



## **LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL**

## **CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2011 AT 7.00PM**

### **COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR NOSLUN, MAWRTH 21 2011 AM 7.00 y.h.**

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

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU**

Cllrs Lovell and Hughes.

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

Cllr Wright declared an interest in item 12. 1. 4.

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

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 21 February 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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

PC Howie Davies had sent his apologies via the Clerk, and had advised that he had nothing to report.

#### **5. VISITOR(S) / YMWELWR(S)**

Mr Kierson Wise, Severn Wye Energy Agency, spoke about the Come2CoM and Covenant of Mayors Initiative.

This is a sustainable energy initiative, aiming to increase awareness and galvanise interest, so that people think about climate change, and take action to work towards the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by 2020. Local initiatives and measures could include supporting this community to behaviour change, to improve home insulation, heating systems, and use of local resources, including community heating projects using local means such as biomass, hydro and solar, to reduce energy use.

Keirson explained the implications of signing up to the initiative. Periodic assessment of emissions would be required, which would require some time, but help (possible funding, and expertise) would be available. A "lead person" would be required, and Cllr Wright volunteered to take on this role.

Signing up would be a public statement that Llandovery is doing something to contribute. Also, some projects have become tourist attractions.

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

#### **6. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER**

21 February	Chair, Town Council meeting
26 February	Clybiau Plant Cymru presentation, Royston House
1 March	Visit of HRH Prince of Wales to Llandovery
1 March	Heritage/Forward Planning meetings, Heritage Centre
2 March	League of Friends committee meeting, Hospital
3 March	CCTV committee meeting, Heritage Centre
10 March	Seating & Footpath committee meeting, Heritage Centre
15 March	Meeting with flower planter representative, Heritage Centre
18 March	CCC Charity Ball, Stradey Park Hotel, Llanelli

#### **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU**

##### **7. 1. Heritage Centre Committee / Pwyllgor Canolfan Dreftadaeth**

1. The report from the meeting on 1 March 2011 was received and noted.

##### **7. 2. Public Seating and Footpath Committee / Pwyllgor Eisteddleodd Cyhoeddus a Llwybrau**

1. To receive the report from the meeting on 10 March 2011 was received and noted.  
It was **resolved** that the recommendations be approved.

##### **7. 3. Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw**

1. The report from the meeting on 1 March 2011 was received and noted.

#### **7. 4. CCTV Committee / Pwyllgor CCTV**

1. The report from the meeting on 3 March 2011 was received and noted.

It was clarified that, in instances where information is requested but an incident does not appear on the CCTV recording, the fee would not be refunded: the fee is a charge for access.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations, including the adoption of the CCTV Policy and Code of Practice, be approved.

#### **7. 5. Informal updates (information only) / Adroddiadau anffurfiol (Gwybodaeth yn unig)**

Nothing to report.

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

The Town Clerk's Report for March 2011 was received and noted.

Cllr Wright undertook to contact the representative from the Heart of Wales Line Forum, whose response is still awaited.

#### **9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL**

1. Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the year 2011- 2012 were proposed and ratified.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Pat Smith be the next Mayor.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Jill Blud be the next Deputy Mayor.

2. To consider further action on the Come2CoM and Covenant of Mayors Initiative.

It was **resolved** that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

3. A verbal update from the sub-committee organising the Party in the Square on 29 April 2011 was delivered by Cllr Blud, and arrangements are ongoing. Commemorative mugs are to be given to the primary school children, and a half page publicity article has been placed in "The Post". Local businesses are holding activities to complement the event. The Town Clerk confirmed that road closure is in hand.

4. A verbal report on the meeting with Brecon Beacons National Park Authority about the Draft BBNPA Community Council Charter was delivered by Cllr Thomas. Her view was that it is a sensible charter and she had no criticism of it. It was agreed that the Council is recognised as a member, and has a voice.

It was **resolved** that the Council signs up to participate in the Charter.

5. An invitation to participate in "Open Doors 2011" was considered.

It was recognised that the Council does not have property that warrants participation.

It was **resolved** that the event be publicised.

6. An offer from County for the Council to be notified (by email to the Clerk) of applications to grant or vary premises licences and club certificates was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Council accept the offer.

7. A letter from Energy Saving Trust about the Welsh Assembly Government's *Ynni'r Fro Programme* aiming to promote the development of community scale renewable energy was considered.

It was agreed that this should be taken into account when discussing the Come2CoM and Covenant of Mayors Initiative at the next meeting.

8. A request from Head of Corporate Property at County to provide County with details of the Town Council's land and property ownership for upload onto the Welsh Assembly Government's Electronic Property Information Service was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Council does not provide this information.

9. Cllr Gina Jones delivered a verbal update on Pantycelyn School.

No decision has been taken to close the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. The Headteacher has been unable to respond to the Town Clerk's letter because of the impending school inspection, and decisions awaiting from County and WAG. The current change is that where less than three students want to take a subject, they may be taken elsewhere to do it.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Gina Jones thanks the Headteacher for the information.

#### **10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON**

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £134.68, and payments totalling £2,141.00 for the period 1 to 28 February 2011 was considered.

It was **resolved** that the income in the aforementioned accounts be noted, and that the payments in the aforementioned accounts be approved.

2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the current year up to 28 February 2011, and the Budget

Summary as at 28 February 2011 were received and noted.

3. The invitation to rejoin One Voice Wales for 2011-12, and the payment of the subscription fee, which is £6 more than has been budgeted for this year, were considered.  
It was **resolved** that the Council rejoins One Voice Wales and pays the increased subscription.

#### **11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL**

1. To ratify the donation decision taken at the February 2011 meeting when it was resolved that £300 be donated to Llandovery Non-Conformist Burial Board.  
It was **resolved** that this donation be ratified.
2. To ratify the donation decision taken at the February 2011 meeting when it was resolved that £500 be donated to The Llandovery Town Crier Association for the Town Crier event in July 2011.  
It was **resolved** that this donation be ratified.
3. A funding request from Wellbeing Regeneration which provides footcare services for older and disabled people was considered.  
It was **resolved** that £50 be donated.
4. A funding request from Cerebra was considered.  
It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.
5. A funding request from Y Lloffwr was considered.  
It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.
6. A funding request from Mencap Cymru was considered.  
It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.

#### **12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU A CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO**

##### **12. 1. Planning Applications Sought / Ceisiadau cynllunio**

1. E/24377 – Full Planning – Boardwalk style bridges, a kissing gate and entrance archway and an octagonal hide – Poor Mans Wood, Llandovery.  
Noted as approved.
2. E/24443 – Advertisement – Hand painted bilingual sign on front elevation – Castle Hotel, Llandovery  
It was **resolved** that this application be approved.
3. E/24323 – Full Planning – Construction of store extension and porch at rear of dwelling – Blaenos House Nursing Home, Llandovery.  
It was **resolved** that this application be approved.
4. E/24492 – Listed Building – New floor detail only – Llandovery Railway Station  
It was **resolved** that this application be approved.
5. E/24482 and E/24483 – Full Planning and Listed Building – Replacement fire escape stairs to northern facade – Llandinat House, Llandovery College  
It was **resolved** that these applications be approved.

##### **12. 2 Planning Permission Refused / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Gwrthod**

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.  
Noted. An expression of sympathy for the circumstances of this particular case was made, and it was suggested that the proprietor should be given encouragement.

##### **12. 3. Planning permissions granted / Ceisiadau cynllunio wedi eu caniatáu**

1. E/23643 - Full planning - Provision of plant room to house biomass boiler installation – Forestry Commission, Llanfair Road.
2. E/22466 - Full Planning and Listed Building – General repairs to existing building, new services to facilitate reuse of building to waiting room, first floor self contained flat for holiday lets – Llandovery Railway Station.  
Both the above were noted.

#### **13. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH**

1. Peter Luff MP - reponse to Clerk's letter expressing the concerns of the Council over future search and rescue services. *For information only. Distributed to all Members on 10 or 15 March.*  
Noted.
2. Care and Repair Carmarthenshire – letter to inform the Council about the organisation and its services. *For information only.*

Read out and noted.

3. Yr Ardd – the Magazine from the National Botanical Garden of Wales – Spring issue. *For information/ circulation.*  
Noted. Given to Cllr Gina Jones.
4. Carmarthenshire Young Farmers – Annual Report for 2009-10. *For information only.*  
Noted.
5. Training and Development Officer, One Voice Wales – National Training Programme for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the coming financial year. *For information.*  
Noted.

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

1. Carmarthen Journal Community Awards.  
Read out and noted.
2. Standard of street cleaning in town.  
It was agreed that standards seemed to have deteriorated.  
It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk write to County to enquire about the cleaning schedule.
3. Parking in Dingat Terrace  
This issue is subject to negotiations between Highways and Housing at County to agree responsibility.
4. The Town Clock  
Congratulations were given to Cllr Jackson on the repair of the Town Clock. The possibility of fixing a weather vane was mooted without resolution.
5. Resident Parking in Orchard Street.  
The proposed resident parking scheme has caused some controversy, and surprise was expressed that it is going ahead. Cllr Jackson informed members that he has advised residents to write to County about the scheme.
6. New public walk to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.  
It was **resolved** that Cllr Jackson should investigate further the possibility of installing a new public footpath from the main car park, along the river bank, passing behind the Mart, to the Llangadog Road.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 PM**