



LLANDOVERLY TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERLY ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015 AT 7.00 PM.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Cllr Dorothy Burgess.

Councillors: Jackson, Jones, Morgan, Rees, Long, Thomas, Nigel Burgess, Wright, Smith, Blud, Hudson, and Logsdail.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wathan.

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

Cllr Dorothy Burgess declared an interest in item 11. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 9. 10 – School Governor.

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 9. 11 – County Councillor.

Cllr Jones declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

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Cllr Morgan declared an interest in item 9. 6 – interest in an unoccupied building in the town.

Cllr Long declared an interest in item 9. 10 – School Governor.

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Nigel Burgess declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Nigel Burgess declared an interest in item 9.10 – School Governor.

Cllr Nigel Burgess declared an interest in item 11. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Blud declared an interest in item 11. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Hudson declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

Cllr Logsdail declared an interest in item 9. 2 – Committee member.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 14 and 18 May 2015 be approved as a correct record.

4. POLICE MATTERS & REPORT

No Police in attendance.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

May 2015

- 18 Chair, Town Council meeting
- 18 Welcome the arrival of the new early train, Llandoverly
- 22 Mayoral Installation Ceremony, Cwmaman
- 23 Llandoverly College Speech Day
- 23 Llandoverly Male Voice Choir Concert, Pantycelyn Hall
- 25 Llandoverly & District Carnival
- 26 League of Friends Meeting
- 27 Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- 29 Mayoral Installation Ceremony, Llandeilo

June 2015

- 2 Lights Committee Meeting
- 2 Forward Planning Committee Meeting
- 3 League of Friends Meeting
- 9 Code of Conduct Training, County Hall, Carmarthen
- 13 Preparatory School Speech Day, Llandoverly

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jackson informed members that he had been informed by the Trunk Roads Agency that the parking bays on New Road along from the garage are to be removed because of the damage caused by heavy lorries mounting the narrow pavement.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Town Lights & Christmas Festivities Committee

1. The minutes from the meeting on 2 June 2015 were noted.

7.2. Forward Planning Committee

1. The minutes from the meeting on 2 June 2015 were noted, and the recommendations were considered.

Item 7 (that the Council should proceed with the transfer of the playground assets, provided the agreed works are done), was referred back to Committee for a detailed breakdown of costs and responsibilities to be produced.

Item 8 (that the Council should advertise in The Post for a "Town Champion", a volunteer to take on the role of Events Co-ordinator).

It was **resolved** that the Council should advertise in The Post for a Voluntary Events Co-ordinator.

8. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for June 2015 was received and noted.

9. MATTERS ARISING

1. John Wilson and Mike Bull from County's Regeneration Team provided an update on, and discussed, the Regeneration Scheme for this town.

The whole project is on hold because funding has been cut. However, the constituent projects are ready if, and when, funds are available, but this is most unlikely at present.

NOTE: Cllrs Jackson, Jones, Thomas, Nigel Burgess, Smith, Hudson, and Logsdail, having declared an interest left the meeting for this item.

2. A request from the Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall Management Committee for the Town Council to fund the renewal of the insurance premium for the Hall for 2015-16 was considered.

It was **resolved** that a financial statement be obtained.

3. An update on the arrangements to mark Armed Forces Day on 27 June 2015 was received, and a request from The Mayor for permission to wear the Mayor's regalia for the event was considered,

It was **resolved** that the request from The Mayor to wear the Mayor's regalia for the event be granted.

4. The idea of a Free Car Parking Trial in the town was considered.

It was understood that Llanelli had applied for free parking to encourage people to stop and shop and encourage visitors. Members were informed that Llanelli's attempt get free parking had been unsuccessful. It was agreed that the charge is a particular burden on local business people, and the annual ticket is not much cheaper.

It was **resolved** that the Council should try to obtain free parking in Castle Car Park. Cllr Jackson abstained.

It was **resolved** that, and that if this unsuccessful, extra free parking days, and the negotiation of a lower annual rate for business users should be attempted.

5. The idea of a 'Clean Up Llandovery' Day was considered.

Whilst it was agreed that the matter should be referred to County, it was recognised that there was some urgency as the tourist season was underway. It was confirmed that streets are scheduled to be cleaned every two weeks. The need for a co-ordinated approach was acknowledged, it was agreed that a group of people doing such a task is an example to others and needs publicising. 26 June was set for the event.

6. The matter of unoccupied buildings in the town was considered.

There is a difference in approach to deal with private and commercial properties. Concerns about empty private dwellings can and have been reported to County. The windows of empty commercial properties can and have been "dressed up".

It was **resolved** that the matter be referred to the Forward Planning Committee.

7. Feedback from the Code of Conduct training event on 9 June 2015 was received.

8. Feedback from a Geopark event on 4 June 2015 was received.

9. The contents of a letter from the Welsh Government, copied to the Council by Diane Fontenoy, regarding the waiting restrictions scheme planned for the A40 in Llandovery was considered and noted.

10. An enquiry from Diane Fontenoy about the learning medium at Ysgol Rhys Prichard was considered.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Rees take the matter to a meeting of the School Governors the following day.

11. A Notification of Licence Application from County's Licensing Section re Llandovery Rugby Club, Church Bank, Llandovery, and the contents of a letter of concern from Mr G George, were considered.

It was **resolved** that the application be approved on the condition that the licensed hours are limited to no later than 01:00 hrs, on the grounds of equity with the other licensed premises in the town.

10. ACCOUNTS

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £625.39, and payments totalling £4,178.54 for the period 1 to 29 May 2015 was considered.
In response to a question, the Clerk explained the logic behind payments relating to the civic dinner and the Mayoral Allowance.

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

2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts and Budget Summary at 29 May 2015 were received and noted.
3. Consideration of a proposed adjustment to the Budget for 2015-16 from June 2015 was deferred until the next meeting.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS

1. The donation decision taken at the May 2015 meeting when it was resolved that £25 be donated to Y Lloffwr was ratified.

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.

2. The donation decision taken at the May 2015 meeting when it was resolved that £500 be donated to Llandoverly Twinning Association to help finance the visit of members from Pluguffan for the Association's 30th Anniversary celebrations, was ratified.
3. A request from Home-Start Dinefwr for funding was considered.

It was **resolved** that the request should be supported, and that a financial statement be obtained.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letters of thanks from Mrs J D Griffiths, and from Rhian O'Connor and Owen Williams, for the recent donation were noted.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr Dorothy Burgess had contacted "Carmarthenshire News" and confirmed they rely on contributors to send them information, which she will do.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55 pm