



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY ON MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.00PM

COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLYNYDDOL A GYNHALIWDYD YN NEUADD Y DREF, LLANYMDDYFRI AR NOSLUN, RHAGFYR 20 2010 AM 7.00 y.h.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: The Mayor: Nigel Burgess,

Councillors: Jackson, Edgar Jones, Gina Jones, Blud, Wright (until 7.30), Smith, Rees, and Ennion.

Declarations by Councillors of any Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary interests

Cllr Wright declared an interest in item 11.10.

Cllr Blud declared an interest in item 11.2.

Cllr Ennion declared an interest in item 7.9.

Cllr Jackson declared an interest in item 7.9.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllrs Lovell, Hughes and Thomas.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / CADARNHAU'R COFNODION

It was **resolved** that the minutes from 15 November 2010 be approved as a correct record.

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

No police present.

4. VISITOR / YMWELWR

Mr Rhodri Edwards, Manager, Fields in Trust, The National Playing Fields Association - unable to attend because of adverse weather conditions.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

- 15 November Chair, Town Council meeting.
- 16 November Afternoon meeting to discuss riverside walk, Heritage Centre.
- 16 November Partnership Group meeting, Heritage Centre.
- 18 November Celebration of Mary Bennett's 100th Birthday, Llandovery.
- 22 November Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall Committee meeting.
- 24 November Townscape Heritage Initiative Exhibition, Llangadog Hall.
- 25 November Hub Exhibition & Competition, Llangadog Hall.
- 27 November Cor Meibion Dinner, King's Head, Llandovery.
- 29 November Rhys Pritchard Memorial Hall Committee meeting.
- 13 December Chair, Finance Committee meeting, Heritage Centre.
- 15 December Risk Assessment meeting with BBNP, Heritage Centre.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

a) Heritage Centre / Canolfan Dreftadaeth

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Blud delivered verbal report about the Christmas Lights switch on, and thanked all who helped and/or contributed, and undertook to publish a list of the Christmas competitions winners.

c) Llandovery in Bloom / Gwyl Flodau, Llanymddyfri

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

e) Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. Report from meeting on 13 December 2010 including consideration of **recommendations for resolution** (numbered with reference to the Committee meeting minutes):

4. A - that Budget Heading no. 26 "Contingency" be renamed "General Reserves" for the next financial year.
4. B - that a new Heritage Centre Budget Heading no. 14. "General Reserves" be set up for the next financial year.
4. C - that the proposed reallocations between budget headings within the Budget be accepted by the full Council.
6. - that the Precept for 2011/12 should be kept the same as the current year (£46,000).

It was **resolved** that all the recommendations be accepted.

f) Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. Verbal report from meeting with Martin Golder on 16 November 2010.
Cllr Wright informed members that Martin Golder will prepare a plan once information from the Environment Agency is obtained, and his colleague will deal with the engineering side of the planning re walkways.

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING / Unrhyw Fater Arall

1. To receive Town Clerk's Report for December 2010.
Report received and noted.
2. Departure from the Council of Philip Bridger. Update on the Notice of Vacancy
The Clerk informed Members that no request for an election had been received, so the Council should co-opt a replacement Member. Some Members were aware of persons who are interested in joining the Council.

It was **resolved** that written expressions of interest in joining the Council should be sent to the Clerk by 10 January 2011 for consideration at the meeting in January.

3. To consider tenders for installing a stone plinth and fixing the information board at the Castle Mound – The Mayor.
The Clerk reported that two tenders had been received, and these were opened and considered.

It was **resolved** that the tender from Haydn Hudson Builders be accepted, taking into particular consideration the specific skills required for the work.

4. To consider Llandovery's response to the engagement and proposed wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

It was **resolved** that a letter of congratulations from the Council be sent to the couple.

It was **resolved** that a sub-committee be set up to consider some sort of event in the town.

Cllrs Smith, Blud and Wright agreed to form the sub-committee and report to the full Council at the January meeting.

5. To receive Report from the Llandovery and District Chamber of Commerce – Cllr Wright.
Report received and noted.
6. To receive Report from Llandovery Partnership – Cllr Wright.
Report received and noted.
7. To consider the Clerk's proposed changes to the content and order of business on the Agenda.

It was **resolved** that the proposed changes should be adopted forthwith.

8. To receive Reports of meetings on 22 and 29 November 2010 of the Assembly Rooms Management Committee, and to consider a request to increase the amount charged for the rental of the room used by the Council from £80 to £100 per month from 1 April 2011.
Cllr Jackson informed Members of the latest developments about the Hall caretaker post, and the running of the cinema.
Reports received and noted.

It was **resolved** that that the Council pays the proposed rental increase w.e.f. 1 April 2011.

9. Proposed extension of opening/licensing hours of Kebab shop in Water Street.
Attendance at the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on 20 January 2011.
It was agreed that the Mayor will represent the Council at the hearing.
10. Consideration of a request for disabled parking spaces in the area adjacent to the NFU offices in Market Square
In the absence of Cllr Hughes, this item deferred until the next meeting.

8. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

1. To consider the schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £119.15, and payments totalling £5,627.43 for the period 1 to 30 November 2010.

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

2. To receive Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the current year up to 30 November 2010, and Budget Summary as at 30 November 2010.
Received and noted.
3. Re-approval of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 following successful audit.

It was **resolved** that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 be re-approved, signed by the Mayor, and sent to the external auditor by the Clerk.

9. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

1. Macmillan Cancer Support – to consider request for funding.

It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.

2. Ammanford & District Citizens Advice Bureau – to consider request for funding.

It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.

3. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – to consider request for funding.

It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.

4. BLAS Ammanford and District Life after Stroke – to consider request for funding.

It was **resolved** to leave this request on the table.

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

a. Planning Applications sought. / Ceisio Ceisiadau Cynllunio

E/23994 - Full Planning – Change of use from domestic dwelling to day nursery for children – 33 Queen Street, Llandovery.

The above was noted as dealt with previously.

E/24095 - Full Planning – Proposed demolition of existing asbestos clad garage and lean-to conservatory, to be replaced with two storey extension accommodation – 8 Dingat Terrace, Llandovery.

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

b. Planning Permissions Granted / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Caniatau

E/23872 - Full Planning – Proposed installation of photo voltaic solar panels to clubhouse at Llandovery RFC to roof south facing elevation.

E/23874 - Advertisement – Seven freestanding wildlife information boards – Poor Man's Wood Nature Reserve.

E/23883 – Variation of a Planning Condition – Variation of conditions 5 and 6 on planning permission E/07070 to allow operation of business on Friday and Saturday evenings, and to utilise the forecourt area as a Bistro use – 12 High Street, Llandovery.

All the above were noted.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. Welsh Assembly Government and One Voice Wales – Promotion of Community Resilience and request for details of any initiatives in the community.

Cllr Gina Jones undertook to provide details of the Flood Liaison Action Group (FLAG) to the Clerk to make a reply .

2. Ysgol Pantycelyn Action Group – Copy of letter to all AMs, Prince Charles, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. *For information.*

Noted.

3. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales – Letter of thanks.

Read out and noted.

4. School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University – Questionnaire for the Wales Rural Observatory Services survey for 2010. Dealt with by The Mayor for 1 December deadline.
The Mayor explained the background and the matter was noted.
5. HM Revenue and Customs – Reminder of the requirement to file PAYE information and Returns online.
Noted.
6. Sue Holton – Letter about flooding of drain in Water Street.
Noted.
7. Cantref – Copy of Annual Report 2009/2010.
Noted.
8. Dyfed-Powys Police Authority – Notice on the Authority's Audit of Accounts.
Noted.
9. Llandoverly Blind Society – Letter of thanks.
Read out and noted.
10. Letter from Sally Griffiths re limited hard standing for cars in Dingat Terrace.
Read out. Clerk to forward to the County Council.
11. Letter from Helen Harries re the unevenness of paving stones in the centre of town, and outside the Heritage Centre.
Read out. Clerk had already referred the matter to the County Council (who had taken remedial action by the Post Office), and informed Ms Harries of such.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR - FOR INFORMATION ONLY / UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAIR – AM WYBODAETH YN UNIG.**
 1. Local Magistrates Courts.
The Mayor informed Members that he had been informed by HM Courts Service that the Court at Ammanford is to be closed, and closure of Llandoverly Court was confirmed.
 2. The Clock Tower
Cllr Jackson brought information about the Clock Tower – work to start in January 2011.
 3. Dog fouling in Llandoverly.
The Clerk reported that, following the receipt of a message from a resident about the level of dog fouling in Llandoverly, he had referred the matter to the appropriate Enforcement Team at County to draw their attention to the problem, and has asked the Team how they might be able to help the Council deal with the problem.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05 pm