



## LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

## CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON THURSDAY 14 MAY AND MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 AT 7.00PM

#### **A. THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** The Mayor: Gill Wright, Deputy Mayor: Dorothy Burgess,  
Councillors: Jackson, Jones, Thomas, Nigel Burgess, Smith, Morgan, Long, Rees, Hudson,  
Logsdail and Wathan.

1. The Revd Ian Aveson opened with a prayer.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Blud.
3. Cllr Wright gave her retiring address.
4. Cllr Dorothy Burgess proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, seconded by Cllr Jones.
5. Cllr Dorothy Burgess was elected Mayor for the next term of office, and made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
6. The Reverend Ian Aveson accepted the appointment as Chaplain to the Mayor.
7. Cllr David Long was elected Deputy Mayor for the next term of office, and made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
8. Mr Richard Thomas was proposed and re-appointed as the Mayor's Sergeant-at-Mace.
9. Mr Meirion Jones was proposed and re-appointed as the Council's Sergeant-at-Mace.
10. Mr Joe Beard was proposed and re-appointed as the Council's Town Crier.
11. It was **resolved** that Llandoverly Town Council continues as Continuing Custodian Trustee of the Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall.
12. The Revd Ian Aveson closed proceedings with a prayer, and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, 18 May 2015.

#### **B. MONDAY 18 MAY 2015**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Cllr Dorothy Burgess,  
Councillors: Jackson, Jones, Wathan, Rees, Long, Thomas, Nigel Burgess, Smith, Blud, Wright, Hudson  
and Logsdail.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Morgan.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Cllrs Dorothy Burgess, Nigel Burgess, Blud, and Jones declared an interest in item 11. 3.

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 20 April 2015 be approved as a correct record.

#### **4. POLICE MATTERS & REPORT**

PC Howie Davies (HD) in attendance. Details of the latest crime and incidents statistics for Llandoverly were conveyed to Members. The number of crimes remains very low. Incidents of antisocial behaviour in the car park have increased, and the matter is now a Police target.

HD was thanked for the Police attendance at the Mayoral Installation and the Civic Service parades.

HD was informed about an increase in parking at the junction of the High Street and the Myddfai Road, the latest developments in setting up a defibrillator in the town centre, and the status of the car park at the swimming pool.

The Mayor thanked PC Davies for attending, and he left the meeting.

#### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

April 2015

22 League of Friends meeting.

24 League of Friends concert

29 Friendship Club meeting

30 Ysgol Bro Dinefwr (Pantycelyn Campus) – presentation of cheque for Wheelchair Fund

May 2015

9 VE Day Commemoration Event

12 League of Friends meeting.

14 AGM, Mayoral Inauguration Ceremony and Civic Dinner at The Castle Hotel.

15 Christian Aid Concert, Llanwrda.

17 Civic Service and Reception.

The Mayor was congratulated on her inauguration, and thanked for the enjoyable Civic Dinner, Civic Service and Reception, and for arranging for the inclusion of performances by local musicians at each event, the quality of which was much appreciated.

## **6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Jackson informed members that a new administration at County is coming into being with a partnership between Plaid Cymru and Independents, and also that the spraying of the weeds in the town had been delayed by the weather.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **8. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's Report for May 2015 was noted.

## **9. MATTERS ARISING**

1. The Committees and their membership were reviewed and revised.
2. Action to update the Past Mayors Board was considered.

It was **resolved** that action be taken to update the Past Mayors Board.

3. An event to mark Armed Forces Day on 27 June 2015 was considered.

It was resolved that an event be organised by Cllrs Dorothy Burgess, Blud and Wright.

4. The contents of a letter from P Lambkin concerning the provision of NHS dental services in Llandovery was considered.

It was resolved that details of the "Let's Talk Health" meeting on 15 June be sent to the writer.

5. The contents of a letter from Ms N Barrell concerning the Bawddwr and the works to replace the gas main in Llanfair Road was considered.

Cllr Jackson reported that County had responded to her letter and the matter had been resolved. Subsequently, Ms Barrell wanted to know that there had been no damage to the Bawddwr. This would require an expensive inspection which would not be done unless there is an indication that something is amiss.

6. The notification of "Let's Talk Health" meetings from Hywel Dda University Health Board was noted. Members to publicise.

7. A letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales concerning revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct for members was taken as read.

8. An invitation from the Acting Deputy Monitoring Officer at Carmarthenshire County Council to attend a Code of Conduct Training session in June 2015 was considered. The Clerk and Cllr D Burgess to attend. Other members to inform Clerk if able to attend.

9. The response from John Wilson, CCC, to an invitation to a member of the Regeneration Team to attend a meeting of the Council to provide an update on the Regeneration Scheme was considered. As the elected representatives of the town, members were surprised and disappointed that the County Council's Regeneration Team did not see it as appropriate to meet with this Council's reasonable request for a meeting with a representative to provide an update on, and discuss, the Regeneration Scheme for this town. The Partnership members are not similarly elected, and the Partnership does not represent the town.

Clerk instructed to respond accordingly, and ask Mr Wilson to reconsider his response and agree to meet with this Council, with the Chief Executive at County copied in.

10. A report from the OVW Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting on 28 April 2015 attended by the Mayor and Cllr Nigel Burgess was received and noted.

11. An update on the leak from the fountain was received. The leak has been fixed.

12. An update on the agreement with Indycube was received from the Clerk. A draft lease from the solicitor is awaited and will be sent to Indycube for consideration.

13. An update on the "walks ideas leaflet" for the Llandovery area was received. Carmarthenshire Tourism (CT) are preparing a leaflet and are looking for a good walk in the area. It was agreed that CT should be asked to contact Glyn Evans, Llandovery Walkers are Welcome.

It was observed that there was nothing about Llandovery in the latest edition of "Carmarthenshire News". The Mayor undertook to contact them.

## **10. ACCOUNTS**

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £19,698.53, and payments totalling £7,044.63 for the period 1 to 30 April 2015 was considered.

It was **resolved** that the schedule from the Clerk be noted and approved.

2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts and Budget Summary at 30 April 2015 was considered and noted.

3. The completed Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 following the Internal Audit, was received and considered. The Clerk informed members that the internal audit had been completed, and the auditor had no matters that needed to be brought to the attention of the Council.

It was **resolved** that the presentation to the Council of the completed Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 following the Internal Audit be confirmed and approved, that the Return be signed as required, and the Clerk authorised to send the Return to the External Auditor.

#### **11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

1. The donation decision taken at the April 2015 meeting, when it was resolved that £100 be donated to Rhian O'Connor for funding to support her attendance at the United Space School in the USA, was ratified.
2. A request from Y Lloffwr for funding was considered further following the receipt of a Financial Statement. It was **resolved** that £25 be donated. To be ratified at the next meeting.

NOTE: The following item was moved to the final item to be dealt with. Cllrs Dorothy Burgess, Nigel Burgess, Blud, and Jones declared an interest and left the meeting. Cllr Long took the Chair.

3. A request from Llandovery Twinning Association for funding to help finance the visit of members from Pluguffan for the Association's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations was considered. It was **resolved** that £500 be donated. To be ratified at the next meeting.

#### **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter of thanks from the Llandovery Town Crier, Joe Beard, for the recent donation was noted.
2. A letter of thanks from the Llandovery Town Crier Association for the recent donation was noted.
3. A letter of thanks from the Llandovery Junior Football Club for the recent donation was noted.
4. A letter of thanks from Owen Davies for the recent donation was noted.
5. A copy of Issue 26 of "The Voice" from One Voice Wales was passed to Cllr Nigel Burgess for circulation.
6. A report on the activities of the Llandovery YMCA was noted. It was **resolved** that a letter of thanks and praise be sent for all that the team at the YMCA have done.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM**