



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.00PM

COFNODION CYFARFOD NOSLUN, CHWEFROR 15 2010 AM 7.00YH YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI

Declaration by Councillors of any Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary interests entered in the record book before commencement of the meeting.

Cllr Ivor Jackson declared an interest in item 10 – Planning.
Cllr Nigel Burgess declared an interest in item 9.2 – Twinning.
Cllr Gina Jones declared an interest in item 9.2 – Twinning.
Cllr Robin Ennion declared an interest in item 10c – Planning.
Cllr Gina Jones declared an interest in item 10a – Planning.
Cllr Edgar Jones declared an interest in item 9.2 – Twinning.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: The Mayor: Helene Lovell, Deputy Mayor: Nigel Burgess,
Councillors: Ivor Jackson, Edgar Jones, Philip Bridger, Gina Jones, Allan Stather, Pat Smith, Ann Hughes, Haydn Hudson and Robin Ennion.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllrs Maureen Williams, Elizabeth Thomas

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / CADARNHAU'R COFNODION

1. Minutes from 18 January 2010.

Cllr Hudson proposed that the minutes be accepted.

Cllr Burgess seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

3. POLICE MATTERS & REPORT/ ADRODDIAD YR HEDDLU - MATERION

PC Howie Davies reported some statistics for January 2010, and stated that dealing with illegal parking in the Market Square remains a priority. There had been incidents involving the theft of 2 agricultural vehicles, and incidents involving controlled drugs in outlying villages. The BOBB scheme is working well – it has had the desired effect. Members were reminded of the forthcoming PACT meeting, and it was stressed that these meetings are for the benefit of the general public.

The Mayor thanked PC Davies for attending.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING / MATERION - YN CODI

1. Clerk's Report for February 2010.

Noted.

2. Re 6. f) 3. Future care and maintenance of the CCTV system – a CCTV Committee? – Cllr Edgar Jones.

It was agreed to defer any action until after the training had been received.

3. Re 7.4 Council storage – update.

Cllr Jackson reported that he had had a look at what was being stored in the container – mostly wood/chairs – probably fit only for recycling. Cllrs Jackson, Burgess, Stather, Edgar Jones, and Hudson agreed to meet the following week to empty the container and decide what to do with the contents.

4. Re 4. 2 – Clerk's contract of employment.

The Mayor reported that this was signed and filed on 10 February 2010.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

20 January PACT Meeting.

21 January Partnership meeting.

23 January Chairman C.C.Council Charity Evening at Cwmcerrig Farm, Cefneithin.

- 25 January Seating and Llandovery in Bloom Committee meetings.
- 1 February Partnership meeting.
- 6 February Llandovery League of Friends, Young Farmers concert at Ysgol Pantycelyn.
- 8 February Meeting with HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Mayor reported on the meeting with HRH, The Prince of Wales, and Partnership meetings.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

a) Heritage Centre / Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. Update on internal painting.
Cllr E Jones reported the job had been completed and a good job had been done.
2. Heritage Centre lease renewal.
Cllr E Jones reported that a meeting with BBNPA representative had taken place, and they had proposed to change the length of the lease to three years, aligned to year ending 31 March. It is hoped to have a new lease in place by the end of March.
3. Cllr E Jones reported that a soap dispenser had been fitted in the toilet, and the external painting had been delayed by the winter weather.

b) Town Lights & Christmas Festivities Committee / Pwyllgor Goleuadau Nadolig

Nothing to report.

The Mayor will arrange a meeting of the Committee.

c) Llandovery in Bloom / Gwyl Flodau, Llanymddyfri

1. Report from meeting on 25 January 2010.
Cllr Smith delivered the report. A meeting will be arranged to discuss the permanent planting.
2. Cllr Jackson reported that he had arranged a meeting with a representative of the Environment Agency to discuss the Dolau Bran riverside area, and he would use this opportunity to discuss the planting of the copse trees there.

d) Public Seating and Footpath Committee/Pwyllgor Eisteddleodd Cyhoeddus a Llwybrau

1. Report from meeting on 25 January 2010.
Cllr Gina Jones delivered the report.
Meeting fixed for 24 February 2010.

e) Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

Nothing to report.

Meeting fixed for 24 February 2010.

f) Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

The Riverside Walk scheme.

It was suggested that this matter be pursued, and it was **resolved** that the Clerk should write to County to establish whether, in principle, County will sub-lease the land to The Town Council.

g) Llandovery Web Site / Gwefan Llanymddyfri

Nothing to report.

h) One Voice Wales / Un Llais Cymru

1. Report from meeting of OVW Carmarthenshire Area Committee on 21 Jan 2010
Cllr Burgess reported on his attendance at the One Voice Wales meeting at Bancyfelin on 21 January. A consultation document relating to the revised Code of Conduct was issued at the meeting and is available for consideration by this Council. As requested at the January Council meeting, Cllr Burgess raised the issue of capitalisation of rental income and was referred to Mr Lyn Llewellyn, Financial Officer of OVW. The Clerk subsequently contacted Mr Llewellyn and found that there was a threshold of £10,000 below which the rental income is unaffected, so we are not subject to the new Capital Financial Framework legislation. The next meeting of the Carmarthenshire Area Committee is at Drefach on 25th March 2010.

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING / Unrhyw Fater Arall

1. Councillor vacancy.

The Mayor informed Members that 2 applications had been received. After a ballot, Diane Fontenoy was chosen to fill the vacancy.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the unsuccessful applicant to thank them for their continued interest.

2. Consideration of upgrading the Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall car park.
Cllr Hudson proposed that the Council should consider doing something to this area. The car park is needed for users of the Hall.
Cllrs Jackson, Burgess, Stather, Edgar Jones, and Hudson agreed to meet on 20 February to assess what is required.
3. Post Office Monument on the Brecon Road – update.
Cllr Ennion reported he had written to the Royal Mail but had not received a reply.
4. The retirement of the Mace Bearers
It was agreed that this special occasion should be marked in some way. Members were asked to think about this. An article will be placed in “The Post” and the Mace Bearers Magazine.
5. Report on the outcome and recommendations from the meeting with the risk assessment specialist on 10 February, and consideration of the next steps for agreement.
Cllr Burgess's report was issued to members and it was agreed that the issue be pursued.
It was **resolved** that three quotes for the work be obtained. Clerk to action.
6. Reminder that at next month's meeting the proposals for Mayor and Deputy Mayor are to be proposed and confirmed.
The Mayor asked Members to consider this.

8. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. Consideration was given to the schedule from the Clerk relating to income and payments for the period 17 November 2009 to 18 January 2010.

It was **resolved** that the income in the aforementioned accounts be noted, and that the payments in the aforementioned accounts be approved.
2. Consideration was given to the schedule from the Clerk relating to income and payments for the period 19 January 2010 to 31 January 2010.

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

9. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. Ammanford & District Citizens Advice Bureau – request for funding.
It was proposed at the last meeting to give £50.
Cllr Edgar Jones proposed this gift be ratified.
Cllr Gina Jones seconded the proposal. All in favour.
2. Llandovery Twinning Association – two requests for funding.
It was proposed at the last meeting to give £600.
Cllr Hudson proposed this gift be ratified.
Cllr Smith seconded the proposal. All in favour.
3. Cruse Bereavement Care – request for funding
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4. Cerebra – request for funding.
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10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU CYNLLUNIO a CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO

a. Planning Applications sought. / Ceisio Ceisiadau Cynllunio

- E/22441 - Full Planning – Single storey part glazed extension at Llandovery Hospital.
Cllr Burgess proposed that the application be approved.
Cllr Smith seconded the proposal. All in favour.
- E/22465 – Listed Building – Replacement extractor fan, new flue pipe, extractor hood and associated works – 4 High Street, Llandovery.
Cllr Hudson proposed that the application be approved.
Cllr Stather seconded the proposal. All in favour.
- E22466 and E/22467 - 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.
Cllr Ennion proposed that the application be approved.
Cllr Bridger seconded the proposal. All in favour.

b. Planning Permissions Granted / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Caniatu

None

c. Planning Permission Refused / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Gwrthod

E/21670 - Alterations to the fenestration on the ground floor front elevation – 3 Market Square, Llandovery.

Noted.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. Land Registry – Registering the Council's property (including land).
It was resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Bridger should deal with this.
2. Carmarthenshire Community Health Council – copy of their response to the WAG's consultation on the reform of community health councils in Wales – for information
Noted.
3. BBNPA – update on Local Development Plan.
Noted.
4. CCC – Footway Lighting charges for 2010/2011.
The charges have been set at £3,948.45 – for information.
Noted.
5. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru – letter of thanks.
Read out by the Mayor.
6. Tir Coed – Request for letter of support for work in Poor Man's Wood.
Already distributed. A letter of support from the Council was sent on 2 February 2010.
Noted.
7. Via One Voice Wales - Countryside Council for Wales – Funding Newsletter – for information.
This gives details of numerous sources of funding.
Copy given to Cllr Jones.
8. WAG – Borrowing by Community and Town Councils in 2010/2011.
Guidance for those Councils interested – for information.
Noted.
9. WAG - Consultation on Accounts and Audit (Wales) amendments Regulations.
Most of the amendments do not apply to this Council on the grounds of turnover limits.
Noted.
10. Dyfed-Powys Police Authority – Invitation to Community Consultative Meetings between 17 and 25 February 2010.
Noted. The letter also includes a reminder that the number for non-emergency calls is now 101.
11. Alan Bowring, Geopark Development Officer – Publicity Leaflets re event on 27 February 2010.
Noted. Cllrs Stather and Gina Jones tendered their apologies to the Mayor.
12. Email from CAVS – CAVS stakeholder consultation.
Noted. Cllr E Jones undertook to look at this.
13. One Voice Wales - Sustainable Development Survey – Cllr Burgess
Cllr Burgess explained the background, and undertook to complete the survey with the Riverside Walk scheme in mind.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAIR

1. The matter of the proposed school site at Ffairfach was brought up.
In discussion, anger and frustration were expressed about the proposal, as well as wholehearted support for the Pantycelyn Action Group. Members discussed at some length what could be done to help the cause, and the idea of a public meeting was suggested, as well as the idea of the Town Council making a formal objection.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15pm