



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2013 AT 6.00 PM.

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWDYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR NOSLUN, RHAGFYR 16 2013 AM 6:00 YH.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Cllr Rees.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Not applicable.

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 18 November 2013 be approved as a correct record.

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

PC Howie Davies and PCSO Griffiths in attendance. The recent crime and incidents details in Llandovery were not available, but the recent two months have been fairly quiet. There has been an increase of staff in the person of PCSO Dion Parsons.

Although still an issue, the anti-social behaviour involving cars in the Castle car park is being addressed, and calls are coming in, which is good to see.

The problem of parking adjacent to the junction of High Street and Bridge Street was discussed at length. PC Davies informed members that the Police can only deal with what is presented to them. Positive action has been taken and fixed penalty notices have been issued. Car owners must adhere to the Highway Code, but the lack of double yellow lines on this particular area of the High Street has been a problem for some years, but encourages car drivers to park there, notwithstanding the rules laid out in the Highway Code. The County parking attendants have no authority with regard to illegal parking. The Clerk informed all that the plans to address the lack of double yellow lines adjacent to this junction are currently in the hands of the Welsh Government.

There was some discussion about a vehicle parked in a de-restricted area of the Castle car park, and Cllr Blud provided PC Davies with a brief update on plans for the provision of a defibrillator in the town.

The Mayor thanked PC Davies and PCSO Griffiths for attending, and they left the meeting.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

November

17 Llandeilo Civic Service at St Teilo's Church.

18 Chair, Town Council Meeting.

18 Chair, Planning Committee meeting.

20 Meeting of Governors at Rhys Prichard School.

23 Charity concert at Myddfai Hall.

27 Carmarthenshire County Council Charity Dinner at Ashburnham Hotel, Pembrey.

29 Switch-on Christmas Lights, Market Square.

December

9 Meeting of Governors at Rhys Prichard School.

Cllr Hudson asked if there was anything to report from the Governors' meetings at Rhys Prichard School, with particular reference to the Governors' Report. The Mayor undertook to report at the next meeting

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

Cllr Jackson informed members about the outcome of an investigation of a complaint submitted to the Local Planning Authority, which had determined that no breach of planning control had occurred which would warrant any enforcement action.

Cllr Hudson drew attention to broken fence panelling at the Bowling Green. Cllr Jackson undertook to enquire about its repair.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7. 1. Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio

1. The minutes from the meeting on 18 November 2013 were noted. The Clerk informed members that the detail relating to item 4. 2 should read "Western Power Distribution – To keep installed the existing high voltage circuit".

7. 2. Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. The minutes from the meeting on 2 December 2013 were noted, and the recommendations at items 4, 5.1, 5.2, 6, and 7 in the minutes were considered for approval.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations at items 4 (that the adjustments as detailed in the attached schedule "Accounts Review Dec 2013" be made, and that the revised budget as detailed in the attached schedule "Budget 2013-14 – Dec 13" be approved), 5. 1 (that the Precept demand for 2014-15 be increased by the rate of inflation determined by the Retail Price Index in November 2013), 5. 2 (that a revised business plan for the Hub for 2014-15 be produced by 31 March 2014), 6 (that there were no comments on the proposed revocation and remaking of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 to put forward and that the consultation be noted), and 7 (that the Council investigates the requirements relating to pension arrangements for employees of the Council in detail over the next year to ensure that the Council is prepared for the changes in good time), in the minutes be approved.

7. 3. Heritage Museum Steering Committee / Pwyllgor Llywio Amgueddfa Treftadaeth

1. A verbal update was received from Cllr Wright. A Project Manager has been selected, and the negotiations connected with a building for a new Heritage Museum are ongoing.

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

The Town Clerk's Report for December 2013 was noted.

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. An update on the response to the latest Notice of Vacancy for the North Ward was received. An election has not been requested, so action to fill the Councillor vacancy was considered.

It was **resolved** that Mr Anthony Wathan be invited to join the Council.

2. The Public Notice from Carmarthenshire County Council proposing to install Raised Plateau Crossing Points on Broad Street in Llandovery was considered. The Council had objected to the proposal last month, and dismay was expressed at the proposal. It was thought that the raised plateaus were totally unnecessary for the footpath aspect, and they were dangerous for the speeding aspect and would make the situation worse. Cllr Jackson informed members that local residents have been notified, and had suggested to them that, if they have concerns about the proposal, they write to County.
3. A proposal for improvements to the Council's website as part of the Development project requiring additional expenditure was considered. This comprised a one-off payment of £75 to give the site a bilingual structure, and a payment of £15 every two years for a domain name for the Hub.

It was **resolved** that the proposed changes should go ahead.

4. A quotation for the repair of the torn self portrait of Mr Peter Williams was considered. The picture of a former resident of Stone Street (who made the Eisteddfod Chair) was considered to be important.

It was **resolved** that the quotation be accepted.

5. The contents of a letter from the Head of Planning at Carmarthenshire County Council re a consultation on the review of the Regional Technical Statement for Minerals for South Wales was considered and noted.
6. The notification of an appeal lodged with the National Assembly for Wales against the decision of Carmarthenshire County Council to refuse planning permission for a proposed development to install one wind turbine at Pen Y Gaer, was considered. The Clerk informed members of the correspondence received from objectors, including the Llandovery Anti-Turbine Action Group.

It was **resolved** that the Council writes to the Planning Inspector to reiterate the grounds for objection from the meeting of the Planning Committee in November 2012.

7. The matter of road safety by Dolauhirion on the Cilycwm Road was considered. The Clerk had already contacted County who had offered a meeting with a member of the Traffic Section. Cllr Rees agreed to attend the meeting. Cllr Jackson pointed out that the place was outside the Council's area, and that the County Councillor for that place should be informed.

8. The contents of a letter from Catherine Hughes concerning the safety of the High Street road junction with Bridge Street was considered. The Clerk had already replied, and the matter was in the hands of the Welsh Government.
9. The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales's final proposals for the electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire were considered and noted.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £5,286.45 and payments totalling £5,073.02 for the period 1 to 30 November 2013 was considered.

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

2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts as at 30 November 2013 was considered and noted.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. The donation decision taken at the November 2013 meeting when it was resolved that £50 be donated to Urdd Gobaith Cymru, was ratified.
2. The donation decision taken at the November 2013 meeting when it was resolved that £600 be donated to pay for the fireworks used at the 2013 Fireworks Display, was ratified.
3. A request from Morgan Davies for funding was considered.
It was **resolved** that £100 be donated. To be ratified at the next meeting.
4. A request from Talking Books Wales for funding was considered.
It was **resolved** that £50 be donated. To be ratified at the next meeting.
5. A request from Marie Curie Cancer Care for funding was considered.
It was **resolved** that the request be left on the table.

12. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. The receipt of a letter of thanks from National Eisteddfod Wales for the donation made in November 2013 was noted.
2. The receipt of a letter of thanks from Mr D G Cheesman, British Legion, was noted.
3. The receipt of a message of thanks for the Council's financial support, and a report on the cultural visit recently made to Brittany by a combined group of young people from Llandovery, from Mr Glyn Evans, was noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 6:50 PM