



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Long.

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

Cllr Hudson declared an interest in item 11. 2.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 15 September 2014 be approved as a correct record.

4. POLICE MATTERS & REPORT

PC Davies (HD) in attendance. Details of the crime and incidents statistics for September for Llandoverly were conveyed to Members. A new Police Constable, Robert Smith, is now stationed at Llandoverly.

HD informed members that the Sheep Festival is now deemed the busiest event in Llandoverly. This year's event was very busy but did not generate any calls or arrests. An incident in Market Square after the event was mentioned and HD stated that this was dealt with by a Police Officer. HD suggested that the Sheep Festival organisers have to work with the Police, and should consider security.

In response to a question about a "tree surgeon" in a yellow coat, HD reminded members to always be suspicious of "cold callers".

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

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

September

26-28 Llandoverly Sheep Festival

30 Carmarthenshire County Council Community Liaison meeting

October

8 Lights Committee meeting

13 Meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council Executive Board

16 RDP Funding Meeting

18 Concert at Myddfai Hall

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jackson had nothing to report.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. 1. Planning Committee

1. The minutes from the meeting on 15 September 2014 were noted.

7. 2. Town Lights & Christmas Festivities Committee

1. The minutes from the meeting on 7 October 2014 were noted, and the recommendations at items 6. 1, 6. 2, 6. 3, and 8. 2 in the minutes were considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations at items 6. 1 (that the quotes from Lloyds British and Carmarthenshire Town Council relating to stress testing of seasonal decorations brackets and sconces be accepted), 6. 2 (that the tender from Richard Evans Electrical Contractor Ltd be accepted), 6. 3 (that the tender from Mr Tony Davies be accepted), and 8. 2 (that the Council should apply for free car parking on 28 November 2014) be approved.

8. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

The Clerk provided an update on the repair of the boiler timer in the Hub.

It was **resolved** that the invoice for the repair be paid.

Cllr Rees undertook to arrange for a notice on how to operate and adjust the heating system to be made available for Brecon Beacons staff and users of the Hub.

9. MATTERS ARISING

1. Mr Iwan Cray, County Commander for Carmarthenshire, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, was received to provide an overview of the services provided to the community, and answer questions in this regard. In response to questions Mr Cray said that recruitment and response times at Llandovery are good, there is 100% appliance availability, and Llandovery Fire Station is safe for the foreseeable future, but funding is very near the bone. Welsh Ambulance support is needed to get a First Responder and they prefer voluntary schemes. Mr Cray drew members' attention to the Service's Annual Improvement Plan and invited comments via the online link. Mr Cray informed members that the uptake of the Home Fire Safety Check, which is provided free of charge, is well below average in Llandovery, and he asked members to support and encourage residents to have one done by contacting 0370 6060699.
2. A report from Cllr Wright on the Community Liaison meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council on 30 September 2014 was considered and noted.
3. The contents of a letter from Head of Administration and Law at County concerning Code of Conduct Information was noted.
4. Feedback from the meeting with the County Council's Executive Board on 13 October 2014 was received. County's Budgets are being much reduced and this will affect services and facilities in the local community. It was agreed that the Council should meet on 3 November 2014 to consider the proposed transfer of community assets and to devise a strategy for how to proceed, to consider a new overall strategic plan for the Council, and to consider the Budget for 2015-16 in principle.
5. An update from the Working Party considering the Transfer of Assets question was not received. The matter to be considered by the Full Council on 3 November 2014.
6. An update on the Heritage Museum project was received. County has agreed in principle to transfer the ownership of the Jubilee Patio to the Town Council. Cllr Morgan reported that her research had revealed that there is a possibility that there is an exemption in Wales from the requirement to have the permission of the Welsh Government to grant a lease of more than 7 years on a property where there is a social and economic benefit to doing so. She is making detailed enquiries. In response to a query, Cllr Morgan explained the reason for requesting the cancellation of the caution from the Land Registry Registration for the Heritage Centre. Cllr Morgan was given an honourable mention for her work on the project.
7. Further information on the "Share the Pot" scheme was considered and noted.
8. The arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade on 9 November 2014 were made. Cllrs Jones and Wathan gave their apologies for being unable to attend.
9. The contents of a message from Natural Resources Wales concerning fencing adjacent to the cattle market was considered.

It was **resolved** that the proposed work to move the fence from the top to the toe of the embankment be approved.
10. Notification from The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales of the publication of their draft Annual Report for 2015/16 and consultation was noted.
11. The contents of the letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner concerning a Draft Enforcement Policy and consultation was noted. It was agreed to let One Voice Wales respond.
12. An invitation to send two representatives to a meeting to learn more about the Swansea Bay City Region Forum in connection with a new approach to economic regeneration was considered.

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Wright and Dorothy Burgess would attend the meeting on 19 November.

10. ACCOUNTS

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £9,835.20 and payments totalling £6,225.59 for the period 1 to 30 September 2014 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 at 30 September 2014 was received and noted.
3. The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014, certified by the External Auditor with their audit opinion, was received and considered.

It was **resolved** that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014, certified by the External Auditor with their audit opinion, be approved and accepted.
4. The proposed adjustments to the Budget for 2014-15 from October 2014 from the Clerk were considered.

It was **resolved** that the revised Budget for 2014-15 from October 2014 be approved.
5. Retrospective approval of additional costs for the upgrade of the intruder alarm was considered.

It was **resolved** that the payment of the additional costs be approved.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS

1. The donation decision taken at the September 2014 meeting when it was resolved that £150 be donated to Llandovery Walkers are Welcome was ratified. Cllr Wathan voted against.

The Clerk was asked to inform the organisation that, in view of the availability of free insurance through "Walking Well Carmarthenshire", and the increasing financial pressure being placed on this Council, it is not likely that requests for financial support to pay for insurance will be forthcoming in the future.

2. A request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru for funding was considered.

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

3. A request from Traws Link Cymru for funding was considered.

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

4. A request from Carmarthen and District Youth Opera for funding was considered.

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

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A copy of "Yr Ardd" magazine from the National Botanic Garden of Wales was received and given to Cllr Jones for circulation to those who wish to see.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The apparent lack of publicity posters for the Fireworks Event around the town was queried. Cllr Jones to chase up. Also, Cllr Blud to chase up the use of the hoarding to publicise that event and the Christmas Lights Switch-on.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM