



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR AR NOSLUN, TACHWEDD 21 2011 AM 7.00 YH.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllr Hudson (attending Carmarthenshire Joint Community Consultative Meeting)

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

None declared.

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

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 17 October 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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

PC Howie Davies in attendance. The latest crime and incidents figures in Llandovery for October 2011 were conveyed to Members. PC Davies stated that in crime terms, October was largely uneventful. With regard to the recent Remembrance Day Parade and Service, PC Davies informed Members that the Police did not lay a wreath during the main Service at the Cenotaph because they were controlling traffic. The Police did lay a wreath later. Also, policing matters were complicated by the GB Rally event the same day.

The Police will provide a presence for the Christmas Lights Switch-on.

In answer to questions:

PC Davies provided, as far as he was able, the outline details of a recent incident which occurred at a private party at the Rugby Club. The investigation is continuing.

He had no knowledge of a helicopter flying above the town at night recently.

There is a new system designed to keep the County Councillors and any member of the public informed about crimes in their area. The system can be used to inform interested persons about possible incidents, such as sheep rustling and scrap metal thefts. It was agreed that the Police Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, Mr. Brian Jones, will address a future meeting.

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

19 September	Chair, Town Council Meeting.
22 September	International Noson o Groeso, Myddfai Hall.
23 September	Opening of the McMillan Coffee Morning.
23 September	Fashion Show – Sheep Festival.
24 September	Presentation of Prizes – Sheep Festival.
25 September	Sheep Festival.
26 September	Public Seating Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
26 September	Christmas Lights Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
3 October	Forward Planning Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
3 October	Heritage Centre Committee Meeting, Heritage Centre.
5 October	Presentation of prizes for the Poster Competition, Ysgol Pantycelyn.
10 October	Opening of the Chiropody Clinic, King's Road.
13 October	Meeting with Community Regeneration Development Officer, CCC,

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7. 1. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee / Pwyllgor Jiwibili Diamwnt y Frenhines

1. The minutes from the meeting on 20 October 2011 were received and noted.
Members were informed that a meeting with LADCA is taking place on 28 November.

2. The purchase of commemorative mugs was considered. A sample of a mug obtained by the Clerk was examined.

It was **resolved** that mugs be purchased from CommuniCorp in sufficient number to give one to each child attending Nursery or Junior school in Llandovery, within a budget of £2,000.

The Committee will establish the number to be ordered and inform the Clerk.

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

1. The minutes from the meeting on 7 November 2011 were received and noted, and the recommendations in the minutes at items 3. 2 (the purchase of two seats) and 5 (the increase of the Committee's budget by £1,000) were considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations be approved en bloc.

7. 3. Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. The minutes from the meeting on 7 November 2011 were received and noted, and the recommendations in the minutes at items 5 (switching the supplier of electricity at the Heritage Centre), 6 (disposal of the broken shredder), 7 (the creation of a Budget Heading for expenditure relating to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee), 8 (revision of the Budget 2011/12), and 9 (that each Committee should meet in early January 2012 to enable the Finance Committee to consider all Budget Plans for 2012/13), were considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations be approved en bloc.

7. 4. Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. The minutes from the meeting on 14 November 2011 were received and noted.

7. 5. Heritage Centre Committee / Pwyllgor Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. The minutes from the meeting on 14 November 2011 were received and noted, and the recommendations in the minutes at items 3 (acceptance of the tender from Highgate Water Solutions Ltd for work on the heating system), 4 (retention and removal of printing press equipment), 5 (renewal of the cleaning contract), 7 (switching the supplier of electricity), 8 (the method of payment of future bills from Welsh Water), and 10 (revision of the Budget 2011/12), were considered.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations be approved en bloc.

7. 6. Sports Personality Awards Committee / Pwyllgor Gwobrau Personoliaeth Chwaraeon

1. A verbal report from the Committee was received, and the recommendations for nominations considered. Delight was expressed that there were so many sportspersons to recommend.

It was **resolved** that the recommendations be approved en bloc.

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

1. Members were asked to meet at 4.30 pm on 25 November for the Christmas Lights switch-on.
2. The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the application for the grant for the Feasibility Study.

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

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

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

1. Moving the time of the December meeting of the Council to 6.30 pm was considered.

It was **resolved** that the December meeting of the Council commence at 6.30 pm.

2. A proposal from Carmarthenshire County Council to install a raised plateau on Broad Street in Llandovery to provide a safer crossing point for pedestrians, and to link the discontinuous footways was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Council object to the installation of the structure on the following grounds:

- a. The structure is unnecessary as a crossing point because pedestrians cross the road elsewhere.
- b. The structure will introduce a potentially dangerous hazard for (albeit illegally) speeding motorbikes.
- c. The structure's potential as a device to reduce the speed of traffic was doubted.
- d. The structure will affect parking for the Church.

3. A draft Environmental Policy for adoption by the Council was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Policy be adopted with immediate effect.

4. A draft Equality and Diversity Policy for adoption by the Council was considered.

It was **resolved** that the Policy be adopted with immediate effect.

5. The procurement of artwork for the Town Crest for the Past Mayors Board and other applications, and the design, were considered

It was **resolved** that the artwork, based on the crest on the Town Hall wall, be procured for a cost of up to £300.

6. An verbal update on the Royal Mail coach monument was delivered by Cllr Ennion.

7. Notification from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority of the submission of documents and consultations associated with the BBNPA Local Development Plan was received, and an invitation to make representations was noted.
8. The contents of a letter from the Head of Street Scene at the County Council about joint working and winter preparedness were noted.
9. Notification from Carmarthenshire County Council about a consultation regarding the adoption of new powers that the Government have introduced which allows Local Authorities to exercise greater control over lap dancing clubs and similar premises was considered and noted.
10. The implementation of the residential parking scheme was discussed.
Serious complaints about the scheme have been received from residents, and it is considered that there are major conflicts in implementation. The size of the lettering was likened to graffiti, and out of keeping with the town's conservation area status. The lettering is thick, and slippery when wet. A meeting with Cllr Ennion, the Clerk, and one of County's Traffic Engineers has been arranged.
11. To receive an update on the Llandovery Swimming Pool.
Members were informed that a new floor is to be installed, and painting using labour provided by the Probation Service is planned. Temporary closure will be notified. It was hoped this will not occur in school holidays. It was encouraging that the work is being done, and a "re-launch" was suggested.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. The schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £3,157.06, and payments totalling £2,378.22 for the period 1 to 31 October 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 October 2011 were received and noted.
3. The resolution of the Finance Committee at its meeting on 7 November 2011 to approve the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011 following external audit, was considered.
It was **resolved** that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011 be approved, and the Mayor authorised to certify Section 3 of the Annual Return.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. The decision taken at the October 2011 meeting when it was resolved that £50 be donated to the Urdd Gobaith Cymru was considered.
It was **resolved** that this donation be ratified.
2. The decision taken at the October 2011 meeting when it was resolved that £100 be donated to the Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales was considered.
It was **resolved** that this donation be ratified.
3. A request from Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod for funding was considered.
It was **resolved** that this request be left on the table.
4. A request from Carmarthen Youth Opera for funding was considered.
It was **resolved** that £100 be donated.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU A CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE NOTED:

1. E/25045 – Full Planning – Two storey extension – 15 Queen Street, Llandovery SA20 0BU
2. E/25064 – Full Planning – Proposed change of use to cafe (also retaining existing retail) – 9 High Street, Llandovery, SA20 0PU

12. 2. Planning Applications Withdrawn / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Tynnu Yn Oi

THE FOLLOWING WERE NOTED:

1. E/24688 – Listed building – New hand written signage to existing fascia: Replacement retractable awning – 2 High Street, Llandovery.
2. E/24687 – Full Planning – Replacement retractable awning – 2 High Street, Llandovery.

13. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. A copy of "Yr Ardd" magazine from the National Botanic Garden of Wales was taken by Cllr G. Jones.
2. A copy of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association Newsletter was received.
3. A letter of thanks from the Branch Secretary of the Royal British Legion was received and read out.
Cllr Jackson reiterated that the reason the Police did not lay a wreath during the recent Remembrance Day Service was because they were guarding the Parade by controlling traffic. The Clerk was asked to contact the Branch Secretary to suggest that this is made known at future parades.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM