



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY **ON MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011 AT 7.00PM**

COFNODION CYFARFOD NOSLUN, EBRILL 18 2011 AM 7.00YH **YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Nigel Burgess,
Councillors: Jackson, Edgar Jones (until 8.35) , 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 Hudson declared an interest in item 7. 1. 1.

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

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

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

PC Howie Davies was in attendance. He reported the crime statistics for March 2011 - crime figures for Llandovery remain low. He had attended a "Behave Or Be Banned" meeting recently and informed Members that as a result of action under the scheme, two persons had received bans for three months, and one person had received an indefinite ban.

He reported that during a recent visit by County's Public Protection Team a fixed penalty for littering had been issued. He confirmed that this Team also issues penalties for dog fouling.

He confirmed that he can provide the Council with statistics relating to motorcyclists caught speeding in the area.

PC Davies also reported that he had been involved in a "Community Challenge Award" event with the Scouts in Llandovery. PC Davies explained that the initiative gave an opportunity for all scouts groups to become involved with local issues identified by the scouts themselves and thereafter involve local authorities to assist them in the activities connected with initiative. Two issues had been highlighted by Llandovery Scouts - dog fouling and speeding vehicles. The Scouts utilised members of both the Police and County's Public Protection Team and informed them as to where the problems were. PC Davies said that the Scouts were a great bunch, and were to be congratulated.

Members agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Scouts for their involvement in the Community Challenge Award event.

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

5. VISITOR(S) / YMWELWR(S)

None.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

21 March	Chair, Town Council meeting
1 April	Cwmaman Civic Dinner, Amman United RFC, Glanamau
4 April	Llandovery in Bloom committee meeting, Heritage Centre
4 April	Heritage Centre Committee meeting, Heritage Centre
7 April	Forward Planning Committee meeting, Heritage Centre
12 April	League of Friends Committee meeting, Hospital
13 April	Internal Audit check with Town Clerk, Llanwrda
15 April	Mayor's Charity Ball, Castle Hotel, Llandovery

Cllrs Nigel and Dorothy Burgess were congratulated for the success of the Mayor's Charity Ball, and it was agreed that it was good to see The Castle Hotel back in action.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7. 1. Heritage Centre Committee / Pwyllgor Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. The minutes from the meeting on 4 April 2011 were received, and the recommendations considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations in items 4 (lease renewal), 5 (recharges negotiations), and 7 (payment of maintenance bill) of the minutes be approved.

7. 2. Llandovery in Bloom Committee / Pwyllgor Gwyl Flodau, Llanymddyfri

1. The minutes from the meeting on 4 April 2011 were received, and the recommendations considered.

The Clerk informed Members of the cost of marking the planter barrels with the Town Crest, and it was agreed that this would not be cost-effective.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations in items 2 (Llandovery in Bloom tender), 3 (Site Maintenance tender), and 4 (Purchase of planters) of the minutes be approved.

7. 3. Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. The minutes from the meeting on 7 April 2011 were received, and the one recommendation relating to the proposed Riverside Walk was considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendation that a route along the river side of the Castle mound should be pursued be approved.

7. 4. CCTV Committee / Pwyllgor CCTV

1. Cllr Ennion delivered a verbal update on maintenance of the CCTV equipment. Noted.

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

The Mayor informed Members that the donation for the memorial bench to be installed in the Market Square had been received.

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

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

With reference to A. 1. (Premises Licence Grant), the Clerk updated Members on developments concerning the application for Bon Marche Charcoal Grill.

It was **resolved** that that the request that a copy of the Council's representations be forwarded to the applicant be approved, and that Cllr Hudson would attend the hearing.

With reference to A. 2. (Standard of street cleaning in town), it was thought that there is no longer street cleaning on Saturday or Sunday. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from County.

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. The Proposers and Seconders for the Mayor making ceremony were agreed.
2. Further action on the Come2CoM and Covenant of Mayors Initiative, and the Welsh Assembly Government's *Ynni'r Fro Programme* aiming to promote the development of community scale renewable energy was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Council sign up to the Initiative.

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. All is in place, and extra plates have been purchased to supplement the mugs. It was been agreed that the Council will pay for the scaffolding to be used for the stage outside the Bear. The Town Clerk confirmed that the temporary road closure had been arranged.
4. The request from the Mayor for a volunteer to attend the One Voice Wales Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting on 19 April 2011 in Newcastle Emlyn was considered. Cllr Nigel Burgess agreed to stay on as the Council's One Voice Wales representative, and would send apologies for this meeting as he was required to attend the Assembly Rooms Committee meeting.
5. The Notice of One Voice Wales 2011 Conference and AGM on 8 October 2011 in Pontrhyfendigaid: submitting motions for debate, and sending a delegate were considered.

It was **resolved** that, in the absence of a particular motion to support, the Council would not send a representative.

6. A request from County for help with the promotion of a Barn Owl Survey was considered. Members agreed to report sightings, and the provided posters would be put up.
7. A resident's concern about the concrete blocks adjacent to the War Memorial was considered. The reason for the position of the blocks is that the wall is unsound because of the Nant Bawddwr Culvert which passes underneath. The blocks are meant to discourage anyone walking by the wall.

8. The invitation to the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment workshop on 21 April was considered. The Mayor and Cllrs Dorothy Burgess and Blud stated their intention to attend.
9. A request from the Chairperson of the Corporate Invasive Weeds Project Group for the Council's views on the way in which County addresses non-native invasive weeds within the County was considered. The questionnaire was taken by Cllr Hudson to complete.
10. Quotes for the renewal of the Council's Insurance Policy in May 2011 were considered.

It was **resolved** that the quote from Zurich, to include business interruption, for a term of three years, be accepted.

11. Action on the formal consultation document for the proposals for transformation and re-configuration of secondary education in the Dinefwr area of Carmarthenshire was considered.

Cllr Jackson had requested a meeting with County's Education Department to be held at Pantycelyn, and this had been arranged for 9 May 2011, at 7.00 pm.

It was **resolved** that as many Members as possible should attend the meeting, and inform interested parties by word of mouth.

12. Action in response to letter from County about Armed Forces Day on 25 June 2011, and the idea of arranging supporting celebrations during the week 20 to 25 June 2011, and on Armed Forces Day were considered.

The Council has flags which it will fly at the Heritage Centre for the week. Cllr Ennion agreed to contact the College and take the matter forward.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £188.77, and payments totalling £5,894.92 for the period 1 to 31 March 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 at 31 March 2011, and the Budget Summary as at 31 March 2011 were received and noted.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. A funding request from Marie Curie Cancer Care was considered.

It was **resolved** that £200 be donated.

2. A funding request from Carmarthen Shop Mobility 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/24500 – Outline – Agricultural workers dwelling – Penybont Fields, Llandovery.
2. E/24291 – Full Planning – Two general purpose agricultural buildings – Penybont Fields, Llandovery.
Both the above noted as approved.
3. E/24607 and E/24608 - Advertisement and Listed Building – Erect hanging sign on front elevation - 3 Stone Street, Llandovery.

It was **resolved** that this application be approved.

4. The Council's view of new developments in rural areas, as impacted by the Government's recent decision to relax regulation, was considered.

It was **resolved** that each case should be considered on its merits.

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

1. E/23734 - Listed Building – Major conservation repair work to external walls including work to windows and external doors, involving some minor alterations – 33 High Street.
2. E/24323 – Full Planning – Construction of store extension and porch at rear of dwelling – Blaenos House Nursing Home, Llandovery.
3. E/24377 – Full Planning – Board walk style bridges, a kissing gate and entrance archway and an octagonal hide – Poor Man's Wood, Llandovery.

All the above were noted.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. Letter of thanks from Joe Beard, Chairperson of Llandovery Town Crier Association read out / noted.
2. Letter of notification of the temporary closure of Market Square for the Town Crier Competition on 2 July 2011 read out and noted.

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

1. Cllr Ennion reported that the Coach Memorial on the A40 is a Grade II listed structure. He will liaise with Cllr Wright to pursue its repair.
2. The Mayor reported that 1,200 tickets for the the Mayor's Charity Raffle had been sold, and together with proceeds from the Charity Ball, a total of a £2,500 had been raised for Ty Hafan (£1,000) and three local charities (£500 each).

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 pm