



**LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL
LLANYMDDYFRI
MINUTES**

CYNGOR TREF

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY
ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7:00 PM.**

**CYNHELIR CYFARFOD YN NEUADD Y DREF LLANMYDDFRI
AR NOSLUN, TACHWEDD 21 2016 AM 7:00 YH.**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cllr D. Burgess, Cllr P. Smith and Cllr J. Blud

**2. DECLARATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL
INTERESTS/ DATGANIADAU GAN GYNGHORWYR O UNRHYW FUDD PERSONOL
NEU/AC ARIANNOL**

Cllr A.G Paul declared an interest in item 7.4 as a user of the Hub Business Centre and took no part in the discussion or voting.

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

1. The Minutes from the Council Meeting of 17 October 2016 were approved as a correct record.

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

PCSO H. Fender was in attendance and delivered a verbal report on the Crime Statistics in Llandovery to the assembled members.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER

Mayoral Events Attended 17-09-16 - 11-10-16

17 th October -	Full Council Meeting
18 th October -	Ysgol Bro Dinefwr French Exchange Cultural Evening
13 th November	Remembrance Day
19 th November	Llanwrda Business event

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y CYNGHORWR SIR

Cllr Jackson delivered a verbal report regarding the application to resurface Castle Street. A site meeting will take place between Cllr Jackson and the Technical Services Director on Monday 9 December.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU

7.1 The notes from the Meeting with the County Council Traffic Management Officer and the review of the Stone Street Junction were received and noted.

7.1a A further consultative meeting will take place on site on Monday 19 December at 14:00hours.

7.2 The minutes of a meeting of the Seating and Footpaths Committee held on Monday 31 October were received.

7.2a It was resolved that the bench at Ysgol Rhys Prichard (No 45) be written off and not replaced and that the bench at The Kings Arms (No 24) be removed and not replaced

7.2b It was resolved that, as footpaths now fall under the control of Carmarthenshire County Council that the name of the Committee be amended to Seating Committee rather than "Seating and Footpaths Committee".

7.3 The minutes of a meeting of the Lights Committee held on Monday 31 October 2016 were received and noted.

7.3a Cllr N Burgess delivered a verbal report on arrangements being made for hosting the "Christmas Lights Switch On" Event for Friday 25 November.

7.4 The minutes of a meeting of the Heritage Centre Committee were received.

7.4a It was resolved to increase the price of Full Time membership of the Hub Business Centre to £150.00 a month with effect from 1 January 2017.

7.4b It was resolved that the Internet Connection offered at the Business Hub was a basic connection suitable for the connection of laptops and that no promises relating to the suitability of the connection for VOIP, Skype etc. is implied or promised.

7.5. The Minutes of the CIO Meeting held on October 18 2016 were received.

7.5a It was resolved that the position of Fund-raiser to the CIO be offered to Mr Chris Delaney

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

The Town Clerk's report was received and the contents noted, the following proposal was approved:-

8.1 It was resolved that an amendment to the LTC Constitution/Standing Orders be made and that Section 8 sub para 5.3 be amended to read "one councillor is required to sign a cheque and the Clerk is to countersign" (To be ratified in the December meeting)

9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL

9.1a It was resolved that the contract for the hanging of Christmas lights be awarded to Richard Evans Electrics LTD at a cost of £600 + VAT

9.1b It was resolved that the contract for the supply and erection of the Town Christmas tree be awarded to UPM Tilhill at a cost of £498.50 + VAT.

9.2 It was resolved that the registering of the Heritage Centre with the Land Registry Office be under a generic name and address rather than that of the Town Clerk.

9.3 An update from the Welsh Office on the O2 Parking restrictions imposed by SWTRA on Broad Street following a complaint made by Llandovery Town Council to SWTRA about the lack of consultation or, sight of the O2 Order was received. It was resolved not to pursue the matter as, plans are already underway to resolve the issue.

- 9.4 It was resolved to ratify the employment Contract of the RFO making him a permanent employee of the Llandovery Town Council with immediate effect.
- 9.5 A verbal update and report from the CIO was delivered by Cllr Wright.
- 9.6 Cllr Annabel Graham-Paul was appointed to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Committee vis-à-vis Ms N. Morgan who has resigned.
- 9.7 The cancellation of the Llandovery Fireworks Event was reviewed and it was established that the Event was cancelled by two members of the Llandovery Winter Events Committee based on hearsay evidence of complaints within the agricultural sector. An e-mail informing the other Committee members of the decision was sent but, not received.
- 9.7a It was resolved that future events of this nature include a representative of the YFC in a liaison capacity between the Town and the Farming Community.
- 9.7b It was resolved that the organisation of future Fireworks Events start at a far earlier time of the year.
- 9.8 No update from the "Asset Transfer" Working Group was received. The Working Group are not scheduled to meet until later in November
- 9.9 No update on the Pantycelyn School Lease was received.
- 9.9a It was resolved that the Town Clerk should pursue this matter with the County Council Legal Team.
- 9.10 A CCC certificate to erect, operate and remove decorations in Llandovery was received.

10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON

- 10.1. It was resolved to approve the schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £4,062.93 and payments totalling £2,131.43 for the period 1 to 31 October 2016.
- 10.2. The Consolidated Statement of Accounts and the Budget Summary as at 31 October 2016 were noted.

11. FINANCIAL REQUESTS / CEISIADAU CYLLIDOL

- 11.1 A non-specific request for funding from CCC Toy box scheme was tabled.
- 11.2 A non-specific request for funding from Llanelli Centre for the Deaf was tabled.
- 11.3 A non-specific request for funding from Cancer Information and Supports Services (CISS) was tabled.
- 11.4 A non-specific request for funding from BLAS Ammanford Stroke was tabled

12. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH

- 12.1 A letter from a Mr David Edwards regarding the appearance of the old HSBC Building was received. It transpires that the Building does not belong to HSBC but, was on lease. HSBC accept no responsibility for the current state of decoration. Further inquiries have revealed that the current owner of the building has plans to use the ground floor as a retail outlet and the upper stories as flats however, HSBC are responsible for financing the removal of the Bank fixture and fittings which have been estimated to cost £60,000 to remove. The negotiations with HSBC are ongoing but do not appear to be high on their priority list for resolution
- 12.2 A letter of intent to close Lloyds Bank was received. It should be noted that this was not a consultative letter, the Council were notified as Lloyds is the bank through which Llandovery Town Council conduct the Council Finances.
- 12.2a It was resolved that the Council send a strongly worded letter to Lloyds protesting the arbitrary closure of this historically relevant building which is a landmark building within the Welsh Banking world.

12.2b It was resolved that a letter be sent from the Council to HRH The Prince of Wales notifying him of the impending closure and requesting his intervention.

13. REGENERATION - ACTION POINTS

13.1 The Town Clerk will continue to engage with the various officers and Departments at County Hall in order to resolve outstanding issues.

14. FUNDING

To receive information or, to identify potential sources of Funding or Grants which can be applied for and utilised to realise aspects of the Councils Environmental Enhancement Project – **Ongoing**.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR - FOR INFORMATION ONLY / UNRHYW FATER ARALL YN OL DISGRESIWN Y GADAIR – GWYBODAETH YN UNIG.

SCD Carter
Clerk to Llandovery Town Council
21 November 2016

David Long
Mayor
21 November 2016