



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

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

**COFNODION CYFARFOD NOSLUN, MAWRTH 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 4.2 – Election of Mayor.
Cllr Nigel Burgess declared an interest in item 6e2 – Mayoral Allowances
Cllr Elizabeth Thomas declared an interest in item 9.3 – Llandovery Olympics.
Cllr Helene Lovell declared an interest in item 9.4 – Town Crier.
Cllr Helene Lovell declared an interest in item 12.2 – Pantycelyn School.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllrs Stather and Williams.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / CADARNHAU'R COFNODION

1. Minutes from 15 February 2010.

It was **resolved** that the minutes be accepted.

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

No Police present.

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

1. Clerk's Report for March 2010.

Noted.

2. Proposals for Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be proposed and ratified.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Nigel Burgess be the next Mayor.

It was agreed that a decision on the Deputy Mayor be deferred to the next meeting.

3. Re 4. 3. Council storage – update

Cllr Jackson reported the container had been emptied and the contents disposed of as scrap.

The Clerk was asked to write to the owner to thank him for the use of the container.

4. Re 7. 2. Consideration of upgrading the Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall car park. Update from meeting on 20 February.

Cllr Hudson reported on the outcome of the inspection of the car park.

It was **resolved** that tenders for the required work be obtained.

Cllr Hudson undertook to draw up a tender specification and liaise with the Clerk re invitations to tender.

5. Re 7. 4. The retirement of the Mace Bearers.

Ideas for a retirement event were discussed.

It was **resolved** that a small committee be formed to organise an event and obtain costings.

The Committee members to be Cllr Hudson, Jackson, Thomas, and Hughes.

Planned expenditure on known items was discussed and was considered to be reasonable.

It was **resolved** that the Committee should purchase what is required.

It was suggested that gowns should be purchased for the new Macebearers. Clerk to investigate.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

16 Feb	Meeting with GeoPark, Castle Hotel, Llandovery.
24 Feb	Finance Committee meeting.
27 Feb	Opening of Geo Day, Castle Hotel, Llandovery.
5 March	Mayor and Gwawr, St David's Day Celebration evening, Castle Hotel, Llandovery.
9 March	Pantycelyn School, Action Meeting.
15 March	Diabetes Road Show, Llandovery.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

a) Heritage Centre / Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. Update on the renewal of the lease.

At the request of Cllr Edgar Jones, the Clerk provided a verbal report on the latest position. An agreed draft lease is still awaited from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

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

Nothing to report.

c) Llandovery in Bloom / Gwyl Flodau, Llanymddyfri

1. Report from meeting on 10 March 2010.

Cllr Smith delivered her report.

With regard to the **recommendation** for resolution relating to the payment of consultant's fee:

It was **resolved** that the consultant's fee be paid.

Tender specifications for Llandovery in Bloom, Site Maintenance, and the Permanent Planting Project were agreed. Clerk to issue invitations to tender for reply by 10 April 2010.

Next meeting of Committee set for 12 April to consider tenders received.

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

1. Report from meeting on 24 February 2010.

Cllr Smith delivered her report.

With regard to the **recommendation** for resolution relating to quote for replacement seats:

It was **resolved** that the quote from Peelweld be accepted, as recommended.

e) Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. Report from meeting on 24 February 2010.

With regard to the **recommendations** for resolution, numbered with reference to the Committee meeting minutes, as follows

2. Review of Mayoral Allowance.

a) that the Mayoral Allowance should be reviewed annually, and the rates of inflation in general, and for food in particular, should be taken into account.

b) that the Allowance for 2010/11 be increased by 6% to £2,650.

3. Review of the Clerk's salary for 2010 / 2011.

that the Clerk's Salary be increased by one incremental point, with effect from 1 April 2010, in line with the terms of the Clerk's Contract of Employment.

4. The legal requirement to have Financial Regulations.

a) that Financial Regulations for the Council are drawn up for consideration for adoption by the Council in the coming financial year.

b) that a councillor oversees the drawing up of the Financial Regulations.

7. Setting of Budget Headings and Budget allocations for 2010/11.

a) that the draft Budget be adopted by the Council for 2010/2011.

b) that possible projects relating to the Green Lodge Play Area and the Dolau Bran Riverside area be considered by the Forward Planning Committee.

8. Financial Risk Assessment for 2010/2011.

that the draft Financial Risk Assessment be adopted by the Council for 2010/2011.

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

With regard to item 4b)

It was **resolved** that Cllr Ennion oversee the drawing up of the Financial Regulations with the Clerk.

f) Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. CCTV – update

Cllr Edgar Jones reported that a service engineer had attended to complete the installation, but was unsure whether a software update was required to achieve full function. The Police had looked at the system and were aware how to obtain information from it. The training is still awaited.

2. The Riverside Walk scheme.

The Clerk wrote to County about the lease after the last meeting, but has received only an acknowledgement. Cllr Jackson undertook to chase up the matter.

g) Llandovery Web Site / Gwefan Llanymddyfri

Nothing to report.

h) One Voice Wales / Un Llais Cymru

1. Local Government Legislative Competence Order.

Cllr Burgess reported on the passage of two pieces of legislation nearing their final stages at the Welsh Assembly Government and Westminster, and read selected sections of a letter from Dr. Brian Gibbons referring to the welcomed assistance from One Voice Wales in preparing the Local Government Legislative Competence Order which aims to strengthen the role of community and town councils.

2. Invitation to rejoin One Voice Wales for 2010–11.

It was **resolved** that the Council rejoins One Voice Wales.

3. Written Statement by the Welsh Assembly Government.

See 1. above.

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING / Unrhyw Fater Arall

1. Councillor vacancy – consideration of action to fill the still vacant post.

It was **resolved** that Jill Blud be invited to join the Council.

Clerk to write to Jill Blud.

2. Register of Members' Interests.

It was considered that this is covered by the declarations made at the beginning of each meeting.

3. Refuse collections.

Not discussed.

4. Standards of Footpath maintenance – Cllr Thomas.

Cllr Thomas raised her concerns about the condition of certain footpaths and stiles which were considered to be unsafe.

It was **resolved** that the Council's concern about the condition of these footpaths and stiles be drawn to the attention of County.

5. Green Lodge Play Area

It was **resolved** that an approach be made to County to establish whether County can do anything to revitalise this area.

Cllr Jackson undertook to speak to County as well.

6. Nomination of Representative on Governing Body for Ysgol Rhys Prichard.

Filling the vacancy when Cllr Thomas' term of office ceases on 20 April 2010.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Thomas be re-elected.

7. The achievement of Gareth Davies, Llandovery plastering apprentice.

It was **resolved** that a letter of congratulations be sent.

8. Towy Community Church – request for letter of support for community projects.

The Mayor explained that this is a request for a letter of support to help with their applications for grant funding – not, as such, for financial assistance.

It was **resolved** that a letter of support be sent.

9. Royal Mail Coach Monument – update on restoration – Cllr Ennion.

Cllr Ennion reported on the contents of a letter from Royal Mail Group (RMG). The monument is owned by Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, and RMG will support the restoration of the monument financially.

10. High Street, Llandovery improvements.

Cllr Ennion reported on an application for Llandovery Townscape Heritage Funding. He has established that funding will not stretch to the particular property concerned. It was suggested that there is a need to encourage some owners to do something about the state of their property. It was suggested that this is an issue for Cllr Lovell to take to the Partnership.

11. The Chain Bridge, A40 West Llandovery

It was **resolved** that a letter be sent to the Trunk Road Agency to emphasise that Members do want an input into the colour chosen for painting the steelwork. Clerk to action.

12. Resignations of Cllr Williams and Cllr Stather.

The Mayor read out letters of resignation from both Councillors. It was agreed that the resignations were regrettable and both will be missed. The Clerk was asked to write to thank them for their hard work and to inform them that they would be missed.

13. Cllr Hughes raised the issue of the stone chippings that seem to be everywhere after the snow – particularly in Market Square. A general clear up is required. Cllr Jackson undertook to investigate.

8. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. Consideration was given to the schedule from the Clerk relating to income and payments for the period 1 to 28 February 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. Cam-Fan, Lampeter – request for funding.

Left on the table.

2. Llandovery Non-Conformist Burial Board – request for funding.

Clerk to request a copy of the latest set of accounts.

3. Llandovery Town Tennis Club – request for funding for the Llandovery Olympics.

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

This is “First reading”, and has to be ratified at the next meeting.

4. Joe Beard, Llandovery Town Crier – request for funding.

This has been dealt with by the Finance Committee – 6. f).

5. Ysgol Rhys Prichard Centenary Committee – request for funding.

It was agreed to support this initiative, but costings are needed. Clerk to write to the Committee.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING PERMISSIONS / CEISIADAU CYNLLUNIO a CANIATAD CYNLLUNIO

a. Planning Applications sought. / Ceisio Ceisiadau Cynllunio

E/22473 – Full Planning – Amend existing plans for first floor storage and increased ridge height with same wall plate height and provision of two roof lights windows in rear elevation.

Provision of solar thermal panels for pool heating.

Savita House, Water Street, Llandovery.

It was **resolved** that the application be refused.

E/22496 – Full Planning – Erection of a new timber boarded garage with log store and car port – Ivy Villa, Llandovery.

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

E/22602 – Outline – Dwelling in front garden – Maesydre, Llandovery.

It was **resolved** that the previous earlier approval be maintained.

b. Planning Permissions Granted / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Caniatau

E/22441 - Full Planning – Single storey part glazed extension at Llandovery Hospital.

Noted.

c. Planning Permission Refused / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Gwrthod

E/22253 – Outline – Dwelling in front garden – Maesydre, Llandovery.

E/22312 - Retrospective application for proposed new shop front and change of first floor area to restaurant use – 34-36 High Street, Llandovery.

Noted.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. WAG – Review of Councillor's Allowances Regulations – comments requested by 11 June 2010. No action agreed.

2. Ammanford & District Citizens Advice Bureau – letter of thanks.

Read out.

3. Environment Agency - Flood mapping at Llandovery.

It was agreed the Agency should deliver their findings to Members at the next meeting.

4. National Botanical Garden of Wales – Spring magazine.
Given to Cllr Smith.
5. Planning Aid Wales – Newsletter.
Given to Cllr Edgar Jones.
6. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Local Development Plan – Next Steps.
Noted.
7. Dyfed-Powys Police Authority – Consultation on employment targets and publication on Statement of Accounts.
Noted.
8. CCC – Proposed Residents parking scheme.
A plan of the scheme was examined. It was **resolved** that a letter conveying the Council's comments be sent to County.
9. Grantscape – CWM Community and Environmental Fund
Noted – not applicable to the Council.
10. BBNPA – Green Valleys Project – Community Action Day
Taken by Cllr Lovell for the Partnership.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**
UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAIR
 1. Receipt of vouchers from Arriva in connection with the “Adopt a station” scheme.
It was **resolved** that the vouchers be donated to HOWLTA.
 2. The future of Pantycelyn School
After discussion, it was **resolved** that a meeting with the Pantycelyn Action Group be arranged.
 3. Under 18s International Rugby Tournament.
It was **resolved** that Town Shields be presented to the visiting national teams taking part – The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and Cllr Jackson to share the presentation of the Shields.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 pm