



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON THURSDAY 15 MAY AND MONDAY 19 MAY 2014 AT 7.00PM

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR NOS IAU 15 MAI A NOS LUN 19 MAI 2014 AM 7.00 y.h.

A. THURSDAY 15 MAY 2014

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: The Mayor: David Rees, Deputy Mayor: Gill Wright,

Councillors: Jackson, Jones, Thomas, Nigel Burgess, Smith, Morgan, Long, Dorothy Burgess, Blud, Logsdail and Wathan.

1. The Revd Ian Aveson opened with a prayer.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Hudson.
3. Cllr Rees gave his retiring address.
4. Cllr Jackson read out a proposed vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor on behalf of Cllr Blud who was had lost her voice, seconded by Cllr Long.
5. Cllr Wright 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 Dorothy Burgess 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 Llandovery Town Council continues as Trustees 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, 19 May 2014.

B. MONDAY 19 MAY 2014

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Cllr Gill Wright,

Councillors: Jackson, Jones, Wathan, Morgan, Rees, Long, Thomas, and Logsdail.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllrs Nigel Burgess, Dorothy Burgess, Smith, Blud, and Hudson.

2. DECLARATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS / DATGANIADAU'R AELODAU O DDIDDORDEBAU PERSONOL

None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING / CADARNHAU'R COFNODION

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 14 April 2014 be approved as a correct record.

4. POLICE MATTERS & REPORT / ADRODDIAD YR HEDDLU – MATERION

No Police in attendance.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

April 2014

- 9 League of Friends meeting.
- 14 Chair, Town Council Meeting.
- 25 Cancer Research Brunch.
- 28 Llandovery Town Council Hub Committee meeting.

May 2014

- 3 Opening Party in the Park
- 7 League of Friends meeting
- 15 AGM, Mayoral Inauguration Ceremony and Civic Dinner at The Castle Hotel.
- 18 Civic Service.

The Mayor was congratulated on her inauguration, and thanked for the enjoyable Civic Dinner. It was noted that the Civic Service was not well attended.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y CYNGHORWR SIR

Cllr Jackson informed members that he had met with John McEvoy, Carmarthenshire County Council, to consider various parking issues in the town, including at the top of Stone Street and the lay-by outside Ysgol Rhys Prichard where parents picking up children from the school had been booked by the parking attendant. The parking restriction sign in that area will be removed for a trial period, and more bays may be put in the lower part of Stone Street in an attempt to ease the problem. Permit parking may be seen as the solution. Cllr Wathan reported that people who had parked outside the chapel in Queen Street to place flowers on graves had been booked by the parking attendant, and had been advised that they should write in to County to seek a refund. Also, he had felt under threat of being booked whilst waiting in the car park to transport school children.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7. 1. Hub Committee / Pwyllgor Hub

1. The minutes from the meeting on 28 April 2014 were noted.

Cllr Jackson informed members that he had made enquiries about relief from Business Rates, and possible solutions were to transfer the enterprise to another controlling entity, or to seek a re-assessment of the rateable value to seek a reduction, but the latter might result in an increase.

The meeting room has been installed, and it was suggested that extra ventilation is needed for the room, and it was thought planning permission would be required.

8. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y CLERC Y TREF

The Town Clerk's Report for May 2014 was noted.

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. Mr Matthew Page was received to inform members about his idea for a Mountain Bike Event to be held in Llandovery.

It was **resolved** that a letter of support for the event should be sent to Matthew Page.

2. The Committees and their membership were reviewed and revised.

It was resolved that:

- the Llandovery Town Council Heritage Museum Committee be subsumed into the Forward Planning Committee,
- the Community Asset Transfer Working Party reports to the Forward Planning Committee.

3. An update on the Llandovery Heritage Group was received and Town Council membership of the Board was considered.

Members were informed that the Group has proposed the Board comprise 15 trustees, 5 of which are Town Councillors. It was agreed that the Town Council is the key stakeholder, taking all the risk, and, as the only democratic elected entity, should have a strong representation on the Board.

It was **resolved** that the Llandovery Town Council should have six representatives on the Board as trustees, and the initial six should be Cllrs Jill Blud, Ivor Jackson, Peter Logsdail, Natasha Morgan, Elizabeth Thomas, and Gill Wright.

It was agreed that a comprehensive review of the Heritage Museum Project was necessary and a meeting to do so was arranged.

4. An update on the League of Friends of Llandovery Hospital was received.

The official launch of the Appeal Fund is to take place on 20 May and it is hoped the target sum will be reached within the next couple of months and will fund a new x-ray department which will secure the future of the hospital for years to come.

5. The matter of overnight parking of lorries in the car park was discussed.

Research had revealed that all the drivers who park overnight use the local shops and facilities. Although there has been some damage to flower beds and lamp posts, this was thought to be attributable to vehicles visiting the Mart. The lay out of the car park design was discussed, but it was agreed that the matter left for later review.

6. Action to update the Past Mayors Board was considered.

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

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £17,177.14, and payments totalling £12,965.44 for the period 1 to 30 April 2014 was considered.

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

2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts at 30 April 2014 was considered and noted.

3. An update on the Internal Audit of the Council's records for the year ended 31 March 2014 was received. Members were informed that the Internal Auditor has confirmed that the prescribed checks in relation to the Council's internal control systems have all been satisfactorily completed, and there are no matters he needs to bring to the Council's attention.
4. The retrospective approval of the payment of the subscription to join The Museums Association was considered.

It was **resolved** that the payment of the subscription to join The Museums Association be approved.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. The donation decision taken at the April 2014 meeting when it was resolved that £500 be donated to Llandovery & District Carnival Association was ratified. Cllrs Logsdail, Jackson, and Thomas abstained.
2. A request from Llandovery Sheep Festival for funding was considered. The promised bank statement had not been received and this was required.

It was **resolved** that the statement be sought and the request be considered at the meeting in June.

12. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

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 Twinning Association for the recent donation was noted.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR - FOR INFORMATION ONLY / UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAIR – GWYBODAETH YN UNIG.

1. Concern was raised about the lack of fencing at the Green Lodge Play Area. It is planned to install fencing under the (non-Council) "Pride in your town" project, and the funding is awaited.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 PM