



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR AR NOSLUN, MEHEFIN 20 2011 AM 7.00 YH.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairing the meeting: The Mayor, Pat Smith,

Councillors: Jackson, Edgar Jones, Gina Jones, Blud, Nigel Burgess, Lovell, Wright, Dorothy Burgess, Rees, Thomas, Hudson, and Ennion.

Cllr Jill Blud took the Oath of Office as Deputy Mayor, and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllr Hughes.

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

Cllr Dorothy Burgess declared an interest in item 11.2.

Cllr Blud declared an interest in item 9. 4.

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in item 12. 1. 2.

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

3. 1. It was **resolved** that the minutes from 16 May 2011 be approved as a correct record.

3. 2. It was **resolved** that the minutes from 14 June 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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

PC Howie Davies was in attendance. He apologised for missing the last meeting and for not having the latest crime statistics, but crime in Llandovery remains low.

The Police are being proactive in connection with drugs offences. He reported that, following extensive CID enquiries, a person from the Gwent area has been charged in connection with the spate of dwellings burglaries which occurred in the town a year ago.

With regard to motorists failing to stop at the crossing in Queensway, he confirmed that the Police will deal with any contraventions, and that reports from independent witnesses will help. He confirmed that the Trunk Roads Agency is investigating the state of the crossing.

He undertook to bring statistics relating to motor bike offences to a future meeting.

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

5. VISITOR(S) / YMWELWR(S)

Mr Robert Christie of Hugh Williams Son & Co attended to meet Members and answer questions about the provision of legal services for the Council.

Subsequently, it was **resolved** that Hugh Williams Son & Co be appointed formally as solicitors to act on behalf of the Council, as and when required.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

16 May	Chair, Town Council Meeting
17 May	Public Meeting re School closure Ysgol Pantycelyn.
19 May	Heritage Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
20 May	Christian Aid Concert at Llanwrda Village Hall.
21 May	Opening of Ty Talcen Hall, Myddfai.
27 May	Mayoral Installation at Llandeilo, Cawdor's Hotel.
30 May	Llandovery Carnival; Parade and Crowning of Queens
31 May	Llandovery in Bloom Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
6 June	Finance Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
7 June	Visit of Minister of Education in Malawi to Ysgol Pantycelyn.
10 June	Draw Raffle for Rotary Club in aid of League of Friends, YMCA.
14 June	Meeting with Ruth Coulthard at Heritage Centre.
14 June	Extraordinary meeting of the Council at Heritage Centre.
17 June	Judge at Children's Town Criers Competition, Ysgol Rhys Prichard.
18 June	Opening of the extension to Deli, Kings Rd, Llandovery.
18 June	Speech at Open Day, Glasallt Fawr, Llangadog.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7. 1. Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. The minutes from the meeting on 6 June 2011 were received and noted.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations in the following items be approved:

3 (allocation of Internal Auditor's invoice between Budget Headings 6 and 18),

4 (to approve Sections 1, 2, and 4 of the Annual Return),

5 (to not join the HOWLTA 200 Club and not to pay by direct debit),

6 (to approve the draft Financial Risk Assessment for 2011/2012), and

7 (to approve the revised Budget for 2011/12)

With reference to item 5, it was highlighted that the reason for not joining the HOWLTA 200 Club was that the Council is not allowed to gamble.

7. 2. Heritage Centre Committee / Pwyllgor Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. The minutes from the meeting on 19 May 2011 were received and noted.

Cllr Edgar Jones was thanked for his generosity in holding the party. Members were informed that more volunteers are needed, and Cllr Ennion offered to put an advert in the Post Office.

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

1. The minutes from the meeting on 31 May 2011 were received and noted.

With reference to item 2. of the minutes (Site Maintenance Budget), the Mayor reiterated that the money would stay in the budget until the possible action described in item 5 had been taken.

2. The Mayor informed Members that the three barrels in the Market Square had been replaced with three of the recently purchased barrels. Also, the new 5-tier planter was in place and planted, and Cllr Jackson was thanked for the plants and the planting.

7. 4 Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. Cllr Edgar Jones delivered a verbal report from the meeting with Ruth Coulthard (BBNPA) on 14 June 2011 to consider the development of the Heritage Centre, which was noted.

Ruth Coulthard has undertaken to produce a specification to be put out to design consultants for quotation. A meeting with Ruth will be held on 29 June to approve the specification. County Council grants are available through which the Council will be able to recover the cost of the consultancy, estimated to be in the region of £10,000.

2. With reference to the Riverside Walk project, Cllr Ennion requested that a meeting of the Committee be arranged to meet with Gerwyn Thomas from County to review the clearance work by the Castle Mound, and to consider the way forward. Clerk to arrange.

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

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

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. A verbal report from the sub-committee which organised the Party on the Square was delivered by Cllr Blud, and donations to LADCA and the YMCA from the "surplus" funds were considered.

It was **resolved** that donations of £160 be sent to LADCA and the Llandovery YMCA.

Cllr Blud thanked all who helped in connection with the event.

2. How Llandovery will mark the Queen's Jubilee in June 2012 was considered.

It was **resolved** that a sub-committee be formed to consider this, and Cllrs Smith, Blud, Gina Jones, Wright, Dorothy Burgess, and Lovell volunteered to be members.

3. The outcomes of the recent application from Bon Marche Charcoal Grill for a premises licence were considered.

Cllr Hudson apologised to Members for giving incorrect information at the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing which he attended. The fracas on the night of the Royal Wedding was in Water Street, and Bon Marche was, in fact, closed. It was noted that the proprietor of Bon Marche had assessed the situation and had showed responsibility by closing his premises on that night.

One factor that the Licensing Sub-Committee took into account was that Water Street was considered to be residential whilst the area around Bon Marche was considered to be non-residential. An improved understanding of dealing with premises licence applications had been obtained from attendance at the Licensing Sub-Committee hearings.

It was **resolved** that for future applications for premises licences, a meeting will be called by the Clerk, after consultation with the Mayor.

4. A request from the Ysgol Pantycelyn Action Group (YPAG) for the Council to "front" the action to

pursue a Judicial Review was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Ysgol Pantycelyn Action Group be informed that the Council supports retaining the school, and reiterates the previous decision to provide support to the Group.

5. An invitation from Brecon Beacons NPA to make nominations for representatives on the Grants Panel managing the Sustainable Development Fund was considered.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Thomas be nominated.

6. A request from the County Council's Housing Scrutiny Committee for this Council's views on the Committee's Review of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy was considered.

It was **resolved** that the associated questionnaire be completed by Cllr Jackson and the Clerk.

7. A letter from The Purple Routes Play Project Team at CAVS was received and noted, and an invitation to attend the Project's official launch on 13 July 2011 was considered.

Cllr Wright undertook to attend.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. To consider the schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £230.68, and payments totalling £12,329.55 for the period 1 to 31 May 2011.

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 and the Budget Summary as at 31 May 2011 were received and noted.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. To ratify the donation decision taken at the May 2011 meeting when it was resolved that £500 be donated to Llandovery & District Chamber of Commerce for funding towards the Llandovery Sheep Festival 2011.

It was **resolved** that this donation be ratified.

2. A request from Friends of Llandovery Station for funding was considered.

It was **resolved** that £500 be donated.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU A CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO

12. 1. Planning Applications Sought / Ceisiadau cynllunio

1. E/24793 – Full planning – Remove existing extractor system, provide and fix new extractor system West End Café – 15-17 Broad Street, Llandovery, SA20 0AR.

Noted as approved.

NB CLLR THOMAS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

2. E/24902 – Full Planning – Change of use of building to the manufacture of fish feed – Unit 5, Buffer Depot, Towy Avenue, Llandovery. *Distributed to Members on 13 or 14 June 2011.*

It was **resolved** that this application be approved, subject to Carmarthenshire County Council being content that any smell that results from the manufacturing process is acceptable to neighbouring residents, and does not contravene any environmental regulations that may apply.

NB CLLR THOMAS REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

12. 2. Planning Application Appeal Notification / Ceisiadau Cynllunio - Rhybudd Apel

1. E/24189 – Replacement of windows and doors being the installation of UPVC windows and doors. Kebab King, 1-2 Water Street, Llandovery.

It was **resolved** that the Council's original decision and comments should stand.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. Letter of thanks from Marie Curie Cancer Care for recent donation read out and noted.
Cllr Gina Jones informed Members that half of this organisation's funding comes from donations and the nurses work full shifts during the night at the homes of the sufferers.
2. A Consultation Summary about their National Park Management Plan from Brecon Beacons NPA was received and passed to Cllr Thomas.
3. A letter from Carmarthenshire Life magazine and a complimentary copy - to publicise and promote the magazine – were received and noted for information.
4. Notification from CCC of the temporary road closure of the A40 at Llandovery Level Crossing from 20.00 on 7 September to 05.30 on 8 September 2011 was received and noted - for information.

**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 Lovell thanked Cllr Jackson for his prompt action in having the tombstone-like information obelisk by the bus stop in the main car park cordoned off recently. The origin of the obelisk was queried, and Members were informed that County staff are investigating.
2. Cllr Dorothy Burgess reminded Members about the official opening of the Railway Station buildings on 30 June.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 pm