



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7:00 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Blud and Smith.

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

None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 21 September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

4. POLICE MATTERS & REPORT

No Police in attendance. PCSO Griffiths had sent his apologies, and had informed Cllr Jackson that PC Davies is retiring in November 2015. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to PC Davies.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

September 2015

- 21 Chair - Town Council meeting
- 21 Planning Committee meeting
- 23 Judging Hats & Painting Competition for the Sheep Festival
- 26 Welcome to dignitaries & tour of the Sheep Festival
- 27 Sheep Festival & Presentation of Prizes
- 27 Llandoverly College Chapel Concert by Summer Singers & College Pupils

October 2015

- 3 Meeting at Pantycelyn re. school site
- 7 Meeting with Town Clerk re. recruitment of new Town Clerk
- 7 Harvest Service - Friendship Club
- 7 Llandingat Harvest Supper at the Rhys Prichard Memorial Hall
- 8 Meeting with architectural tutor; students focusing on Llandoverly
- 12 Chair - Planning Committee meeting
- 12 Town & Christmas Lights Committee meeting
- 15 Attendance at Humanitarian Response Day, Carmarthen

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jackson had nothing to report.

In answer to questions, Cllr Jackson informed members:

- this Council is the only council progressing with community assets transfer,
- the road drainage in Queensway has been restored.

The work of County's staff cleaning up on the Sunday of the Sheep Festival was noted and praised. Message to be sent to County.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. 1. Planning Committee

- 1. The minutes from the meeting on 21 September 2015 were noted.
- 2. The minutes from the meeting on 12 October 2015 were noted.

7. 2. Town Lights & Christmas Festivities Committee

- 1. The minutes from the meeting on 12 October 2015 were noted, and the recommendations at item 4. 1, 4. 2, and 4. 3 considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations at items 4. 1. (that the work required to fix the new decorations to the Town Hall be approved), 4. 2. (that the Christmas Lights tender from Richard Evans Electrical Ltd be accepted), and 4. 3. (that the Christmas tree tender from Mr Tony Davies be accepted), be approved.

8. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

No report this month.

9. MATTERS ARISING

1. An update on the Town Councillor vacancy was received. The vacancy is to be advertised and posters displayed, for response by 30 November 2015.
2. The job description and contractual arrangements for a replacement Clerk, timescale for the recruitment process, and the possible arrangement of a hand-over period were considered and agreed.

It was **resolved** that a replacement Clerk be recruited, on the same basis and contractual arrangements as the current Clerk, to start on 1 January 2016.

It was **resolved** that a hand over period of one month, during which the current Clerk be employed as an assistant (on his current terms and conditions), to assist in respect of training for the new Clerk (to be paid in full), and for consistency and continuity of the Council's business, be approved.
3. Changing the date of the December 2015 scheduled meeting of the Council to 14 December was considered.

It was **resolved** that the date of the December 2015 scheduled meeting of the Council be changed to 14 December.
4. The arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade on 8 November 2015 were considered and noted.
5. A suggestion of improved lighting for the Castle and the Llywelyn ap Gruffydd Fychan statue was considered.

It was **resolved** that the issue be considered by the Forward Planning Committee, and that an attempt be made to get an advisor to the meeting.
6. An update on the community plan for the Pantycelyn School Site was received.

Concern was expressed about the lack of notification of meetings of the organising group - the Mayor undertook to inform the organisers. The group is seeking a meeting with County to ensure the exercise of producing a community plan is not a waste of time.
7. An update on 'Clean Up' Day Llandovery with 'Keep Wales Tidy' group was received.

Members of Keep Wales Tidy attended the "Clean Up Day" on 9 October. Cleaning took place in Market Square and the car park, and the fountain was cleaned. The group was congratulated for their efforts. The next event is on 11 December.
8. The contents of a letter from Cllr Blud concerning item 9. 6 on the September 2015 meeting was considered.

Cllr Blud's comments were noted. It was agreed the matter was properly considered and resolved upon.
9. An invitation from Hywel Dda University Health Board to engage in discussing and identifying solutions for improving access to mental health services was considered and noted. It was agreed that involvement in this issue is for those who have a particular interest.
10. The contents of a letter from Rhian Phillips, Carmarthenshire County Council, about funding opportunities as part of the new Rural Development Plan 2014 – 2020 were considered. It was agreed that our plans for regeneration are in the hands of County.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Wright will make enquiries with the relevant officers.
11. The contents of a message from Clare Parsons, Sustainable Communities Manager, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, concerning Town and Community Liaison, was considered and noted.
12. The contents of a message from William Powell AM, Chair of the National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee, concerning a petition about charging for parking and the relationship to High Streets and their success were considered. It was agreed that it is for individuals to act on this and spread the word.
13. The contents of a message from Jonah McGill about Military support to Llandovery activities and projects were considered.

It was **resolved** that the issue be considered by the Forward Planning Committee.
14. The current availability and marketing of the swimming pool was considered.

Concern was expressed about the lack of Saturday opening and the availability of the pool for pupils from Ysgol Rhys Prichard. The latter was thought to be a scheduling issue and Cllr Rees undertook to investigate the matter at the forthcoming Governors' meeting and report back. Clerk asked to write to County about Saturday opening.
15. The state of certain footpaths in the area was considered.

Concern was expressed about the state of certain bridges and stiles. Clerk noted the details and will report to County.
16. The state of planters in the car park was considered.

Concern was expressed about the state of some of the planters. Cllr Wright undertook to investigate and find out if help is needed.

10. ACCOUNTS

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £3,563.34 and payments totalling £10,123.64 for the period 1 to 30 September 2015 was considered.

It was **resolved** that the schedule from the Clerk be noted and approved.
2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts and the Budget Summary as at 30 September 2015 were noted.
3. The receipt of an invoice for the amount of £891.00 + VAT from County for the supply of Ambrol hanging baskets and supply of summer bedding plants, was considered.

It was **resolved** that the invoice should be queried with County.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS

1. A request from Cancer Information & Support Services for funding was considered.

It was **resolved** that the request be left on the table.

2. A request from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod for funding was considered.

It was **resolved** that the request be left on the table.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The receipt of a copy of the latest Newsletter from the Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association was noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 pm