



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR AR NOSLUN, MEDI 19 2011 AM 7.00 YH.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllr Thomas.

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

None relevant to the Agenda.

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

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 18 July 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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

PC Howie Davies in attendance. He reported the crime and incidents figures in Llandovery for August, which remain low.

The judging of the entries for the Poster competition to combat dog fouling has taken place. One class from Pantycelyn took part. The Mayor will present the prizes at a forthcoming school assembly. The winning posters will be distributed.

With regard to speeding in the town and the outskirts PC Davies reported the figures for the period from 27 March to date. Police visibility at weekends has been high, and detection action had been taken on a frequent and regular basis during the period. The Police have been working in conjunction with the County Council's Road Safety Unit to counter excess speed, and Members are welcome to go out with the Unit to see the work being done. The figures show that noisy bikes are also being dealt with. Road traffic accidents attributed to excess speed during the period 2005 to 2011 have decreased. In response to concerns about raised about the speed of traffic through the town, PC Davies suggested that this is a matter of perception in the narrow streets, because the evidence does not support this view.

PC Davies asked Members to appeal to the community to look for a carrier bag containing an important document of no material value, which a resident lost between one of the Solicitors in the High Street and her residence in New Road.

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

5. VISITOR(S) / YMWELWR(S)

Richard Elms (Civil Contingencies Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council) and Andy Irving (Environment Agency Wales) delivered a presentation on the updated Dolau Bran Evacuation Plan.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

18 July	Chair, Town Council Meeting.
22 July	Concert Cantorion Tywi, Llangadog Community Hall.
25 July	Llandovery in Bloom Meeting.
25 July	Christmas Lights Meeting.
1 August	Heritage Centre Meeting.
6 August	Presentation, Llandovery in Bloom Garden Competition, Heritage Centre.
11 August	Forward Planning Meeting.
26 August	League of Friends Summer Fete.
12 September	Christmas Lights Meeting.
12 September	Heritage Centre Meeting

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

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

1. The minutes from the meeting on 25 July 2011 were received and noted.

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

1. The minutes from the meeting on 25 July 2011 were received and noted.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 12 September 2011 were received, and the recommendations at items 3.1. (Christmas Lights tender), 3.2. (Christmas Trees tender), 3.3.1. Refurbishment of Fountain Christmas decorative lights), 3.3.3. (Purchase of other Christmas decorative lighting), 3.4. (bi-annual stress-testing of the brackets and sconces for the Council's lights and trees), and 4.1. (invitation to the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to the Christmas Lights switch-on) in the minutes were considered.

It was **resolved** to approve all the recommendations "en bloc".

3. A meeting of the Committee was arranged for 26 September 2011.

7. 3. Heritage Centre Committee / Pwyllgor Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. The minutes from the meeting on 1 August 2011 were received and noted.
2. The minutes from the meeting on 12 September 2011 were received, and the recommendations at items 4. (the authorisation of the Project Steering Group for the Feasibility Study into future options for the Heritage Centre), 5. (that the provision in the current Budget for the the project following on from the Feasibility Study be kept under regular review), 7.1. (that a letter be sent to the County Council asking them to increase the funding to enable the Tourist Information Centre to be kept open during the winter months), 7.2. (that the Heritage Centre be kept open at least three days a week whilst the Tourist Information Centre is closed during the winter months), 8. (to accept the offer from the Cleaner to continue cleaning the Centre), and 9. (that the invoice for repair of the stairlift should be paid) in the minutes were considered.

It was **resolved** to approve all the recommendations "en bloc".

7. 4. Milestone Committee / Pwyllgor Carreg Filltir

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

7. 5. Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

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

7. 6. CCTV Committee / Pwyllgor CCTV

1. Cllr Ennion delivered a verbal report about a routine check and subsequent maintenance work. Cllr Ennion was informed by PC Howie Davies that a recent check on the system by the Police had revealed that the panning camera was not moving. Cllr Ennion undertook to investigate. PC Davies Although there are notices to defer any interference with the system, it was recommended that the system should be put where unauthorised people cannot access it.

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

1. Cllr Gina Jones delivered a receive a verbal report about the plan to install seats in the Market Square.
2. A meeting of the Committee was arranged for 26 September 2011.

7. 8. 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 September 2011 was received and accepted.

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. The Notice of a Review of Polling Districts and Places from the County Council, and the invitation to submit comments by 23 September were considered.
There were no comments to submit.
2. A request from Mr Eeckhout Honoré in Belgium to send him a postcard of Llandovery to add to his collection was considered.

It was **resolved** that a postcard be purchased, noted with a greeting and sent to Mr Honoré.

3. An invitation from Age Concern and/or the Revenue Services Department of Carmarthenshire County Council to ask for a presentation on how our residents can access Council Tax and other benefits was considered.

It was thought that Age Concern had visited the Friendship Club recently to deliver this message.

4. The contents of the letter from the Project Manager of Celtic Community Link about forthcoming road show events was received and considered.
It was suggested that the information be passed to Pantycelyn.
5. The state of Llandovery Swimming Pool, and what action to take, were considered.
Some verbal complaints about the state of the building had been received by Members. It was agreed that the building's appearance needs attention, and the jacuzzi is often not working. Cllr Jackson undertook to investigate.
6. The speed of traffic through the town and on the outskirts, and what action to take, was discussed.
See "4. Police Matters and Report" above.
7. The standard of road sweeping in the town, and what action to take, were considered.
It was pointed out that parked cars prevent roads being swept. The side roads by the Swan Bridge cannot be accessed by the road sweeper.
8. A verbal report from Llandovery & District Chamber of Commerce by Cllr Wright was received.
Members were informed that the Sheep Festival will be much bigger than last year, with twice as many stalls, and more entertainment. An appeal was made for volunteers to marshal the event, and prepare the Market Square.
9. A letter of complaint from a resident who fell on the pavement in the Market Square, and whether any further action is required, were considered.
The Clerk advised that the state of the pavements is the responsibility of the County Council. No further action to be taken.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £817.44, and payments totalling £4,156.18 for the period 1 to 31 July 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 and the Budget Summary as at 31 July 2011 were received and noted.
3. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £15,735.81, and payments totalling £2,677.11 for the period 1 to 31 August 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.

4. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts and the Budget Summary at 31 August 2011 were received and noted.
5. The re-approval of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011, and the authorisation of the Clerk to send a copy of the completed Annual Return to the Auditor, were considered

It was **resolved** that the Annual Return be re-approved and the Clerk authorised to send a copy to the Auditor.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. To consider a request from Carmarthenshire Heritage Regeneration Trust for funding.
It was pointed out that a number of local children have been involved in the current project run by the Trust.

It was **resolved** that £100 be donated.

2. To consider a request from Carmarthenshire Confederation of Young Farmers' Clubs for funding.

It was **resolved** that this request be left on the table.

3. To consider a request from Victim Support for funding.

It was **resolved** that this request be left on the table.

4. To consider a request from NSPCC Wales and Welsh Borders for funding.

It was **resolved** that this request be left on the table.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU A CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO

12. 1. Planning Applications Sought / Ceisiadau cynllunio

1. E/24902 – Full Planning – Amended plans for change of use of building to the manufacture of fish feed – Unit 5, Buffer Depot, Towy Avenue, Llandovery. *Distributed to Members on*
Noted as approved.

THE FOLLOWING WAS CONSIDERED:

2. E/25313 – Removal of planning condition – Removal of condition No 1 on application E/23994 – short limited period of consent – 33 Queen Street, Llandovery. *Distributed 13 September.*

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

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE NOTED:

1. E/25008 - Loft conversion at 14 Maesglas, Llandovery, SA20 0DH.
2. E/24607 and E/24608 - Advertisement and Listed Building – Erect hanging sign on front elevation - 3 Stone Street, Llandovery.
3. E/16030 - Removal and rebuilding of a section of the boundary wall. Construction of three houses (as staff accommodation). Boundary wall amendment required to provide safe egress at existing vehicular access point at Llandinat House.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. The receipt of a letter Hywel Dda Health Board about a new involvement and engagement scheme called “Talking Health” was noted. In circulation - for information.
2. An invitation from Carmarthenshire Heritage Regeneration Trust to attend Grand Finale Exhibition on 23 September was considered.
The event coincides with the Sheep Festival, and apart from Cllr Jackson, no one is able to attend. Clerk to reply accordingly.
3. The receipt of a letter from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority providing details of Listed Buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments for our area was noted. *For information.*
4. The receipt of a letter from Head of Transport and Engineering, CCC, notifying temporary closure of Market Square on 24 and 25 September for the Sheep Festival was noted. *For information.*
5. The receipt of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association Newsletter for Summer 2011 was noted. *In circulation - for information.*
6. To receipt of Draft Annual Report for 2012/13 from the Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales was noted. *For information.*
7. A letter of thanks from Fiona Walker, Llandovery & District Chamber of Commerce, for the recent donation was read out and noted.
8. A letter of thanks from Glyn Evans, Chairman of Friends of Llandovery Station, for the recent donation was read out and noted.
9. The receipt of a letter from Head of Transport and Engineering at County to notify closure of Llandovery Level Crossing from 04:00 to 15:00 on Sunday, 30 October 2011 was noted.
10. The receipt of a summary version of the Management Plan for 2010-2015 and an associated Action Plan from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority was 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. It was reported that the wooden steps leading from Waterloo Bridge down to footpath 46/11 are very slippery, and that a walker slipped and fell recently. It was suggested that wire netting should be fitted to the steps to help prevent slipping in future. Clerk to contact County.
2. Concern was raised about the state of the downpipes on the Town Hall. Clerk to contact County.
3. Members were informed about a recent meeting of the Carmarthenshire Tourist Association Llandovery/Llandeilo Cluster meeting.
4. Members were updated on the idea to install a bus shelter by the station. The existing seat may have to be moved.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 pm