



LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY
ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.00PM**

**COFNODION CYFARFOD NOSLUN, TACHWEDD 16 2009 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 Haydn Hudson declared an interest in item 10 – Planning.

Cllr Elizabeth Thomas declared an interest in item 10 – Planning.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

None.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / CADARNHAU'R COFNODION

1. Minutes from 19 October 2009.

Cllr Smith proposed that the minutes be accepted.

Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

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

PCSO Roger Anthony attended in place of PC Howie Davies who had sent his apologies.

PCSO Anthony reported that following a burglary at the Council Depot an arrest had been made.

A test purchasing operation at licensed premises (targeting sales to under-age customers) had taken place in the town.

Another operation focussing on nuisance vehicle/drivers in the car park had taken place, and one vehicle had been confiscated utilising Notice under Section 59 (of the Police Reform Act 2002).

The Mayor thanked PCSO Anthony for attending, and he left the meeting.

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

1. Clerk's Report for November 09. Noted. The Clerk informed Members that he had received a letter of acknowledgement from County re the winter parking scheme.

2. Re 6. c) 3. Adopting the planters in the car park. Update.

Cllr Jackson reported that following a meeting with John McEvoy from County and Mrs Rees from Llandovery Gardening Club, County have agreed to clear the planters and re-instate the stonework.

3. Re 6. f) 1. - update on the Riverside Walk Scheme. Update on ownership of the land.

Cllr Jackson reported he had obtained information to confirm that the Castle Mound is leased to County for 99 years effective from 1938. [It was agreed that ownership of the riverbank still requires clarification.](#)

Cllr Ennion proposed the matter be considered further by the Forward Planning Committee.

Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

4. Re 6. f) 1. - the damaged monument on the Brecon Road. Update.

Cllr Ennion reported he had written to the Chairman of Royal Mail Group, and had been informed their Estates Director is investigating. Cllr Ennion issue a sheet with the wording on the monument for interest/information.

5. Re 6. f) 1. - the introduction of "Blue Plaques" in the town. Update – Cllr Hughes.

Nothing to report.

6. Re 6. f) 1. - the installation of lights for the tennis courts. Update.
 Cllr Jackson reported the resurfacing work is in hand. The cost of installing lights was estimated to be £16,000 to £18,000 and County have no funds for this, but ducting can be installed so electrics can be installed in future.
 The case for installing lighting was discussed.
 Cllr Stather proposed that the Council write to the Tennis Club requesting a cost/benefit analysis.
 Cllr Gina Jones seconded the proposal. Majority in favour. Clerk to action.
7. Re 7. 2. Advertising Hoarding. Update.
 Cllr Jackson stated that he had nothing to report as a meeting of the Hall Management Committee had not taken place.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

- 21 October Request by South Wales Guardian Editor for photograph by the monument at Brecon Road.
 22 October Meeting to form the Llandovery and District Chamber of Trade at the Castle Hotel.
 23 October Opening of Llandovery Police Station with HRH Prince Charles.
 30 October Charity event proceeds presented to the British Legion at the Blue Bell Inn.
 31 October Mayor's Ball at the Castle Hotel.
 2 November Meeting to form the Partnership Committee.
 8 November Remembrance Day Parade.
 12 November Awards Ceremony at the Diplomat Hotel, Llanelli.
 14 November Llandovery Rotary, ladies' charity event at the YMCA.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

a) Heritage Centre / Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. Replacement of door panel and painting – Update
 Cllr Edgar Jones reported that the door has been replaced and is awaiting decoration. Also, during the course of the decoration of the exterior woodwork, the contractor had reported more rotten woodwork.
 Cllr Hudson explained that the contractor had contacted him when the rot was discovered, and, in view of the situation, although no costings had been received, there was no other practical choice but to have the repairs done so the redecoration could be completed before the winter.

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

1. Report on preparations for Christmas festivities
 The Mayor reported on plans and progress for the Christmas Lights switch on, and the Parade the following day. The finer details were discussed and
 Cllr Thomas proposed the Mayor switches on the lights.
 Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. Majority in favour.

c) Llandovery in Bloom / Gwyl Flodau, Llanymddyfri

1. Report from meeting on 2 November – Cllr Smith
 Cllr Smith read out her report – copy appended herewith – and the contents accepted.
 With regard to engaging the services of a garden designer for advice on permanent planting, the consultation fee was considered and
 Cllr Hudson proposed the consultant's services are engaged.
 Cllr Alan Stather seconded the proposal. Majority in favour.

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

1. Nothing to report.

e) Finance Committee / Pwyllgor Cyllid

1. Nothing to report.
 2. Meeting arranged for 30 November 09 in the Heritage Centre at 11.00.
 Apologies given by Cllr Gina Jones – unable to attend.

f) Forward Planning Committee / Pwyllgor Cynllunio Blaenllaw

1. Nothing to report.

g) Llandovery Web Site / Gwefan Llanymddyfri

1. Progress report.

Cllr Burgess updated the members on progress, and emphasised that it is a Town Council site, not a community site. The site is still under development and appropriate contributions are requested.

Cllr Burgess was thanked for his work on the site.

The Planning Section was discussed in some detail and it was suggested that this comprise a link to the County Council site.

It was agreed that, as well as Cllr Burgess, the Town Clerk should be have access to “manage” the site.

Cllr Stather raised the issue of posting images of people on the website without asking their permission. This point needs to be investigated.

h) One Voice Wales / Un Llais Cymru

1. OVW report 'Are we being served?'

Cllr Burgess explained that the report, commissioned by the WAG, aims to widen participation in local government. An Expert Panel, including Simon White, Chief Executive of OVW, has considered the issues for a year and produced 35 recommendations for presentation to the Local Government Democracy Team (WAG). All Town and Community Councils are invited to comment on the proposals by 27th November.

Cllr Burgess proposed that the Council offers no comments, thereby implying agreement with the Expert Panel.

Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. All in favour.

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING / Unrhyw Fater Arall

1. Councillor vacancy – The Mayor.

Cllr Gina Jones proposed the Clerk notify the Returning Officer at County.

Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to action.

2. Membership of Committees

Cllr Williams to join the Forward Planning Committee.

3. Review and advertising for Council contractors for 2010.

The Clerk explained the need to advertise for contractors for next year. This was accepted, and in response to the Clerk's request

Cllr Hudson proposed advertisements be placed in the South Wales Guardian and The Post.

Cllr Gina Jones seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to action.

Cllr Gina Jones proposed the list of contractors be updated every three years.

Cllr Edgar Jones seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to action.

4. Parking at lower end of Broad Street by the Cenotaph.

The Mayor reported she had been approached about the possibility of the introduction of parking bays in Broad Street adjacent to the Cenotaph.

Cllr Hudson stated this is an issue that has been under review by County, together with the conversion of the former bus stop adjacent to the Town Hall in Stone Street. County has agreed to it, but no money is available.

Cllr Thomas proposed a letter be sent to County to pursue the issue.

Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to action.

5. Clerk's Contract of Employment – The Mayor.

Held in camera in the absence of the Clerk at the end of the meeting.

8. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

Accounts for approval

Cyfrifon l'w Cadarnhau

Out-going £

Allan Daliada £

Incoming £

Derbyniadau £

a. Town Council / Cyngor Tref

1. Interest (9 Oct 09)

2.68

2. Llectic – stairlift deposit (pd 27 Oct 09)

3,266.00

3. Coopers of Stortford - small tables for Hall (pd 3 Nov 09)

204.95

4. ADT Fire & Security - CCTV deposit (pd 6 Nov 09)

2,348.88

5. The Information Commissioners	35.00
6. Assembly Rooms Trust (Mthly room hire and telephone bill)	135.56
7. Town Clerk's Salary (Nov 09)	545.14
8. HM Revenue and Customs	199.47
9. Town Clerk's expenses	23.69
10. Heritage Centre - Monthly Room hire	80.00
11. Assembly Rooms Trust (BT early termination charge)	189.18
12. Cash (for prizes for Christmas Poster competition)	44.00
13. Cash (for Petty Cash)	26.01
14. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales	100.00
15. Llandovery Rugby Football Club	150.00
16. Alan Morgan (Hanging Baskets)	505.83
17. Alan Morgan (Site Maintenance)	158.33
18. Ystrad Nurseries	233.86

b. Heritage Centre / Canolfan Dreftadaeth

1. Donations (8 Oct 09)		79.60
2. Lettings (8 Oct 09)		20.00
3. Donations (26 Oct 09)		60.00
4. Photocopying (26 Oct 09)		2.50
5. BT Alarm line refund (3 Nov 09)		15.36
6. CCC – Rates - Payment 7 (by DD 16 Nov 09)	229.00	
7. Dawn Roderick (Cleaning, inc materials)	122.02	
8. LTC (Monthly Room Hire Nov 09)		80.00
9. British Gas (by DD on 16 Nov 09)	398.07	

Cllr Hudson proposed that the accounts be accepted 'en bloc'.

Cllr Ennion seconded the proposal. All in favour.

9. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

- Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales - request for funding.
It was proposed at the last meeting to give £100.
- Llandovery Rugby Club – request for funding.
It was proposed at the last meeting to give £150.

Both the above moved “en bloc”

- Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru – request for funding.

Cllr Thomas proposed that we give £25.

Cllr Hughes seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

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

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

a. Planning Applications sought. / Ceisio Ceisiadau Cynllunio

E/21971 - New opening and associated gate in north west of boundary wall and replacement gates to front drive – Llandingat House, Llandovery.

Cllr Thomas proposed that the application be approved.

Cllr Stather seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

BBNPA Ref 09/03876/FUL – General purpose agricultural building.

E/21999 - Proposed extension to existing single storey workshop and stables – Troed Y Bryn, Myddfai Road, Llandovery.

Cllr Gina Jones proposed that the application be approved.

Cllr Hudson seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

b. Planning Permissions Granted / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Caniatau

Nothing received.

c. Planning Permission Refused / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Gwrthod

- E/21671 - Construction of new bungalow for a disabled person – Land rear of 61 New Road, Llandovery.
- E/21726 - Certificate of Lawfulness Existing – Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use – 3 Velindre, Brecon Road, Llandovery.

Noted.

d. Planning Applications Withdrawn / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Wedi Eu Tynnu yn ol

Nothing received.

11. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

1. CCC – Welsh Language Strategy for Carmarthenshire - seeking ideas to work towards the future.
Passed to Cllr Hudson.
2. Clee Tompkinson Francis – offering specialist valuation service for Council assets.
Read out by Mayor. Noted.
3. CCC – Enforcement Appeal re Costcutters – circulated to all councillors on 22 Oct 09.
No action required - deadline passed – for information only.
4. Cantref – Annual Report 2008-9.
Clerk holds report for anyone to see.
5. CCC / West Wales European Centre – Open events to publicise Rural Development Plan for Wales funding projects. (Poster put on Notice Board.)
“Local” event in Llandeilo on 25 November. It was suggested the Chamber of Commerce would be interested. Poster has been put on Notice Board.
6. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Development Plan – policy relating to the renovation of former dwellings. Comments sought by 18 December 09.
Clerk holds details for anyone interested.
7. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Development Plan – proposal to charge for pre-application/planning advice. Comments sought by 18 December 09.
Clerk holds details for anyone interested.
8. WAG – Consultation: Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 – statutory guidance.
Responses are invited by 15 January 2010.
Cllr Burgess will summarise the Consultation Draft document and report to the next meeting.
9. CCC – Local Development Plan -
 - Pre-Deposit Preferred Strategy
 - Initial Sustainability Appraisal, and
 - Habitat Regulations Screening Report/Constraints Plan.Comments sought by 4 January 2010 are invited.
It was suggested the Chamber of Commerce would be interested.
10. WAG – Consultation: Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 – Proposed guidance to Fire and Rescue Authorities. Comments sought by 25 January 2010.
Clerk holds details for anyone interested.
11. Myddfai Community Council – the Council has written to County with regard to the lack of white lining at the Whynot crossroads after recent resurfacing – for information.
Noted.
12. SWALEC – Electricity Supply Agreement Renewal due on 1 January 2010.
For information only – noted.
13. Amman Valley Women's Aid – Annual Report 2008 -2009.
Clerk holds details for anyone interested.
14. Dyfed-Powys Police Authority – Policing Plan 2010/13.
The Authority is requesting the Council's views on what local priorities should be.
It was agreed that the Authority should be referred to the PACT meeting which encapsulated the Council's view. Clerk to action.
15. Dyfed-Powys Police Authority – Community Consultative Meetings November/December 09.
Nearest meeting at Johnstown, Carmarthen on 23 November at 7.pm.
Noted.
16. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Annual Action Plan 2010-2011 and Improvement Plan 2009-10.
Clerk holds plans for anyone interested.
17. Castle Hotel – Request for copies of Town Council meeting minutes.

After discussion

Cllr Hudson proposed copies of the requested minutes be sent, and also requester be referred to website.

Cllr Stather seconded the proposal. All were in favour. Clerk to action.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR
UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAI

1. Dog fouling

Cllr Ennion spoke about the proposed dog control orders to be introduced by County, and the issues of dog fouling and the limitations placed on dog owners who are careful and compliant. The overall tone of the current strategy is negative, and County should think positively (eg. encourage dog owners to carry bags to clean up). It was recognised that dog fouling is a big problem, but it was agreed that reporting the owners who don't clear up the mess can be very effective.

Cllr Ennion proposed that a letter be sent to county referring to the proposed dog control orders issued at the PACT meeting, to ask whether a fairer, balanced strategy that looks at dog ownership can be developed by County so as to reduce the nuisance rather than criminalise dog owners.

Cllr Hughes seconded the proposal. Majority in favour. Clerk to action.

2. Street Lighting in Water Street

The Clerk reported that he had been approached earlier in the day by a resident about the standard of lighting in Water Street.

It was agreed that the Clerk should approach County about the issue.

3. Highways issues

Cllr Hudson raised the issue of the concrete blocks adjacent to the wall by the Cenotaph, and the ongoing issue of the parking and yellow lines on the High Street.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to The Trunk Road Agency about these issues.

4. Mrs Gill Wright (member of the public) was invited speak:

Mrs Wright reported:

a. Recycling

She has been monitoring the recycling site and has collected 800 plastic bags, and is liaising with the local supermarket to promote their "bags for life".

b. Railway Station

Network Rail are in contact with County about tidying up areas around the station, and a 25 year lease relating to conservation aims is under discussion.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40pm