



CYNGOR TREF LLANDEILO FAWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the May Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held in Hengwrt on Wednesday May 25th 2022, in Llandeilo at 7:00PM

Present : Deputy Mayor Cllr Christoph Fischer (Chair)
Cllr Charlotte Walker Cllr Dawn Wallace Cllr Geraint Price
Cllr Rob Jones
Mr Owen James (Clerk)
Mr David Eve (Finance Officer)
Mr Eifion Jones (Facilities Officer)

Apologies : Cllr Eifion Davies (Prior Engagement)
Cllr Gordon Kilby (Recovering from Illness)
Cllr Charlotte Morgan (Care Duties)
Cllr Edward Thomas (Prior Engagement)
Cllr Richard Wallace (Illness)

Min 41 / May / 22 - Declaration of Interests

Cllr Geraint Price advised a payment made to himself for the Grillo group
Cllr Charlotte Morgan advised via email of her interest in planning PL/03935 and would not comment on the matter

Min 42 / May / 22 - Police Report

No report from Police
Facilities Officer Eifion Jones confirmed CCTV had been sent to Police regarding incidents in the park. Including clear images of youths throwing bottles into the tennis courts

Min 43 / May / 22 - County Councillors Report

County Cllr Edward Thomas Circulated his report prior to the meeting, main points below :-

- Unpaid carers can claim £500 from a scheme recently introduced by WG. Details can be found on CCC website.
- Some of the double yellow lines are being removed in Greenfield Place w/c 6th June
- CCC has assisted 2 Ukrainian ladies who were brought to New Road property without CCC knowledge by London based landlord. Community has been wonderful in helping them. Cllr Fischer added that many in the Llandeilo community have and are still helping them settle into their new home
- Received reports of further graffiti and vandalism on the railway station and swing bridge. I have forwarded the photo to PCSO

In his absence it was advised if councillors had any questions, they be emailed to Edward Thomas direct

Min 44 / May / 22 - Questions from Councillors

None

Min 45 / May / 22 - Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Hengwrt on Wednesday, April 27th 2022

The Minutes were read and proposed as correct by Chair Cllr Christoph Fischer. Cllr Christoph Fischer proposed that these be accepted. Cllr Geraint Price seconded. All were in favour.

Min 46 / May / 22 - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Hengwrt on Wednesday, May 18th 2022

Cllr Christoph Fischer read the minutes. With amendment to minute 39, change of name. Cllr Geraint Price proposed as correct with the amendment, Cllr Rob Jones seconded. All were in favour

Min 47 / May / 22 - Matters arising from previous meetings

None

Min 48 / May / 22 – Correspondence

1. Local Resident – River Cleanup

An Email was received by a local resident on the poor condition of our rivers, with the resident collecting a bag of rubbish on every walk. They requested help in cleaning up the riverways and any assistance with Carmarthenshire County Council and Natural Resource Wales.

Clerk responded and forwarded the information to TACLO Llandeilo and County Councillor Edward Thomas for further help with the matter. The local primary schools also wanted to be involved in a river and town cleanup.

Resident thanked the Clerk for a swift response.

NOTED

2. Marilyn Morgan – Local Resident

An email was sent via local resident Marilyn Morgan, with disgust at the state of some of the pavements in Llandeilo.

Clerk has responded that Llandeilo Town Council does not have any responsibility in the condition of the pavements, but can report to CCC on behalf of residents. Clerk added that Councillors and Officers regularly walk the streets of Llandeilo and are in agreement that some are in poor condition with overgrowth and moss along the verges.

It was proposed the Clerk email CCC and stress concern that the pavements are not being looked after to a satisfactory condition.

Proposed by Cllr Rob Jones, Seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in favour

3. Dani Lee – Town Notice Board

Dani Lee had sent an email asking for councillor representation on the ‘Stewardship Group’ for the public mural notice board. This was circulated for councillors to respond directly. The Welsh sign for the Mural had also been put in place.

NOTED

4. Letter re Roger Phillip Community Councillor representative

Councillor Roger Phillip had once again been successful in obtaining a councillor position and wished to continue his role as the Community Council Member of Carmarthenshire County Council Standards Committee. Cllr Rob Jones proposed no objections, Cllr Geraint Price Seconded. All in Favour

5. Cllr Dawn Wallace – Congratulations to County Councillor Edward Thomas

Cllr Dawn Wallace requested we officially congratulate Cllr Edward Thomas on his appointment of County Councillor, but also his new role on the executive committee. Cllr Christoph Fischer proposed we accept this request and congratulated County Councillor Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Rob Jones.

3 votes FOR

1 vote ABSTENTION

Vote carried

6. Letter from Local Resident Simon Buckley regarding Flags, bunting and promoting Jubilee

The Letter from Mr Simon Buckley read and requested why was Llandeilo Town Council not erecting flags and bunting for the jubilee, also as to why the Council is not supporting the Jubilee with an event. The questions asked as below :-

1. Can you provide the minutes of the meeting where it was decided not to support the jubilee and decorate our streets?
2. Was any Market research done as to who in the town wanted what or was it individuals and there personal opinions that drove the decision.? If the £800.00 cost was deemed to be a cost too far, why were the local businesses not canvassed for support. We would have bought it lent it to the town, and had it back for future brewery events. Or paid part and you could have raised the rest.
3. Was any thought given to the fact this was a major tourism weekend and the impact of a town without bunting and the festive feel may well feel a loss of trade? Visitors may take away a view that we in Llandeilo are not a welcoming bunch? Does this current attitude reflect well on the town trying to drive a tourism agenda? Do those with personal agendas reflect the requirements of the towns people? Let’s see the facts.

The Clerk responded that there is a Party in the Park being held on the weekend with local stallholders and stakeholders taking part. Along with local music acts on the day.

The council is supporting Jubilee celebrations, and have erected flags. Due to the Trunk road agency, bunting cannot be erected on the main Trunk Road through Llandeilo.

NOTED

Min 49 / May / 22 – To Elect a chair and deputy for Planning Committee 22/23

Cllr Charlotte Morgan contacted the Clerk to state interest in the position of chair for year 22/23. Cllr Dawn Wallace proposed Cllr Charlotte Morgan on this basis, adding that Charlotte is doing a fantastic job. Cllr Charlotte Walker seconded.

All in Favour.

Cllr Christoph Fischer proposed Cllr Charlotte Walker be Deputy Chair of Planning Committee for year 22/23. Cllr Geraint Price seconded

3 votes FOR

1 vote ABSTENTION

Motion Passed

Min 50 / May / 22 - To Elect a chair and deputy for Finance Committee 22/23

Cllr Geraint Price proposed Cllr Christoph Fischer as Chair of Finance Committee for 22/23. Seconded by Cllr Rob Jones.

3 votes FOR

1 vote ABSTENTION

Motion Passed

Cllr Geraint Price proposed Cllr Dawn Wallace as Deputy Chair for Finance Committee for 22/23. Cllr Rob Jones seconded.

3 votes FOR

1 vote ABSTENTION

Motion Passed

Min 51 / May / 22 – Planning Matters

i) Planning applications :-

Cllr Charlotte Morgan and Cllr Eifion Davies added comment prior to the meeting via email. Added below :-

1. 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

The barriers shown to the car park are a cause for concern. This suggests vehicular access will be restricted in an area where parking is needed to be accessible.

Llandeilo is in desperate need for parking, and it seems 5no spaces appear to have been removed in the new proposal which is disappointing.

Are there any electric vehicle points on the car parking bays? As we aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, we would expect to see electric charging points in the carpark.

2. PL/03935 - Maintenance of the front elevation including repair and repainting - 127 Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo, SA19 6EN

No additional Comment

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

- 2.1.4 Design, visual appearance, and materials
- 2.1.6 Loss of daylight or sunlight
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- 2.1.7 Overshadowing - loss of outlook (but not loss of view)
- 2.1.8 Overlooking - loss of privacy
- 2.1.11 Light pollution

This is within the boundary to Dinefwr Park.

The design, appearance and materials add an interesting extension that compliments and does not try to imitate the architecture of the existing property.

Single storey so no loss of light or overlooking concerns.

The extent of glass proposed could have the potential to add light pollution into the park.

4. PL/03907 - Variation of condition 2 on E/05476 (plans) - 23, Bridge Street, Llandeilo, SA19 6BN

Comments have been provided previous.

Concerns were raised as 3 responses to this have been expressed and would like to understand if there were any problems or if there is greater clarity needed for future applications of this nature.

5. PL/04022 - Change of use from B1 to C3(a) to second floor. Change of use from A3 to B1 to first floor. General refurbishment to ground floor entrance hall. Total number of new flats is one - 141 Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo, SA19 6EN

SP16 Llandeilo is classed as a service centre in the LDP with reference to small scale employment. This proposal would result in a loss relating to this.

2.1.5 Layout and density of buildings

There is a shortage of apartments of this nature for local residents in town.

2.1.13 Vehicular access

2.1.14 Adequacy of parking

No consideration has been given to either of the above in an area that is currently a big concern for the town as it is a pinch point for passing traffic including HGV's and this is an area where on street parking is limited and has recently been reduced (by the church) to try to alleviate congestion issues.

6. Notification of Licence application

The Brewery, 1 Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, SA19 6LU

Council was supportive of the application, but wanted clarification if it was only selling and not consumption of alcohol as the licence time was 9:00-16:00

ii) Planning decisions :-

None

Min 52 / May / 22 - Financial Matters

1. i) Accounts for payment

	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
* Geraint Price – Fuel + Lawn Mower	124.58	24.92	149.50
* EDF – Bowls Club	60.33	3.02	63.35
* WCVA – Payroll processing May	26.25	5.25	31.50
* Masters of Glass – Part Clean Tennis Court	90.00	0.00	90.00
* Owen James – Zoom service	11.99	2.40	14.39
* Rob Jones – Nick Wall engraving Mayor Chain	10.00	0.00	10.00
* J W Thomas – Printing for Thanksgiving service	100.00	0.00	100.00
* EDF – Tennis Pavilion	23.56	1.18	24.74
* Gerwyn supply of Christmas Tree – Inc re-erect and disposal	450.00	0.00	450.00
* Gerwyn Repair of Hole for Tree – Material	300.00	0.00	300.00**

dd - direct debit

- cheque

* BACS

** - Payment to Gerwyn re repair of hole to be put on hold until confirmation is given that the job has been completed.

These payments were recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Rob Jones, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour

ii) Accounts for payment – Confirmation of payments already made

	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
* EDF Tennis Pavilion	22.92	1.14	24.06
* LAS Recycling – April Bins	16.12	3.22	19.34
* LBS – Hasp and Staple	2.91	0.58	3.49
* Cut above the rest – EGO Multitool	270.00	54.00	324.00
* Parker Plant Hire – Generator – Party in the park	380.00	72.00	452.00
* Kangaloos – Toilet hire – Party in the Park	175.00	30.00	205.00
* In House events – Stocks and sponges – Party in the park	55.00	11.00	66.00

These payments were recommended for recording. Proposed by Cllr Christoph Fischer, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour

2. Income Received

Carms CC Payment £24,790.34

HMRC – VAT refund	£7,933.31
Tennis Club – Electric 22/23	£50.00
Mayors Charity	£559.50

3. Account Balances

LTC Current Account as at 23rd May 2022 = £2,120.10
LTC Deposit Account as at 23rd May 2022 = £53,008.55
Mayor’s Account as at 23rd May 2022 = £850.00

4. Other Matters from the RFO

i) Payment for CCC Lighting :-

RFO David Eve contacted CCC for confirmation of which lighting LTC is responsible for. There are 11 lighting poles all over the town. The cost will need to be paid for the electric usage.

Cllr Geraint Price Proposed to pay the bill of £701.76+VAT = £842.11 (£140.35 VAT)

Seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in favour

Min 53 / May / 22 – Reports

1. Facilities officer report

FO Eifion Jones circulated a report prior to the meeting :-

- Had various costings for work in both Parks. Cllr Geraint Price proposed all raised in a Parks meeting as soon as possible
- FO Eifion to get more costings for cameras, locations to be confirmed on a visit to parks
- 1 quote for bin base received, more incoming
- Cllr Geraint Price requested for a meeting to be called in the coming weeks.

2. Parks Report – Chair Cllr Charlotte Morgan

- Tennis club works have commenced. CCC have re-sprayed the lines, cost covered by the Llandeilo Tennis Club. Tree has been cut back by a local volunteer. Weeds have been cut back. Court was cleaned as requested in this years maintenance.

Cllr Charlotte Walker proposed FO Eifion Jones and Clerk Owen James to speak with Llandovery Tennis Club. Seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All in Favour

- Cllr Geraint Price stated courts are now in a good condition for this season with next maintenance works being planned into the year 23/34, prior to tennis season.
- Cllr Geraint Price stressed the need for a contract between LTC and the Tennis Club, also to revise the contract between LTC and Bowls Club. This is to be added to June Full Council meeting. Seconded Cllr Charlotte Walker. All in favour.
- Cllr Charlotte Morgan and Cllr Geraint Price met with parents who are keen to get some funding for Parc Le Conquet. The group are in the process of registering as an Associated Charity Group to allow for fundraising and grant applications.

3. Jubilee / Party in the Park group

Clerk updated all that the flags had been erected voluntarily by Master of Glass Llandeilo.

Plans for the Party in the park were underway, with stalls, toilets, local groups, electricity, games and activities for children all booked in. A request for any volunteers to attend at 10AM on the Saturday 04/06/22.

4. Publications – Chair Cllr Charlotte Morgan

Cllr Charlotte Morgan circulated a report as follows :-

- The new website design draft had been forwarded with the Publications group requested for comment prior to a meeting on the 31/05/22
- Social Media review and the Town trail leaflet both need updating with the new group.

Min 54 / May / 22 – Transport and Highways

None

Min 55 / May / 22 – To appoint an ‘App Manager’ to the Leader project

The Clerk Owen James confirmed two Job applicants. Both had sent CV’s for the post, these were circulated.

Cllr Geraint Price proposed accepting Angie Flory’s application for the post, stating skillset and local knowledge would be beneficial to the post.

Seconded by Cllr Rob Jones. All in Favour.

Clerk confirmed the role would be paid at an hourly rate of £12.50.

Clerk to contact both applicants with the decision.

Min 56 / May / 22 – Mayors Report

Deputy Mayor Christoph Fischer will report in Cllr Gordon Kilbys absence.

Cllr Fischer had spoken to Gordon and forwarded his thanks for the well wishes from the operation and is looked forward to returning to Council when fit to do so.

Min 57 / May / 22 - 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

None

Meeting Closed at 20.32pm