



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2011 AT 7.00PM

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR NOSLUN, IONAOWR 17 2011 AM 7.00 y.h.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Nigel Burgess,
Councillors: Jackson, Edgar Jones, Gina Jones, Lovell, Blud, Wright, Smith, Rees, Hughes, Thomas,
and Hudson.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllr Ennion.

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

Cllr Burgess declared an interest in item 9. 1.

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

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 20 December 2010 be approved as a correct record.

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

PC Howie Davies in attendance. He reported that he had no crime statistics available, but December was relatively quiet, the majority of calls relating to the adverse weather conditions. In response to questions, PC Davies undertook to pursue the issue of the level of dog fouling in the town, which has increased noticeably and has led to several complaints. The Clerk undertook to send PC Davies a copy of the recent correspondence he has had with the Environmental Enforcement Team at County.

The use as a "short cut" (when turning right out of Market Square) of the former bus stop adjacent to the Town Hall in Stone Street was discussed. It was agreed the Clerk contact County to chase up the expected changes to the parking scheme in this area.

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

5. VISITOR(S) / YMWELWR (S)

Mr Rhodri Edwards, Manager, Fields in Trust.

Mr Edwards informed the Council about the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge Scheme, a project to safeguard playing fields for local communities. Mr Edwards informed members that Carmarthenshire County Council has nominated Llandovery Park (Castle Fields) for inclusion in the scheme. In response to questions, Mr Edwards stated that ownership of the land is necessary to nominate a site, and no other sites in Llandovery have been nominated.

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there will be a mass celebration event in June 2012, "Have a Field Day", which offers an opportunity to organise a community and or sporting event at the site.

The possibility of protecting particular additional sites in Llandovery was discussed, but it was acknowledged that that would involve persuading the County Council, who own the land, to do so.

The Mayor thanked Mr Edwards for attending, and he left the meeting.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

20 December	Chair, Town Council meeting
20 December	Visit to Llandovery Hospital with League of Friends
21 December	Visit to local Care Homes with Rotary
22 December	Meeting with Sean Gerrard at Castle Hotel, Llandovery
25 December	Carol Service at Llandovery Hospital
6 January	Agenda meeting with Town Clerk

The Mayor informed members that the meeting on 22 December took place at the request of Sean Gerrard who wanted to reassure the community that he is undertaking a genuine and authentic refurbishment of the building. Mr Gerrard requested no help from the Council.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7. 1. Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 7 February 2011 at 7pm.

7. 2. Heritage Centre Committee / Pwyllgor Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 31 January 2011 at 7pm.
2. Renewal of Gas contract from 1 April 2011.
Members informed that following the consultation last week, all agreed that the proposed two year contract be entered into, and this has been done.

7. 3. Town Lights & Christmas Festivities Committee / Pwyllgor Goleuadau Nadolig

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 24 January 2011 at 7pm.

7. 4. Llandovery in Bloom Committee / Pwyllgor Gwyl Flodau, Llanyddyfri

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 24 January 2011 at 7pm.

7. 5. Public Seating and Footpath Committee / Pwyllgor Eisteddleodd Cyhoeddus a Llwybrau

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 24 January 2011 at 7pm.

7. 6. Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 31 January 2011 at 7pm.

7. 7. CCTV Committee / Pwyllgor CCTV

1. To set date for meeting to discuss the functions of the Committee, and the Budget for 2011/12.
Committee to meet in the Heritage Centre on 31 January 2011 at 7pm.

7. 8. Informal updates (information only) / Adroddiadau anffurfiol (Gwybodaeth yn unig)

1. Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall Management Committee
In response to a request for an update, Cllr Jackson informed members that the boiler has been repaired, and a new caretaker has been in post since the beginning of January 2011.

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

To receive Town Clerk's Report for January 2011.
Received and noted.

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. To consider written expressions of interest in joining the Council, and to decide on action to co-opt a new Member to fill the existing vacancy. (See Clerk's Report, A. 2.)

N.B. The Mayor vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Cllr Pat Smith took the chair for this item.

Further to item A. 2. in his Report for January 2011, the Clerk confirmed that only one expression of interest had been received, from Mrs Dorothy Burgess, and her letter was read out.

It was **resolved** that Mrs Dorothy Burgess be invited to join the Council.

N.B. The Mayor rejoined the meeting and resumed the chair.

2. To receive a verbal report from the sub-committee considering Llandovery's response to the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, and to decide how to proceed, including the consideration of monetary commitment.

Cllr Blud delivered verbal report.

It was **resolved** that a party for the town on the afternoon of 29 April 2011 be organised, to be held in the Market Square.

Cllr Blud undertook to provide costings to the Clerk prior to the next meeting for consideration.

3. To consider replacing the portable Public Address System.

It was **resolved** that a new Public Address System be purchased.

4. To consider a request from the National Chairman of the Royal British Legion to participate in the Legion's "Great Poppy Party Weekend" in June 2011 in celebration of The Royal British Legion's 90th birthday.

Cllr Hudson took copies of the correspondence to discuss with the local branch of the Legion.

5. To consider an invitation from Meryl Gravell, Chair of Carmarthenshire Local Service Board and Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council, for comments in the development of the Integrated Community Strategy for the County 2011-16, by 30 March 2011.
The papers were passed to Cllr Wright for consideration.
6. To consider a request from the Area Housing Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council, for views on the draft Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy, by 4 February 2011.
The papers were passed to Cllr Hudson for consideration.
7. To consider a response to an invitation from Home Start Dinefwr to a celebration of their success in Big Lottery funding on 28 January 2011 at 11am in Ammanford.
The Mayor informed Members that he will be attending.
8. To consider the request to think about the local amenities that would be an undesirable loss to the community if they were closed – Cllr Wright.
Members agreed to think about this for future consideration.
9. To consider a commitment to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors Initiative in connection with reducing CO2 emissions – Cllr Wright.
It was **resolved** that Cllr Wright provide more information for the next meeting.
10. Review of Standing Orders - update.
Members were informed that the Clerk will work on this, and Cllr Ennion has agreed to oversee the project, as he has done with the Financial Regulations.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. To consider the schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £15,414.97, and payments totalling £3,491.53 for the period 1 to 31 December 2010.
It was **resolved** that the income in the aforementioned accounts be noted, and that the payments in the aforementioned accounts be approved.
2. To receive Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the current year up to 31 December 2010, and the Budget Summary as at 31 December 2010.
Received and noted.
3. Final approval and acceptance by the Council of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 following completion of the external audit procedure - see Clerk's Report, B. 1.
It was **resolved** that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010, certified by the external auditor, be approved and accepted.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

None received.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU A CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO

12. 1. Planning applications sought / Ceisiadau cynllunio

1. E/24189 – Full Planning: Replacement of windows and doors being the installation of UPVC windows and doors. Kebab King, 1-2 Water Street, Llandovery.
It was **resolved** that this application, which is retrospective, be refused on the grounds that the uPVC windows are not in keeping with the conservation area in which the building is situated.

12. 2. Planning permissions granted / Ceisiadau cynllunio wedi eu caniatáu

1. E/22602 - Outline application for dwelling in front garden - Maesydre, Llandovery.
2. E/24095 - Full Planning: Proposed demolition of existing asbestos clad garage and lean-to conservatory, to be replaced with two storey extension accommodation – 8 Dingat Terrace, Llandovery.
Both the above were noted.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. HOWLTA – Newsletter for Winter 2010/11. *For information and circulation.*
Noted.
2. Monitoring Officer, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Request to publicise vacancy on its Standards Committee. *For information. Distributed to all Members on 8 or 11 January.*
Noted.
3. One Voice Wales – Latest edition of “The Voice” - *for circulation for information.*
Noted, and taken by the Mayor.

4. Cambrian Mountains Co Ltd - rescheduled dates for the meetings regarding the Cambrian Mountains Initiative. *For information. Distributed to all Members on 10 or 11 January.*
Noted.
5. Wales Air Ambulance – Publicity flyer inviting participation in their charity challenges in 2011.
For information and distribution for display and publicity.
Noted.
6. British Heart Foundation – Flyer publicising “Heart Start” - free courses to teach people what to do in a life-threatening emergency situation. *For information and distribution for display and publicity.*
Noted, and taken by Cllr Lovell to publicise on the radio.
- 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR - FOR INFORMATION ONLY / UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAI – GWYBODAETH YN UNIG.**
14. 1. Christmas Tree amnesty in the County
Information about this was made known to Members.
14. 2. Craft Centre redecoration and refurbishment of the clock.
1. Concern was expressed that not all the the contractors are local.
Members were informed that it is the responsibility of local tradesmen to make their availability and interest in work known to County, and some have been informed as such.
2. Concern was also expressed about the security of the clock once the work has finished.
The Clerk to write to County to ensure that future security has been considered.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 pm