importance to the effect our work may have on the environment and local communities. We want to hear what local people think about our plans, to help us develop the project in the best way.

3. Bute energy meeting, Llandeilo

Clerk circulated a timetable of consultation events from a sister pylon response group. This is including Llandeilo civic hall 25th of March, 11AM-4PM

Cllr Simon Brownsill to forward report from Pylon group once devised.

4. Bute energy, letter from Plaid Cymru MS's Adam Price and Cefin Campbell

Clerk received a letter from Plaid Cymru MS's Adam Price and Cefin Campbell, to share a petition objecting the pylons and utilise underground cables.

Proposed by Cllr Christoph Fischer, Seconded by Cllr Gordon Kilby to share on social media.

Votes for 6

Votes against 0

Abstention 2

Clerk to share petition on social media

5. CILCA course for Clerk – accepted

Clerk Owen James has been successful in gaining the CiLCA course. CilCA is the foundation Clerk Course which all Clerks should be striving to achieve.

6. Llandeilo Sports Association information from meeting in February with Chris Plummer and Edward Thomas

LSA information shared with councillors for a deeper understanding of what the Group offers. Cllr Keely Clark proposed the Clerk to forward a letter of thanks. Seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer. All in favour.

7. LAS Price increases

Clerk advised a price increase from LAS, approx. £1-£2 per lift.

NOTED

8. Climate Action Fund

Clerk advised a new Fund to Council. If any councillor has an idea or knows of a project that could benefit, to make it known.

NOTED

9. Possible Farmers Market

There is a Fund available with CCC to use for pilot projects such as a farmers market. Clerk is currently discussing with CC Edward Thomas and Simon Buckley regarding a proper business plan and funding options.

Min 202 / March / 23 – Planning Matters

Planning matters

None

Planning Decisions

None

Min 203 / March / 23 - Financial Matters

1. Accounts for payment

i) Accounts for payment

	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Extreme Tree Services - work at Penlan Park	3,800.00	750.00	4,550.00
One Voice Waes - training	35.00	0.00	35.00
Derwen Garden Centre - Plants Penlan Park	455.00	91.00	546.00
J W Thomas - Charity Dinner Menus	150.00	0.00	150.00
Owen James - Postage	5.50	0.00	5.50
EDF - Bowls Club	111.30	5.57	116.87
EDF - Tennis Club	22.82	1.14	23.96
LAS – February lift	16.72	3.34	20.06
LBS - Duff - Chippings - Cement - Bowls Club Drainage Repair	298.60	59.72	358.32
Angie Flory - Town App Data Collection - Feb/Mar	175.00	0.00	175.00
Relm Signs - Parks	188.50	37.79	226.29
Menter Dinefwr- Room Hire 27th Feb - St David's Day Lecture	40.00	8.00	48.00

ii) Invoices Paid

Sportsmark Group - Hedgehog Liner - Bowls Club	2,015.00	403.00	2,418.00
Carms CC - Planning Application Fee - groundworks	420.00	0.00	420.00
Just Print - A3 Posters	37.60	7.52	45.12
LBS - WD40	9.21	1.84	11.05

LAS – October outstanding	18.54	3.71	22.25
Trywydd - Translation Services - St Davids Day Lecture	211.00	42.20	253.20

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

2. Income Received	£
Mayors Dinner	3,010.00
Newsletter Sponsorship	160.00
Interest	126.63
Bowls Club - Work to Green	2,313.60

3. Account Balances

- LTC Current Account as at 19th March 2023 = £3,986.41
- LTC Deposit Account as at 19th March 2023 = £44,193.45

4. Mayors Charity evening financial statement

Income £

Dinner Receipts / Donations	2,860.00
Raffle Receipts	920.00
Total	3,780.00

Spend £

Plough at Rhosmaen	2,193.33
Printing Menus	150.00
Postage	5.50
Total	2,348.83

Surplus £1,431

5. Financial Requests

i) St Johns Ambulance

Details were circulated. Cllr Geraint Price proposed not to support. Seconded Cllr Keely Clarke. Noted

ii) Macmillan Cancer support

Details were circulated. Proposed by Simon Brownsill not to support as money would be better spent on local organisations. Seconded Cllr Matthew Crayford. All in favour

iii) Llandeilo Womens Institute

Clerk is waiting for a financial detail prior to forwarding to council

iv) Llangollen international music eisteddfod 2023

Proposed by Cllr Simon Brownsill not to support as we are supporting more local causes such as Eisteddfod yr Urdd. Seconded by Cllr Geraint Price. All in favour.

v) Llandeilo Town Twinning

Cllr Geraint Price proposed we pay the group the allocated £1000 in 23/24 budget, to be paid in April. Seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer. All in favour

Clerk to liaise with the group for feedback on what the Town Twinning does

vi) St Teilo Churchyard Maintenance Request

Cllr Geraint Price proposed LTC give the 22/23 budgeted allowance of £1000 to the Church for annual Maintenance. Seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke. All in favour

Cllr Matthew Crayford proposed to request a more informative budget allocation from the Church for what they spend money on prior to any more funding given.

Min 204 / March / 23 – Reports

1. Facilities officer report

Report circulated to all councillors prior to meeting:-

1. Weekly walk around checking bins in Penlan Park and Parc Le Conquet also clearing up any discarded rubbish and reporting back to Clerk who then arranges for the bins to be collected and deposited in large bin outside Fire Station, via LAS
2. Electric Meter reading on a monthly basis on or around the 20th of each month this requires all three meters to be photographed three in total for the Tennis Pavilion, Bowls Pavilion and Bowls Workshop they are then sent to the Clerk and Finance Officer
3. Water turned off in Bowls Pavilion due to the threat of frost which has previously caused the pipes to burst, reported back to Clerk.
4. Take down Welsh flag and raise St Davids flag in Penlan Parc. Also then take down and raise Welsh flag to photo for web site
5. Chase up e-mail to Masters of Glass regarding the cleaning by water and steam of the tennis courts as yet not received a reply
6. Approached Cled Moses builder to remove and replace two rusted bins in Penlan Park when they have been delivered, he agreed verbally to install and to communicate when available
7. Received and phoned Johnno the contractor who has been approached to lay the Hopscotch etc on the tarmac in picnic area of Parc Le Conquet he had stated early that work would have been finished at the beginning of March it now looks that it will be done by the end of March
8. Make programme for Penlan Parc and Parc Le Conquet with regard to daily/weekly/yearly maintenance schedule.

2. Parks Report – Chair Cllr Charlotte Morgan

Key points

Volunteers

1st volunteering day was a success with 15 attending including Councillors.

b. Second day will be 15th April

Jobs to include; clearing Mediterranean area, sowing seeds in peace garden, finishing planting

Penlan Park:

Probation team and volunteers working well

Keep Wales Tidy Grant items received and report given back
Tree work booked – postponed due to bad weather

PLQ:

Pump Track in progress.

Play area games in progress and hopefully finished by April

3. Publication report

Website

Website has had some tech issues but will be live in April

Newsletter

Draft submitted to Council.

Llandeilo Town App and Town Trail.

Town App:

a. Tested and design amendments submitted.

Town Trail:

a. Media Peak redesigning pamphlet. Draft received.

b. Digital version to be added to website and town app.

Town History:

a. Suggestion by Thomas Lloyd OBE being investigated to find partners/contributors

8. Future Development:

a. Digital / interactive / audio / map version of trail discussed

b. Additional points of interest (blue plaques) discussed

c. Connection to the railway line very promising. 13th March met with Mark Youngman and others from Transport for Wales and HOWL to discuss station connection signage etc.

4. Fireworks report

The recommendation of the Fireworks group is to purchase the fireworks in bulk early to get the added 10% offer. Cost would be £5400.00+VAT

Proposed by Chair Cllr Geraint Price, seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke, all in favour.

Date of fireworks event to be confirmed at the next subgroup meeting.

Min 205 / March / 23 – One Voice Wales Membership 23-24

There is an option to re-join One Voice Wales as a member, at an annual cost of £391.

Cllr Keely Clarke proposed we pay and be a member, seconded by Cllr Geraint Price. All in favour

Min 206 / March / 23 – ICO Membership

Due to GDPR requirements, Llandeilo Town Council holds certain data to carry out its functions efficiently, therefore is required to be a member of the Information Commissioners Office. This is an annual cost of £40. Proposed by Cllr Keely Clarke to be a member as instructed, seconded by Cllr Christoph Fischer

All in favour.

Min 207 / March / 23 – Newsletter Approval

Newsletter has been circulated for approval from members. Proposed by Cllr Charlotte Morgan to go ahead with the newsletter, seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke. All in favour
Newsletter will be distributed before end of April

Min 208 / March / 23 – Notice of Motion : To adopt the GDPR, Data Security and Internet Policies

Cllr Charlotte Morgan would like social media to be included, including the requirement for Welsh Language. Therefore a revision will be issued in the next full council meeting.

Min 209 / March / 23 - Notice of Motion : To adopt Volunteer Policy created by Cllr Simon Brownsill, for the volunteer work in Llandeilo Town Parks

Cllr Matthew Crayford proposed to adopt the Volunteer policy, including a thank you to Cllr Simon Brownsill for creating the document. Seconded by Cllr Keely Clarke. All in favour

Min 210/ March / 23 - Notice of Motion: To adopt New Planning Guidance created by Cllr Charlotte Morgan

Cllr Geraint Price proposed we adopt the planning guidance, thanking Cllr Charlotte Morgan for creating a comprehensive document. Seconded by Cllr Matthew Crayford. All in favour.
The Planning Document will be used in line with all planning matters

Min 211 / March / 23 – Mayors report

- Attended the Civic Charity Fundraising Dinner at the Plough. Raising £1,493 so far.
- Attended meetings of the Llandeilo Group against Pylons. Initiated by Christoph Fischer.
- Attended a meeting of persons interest in developing Civic Corner as a War/Peace memorial
- Attended several Governor Meetings including the interview sessions for the new Headteacher at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr

Min 212 / March / 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 21.15PM