



# **LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL                      CYNGOR TREF LLANYMDDYFRI**

## **MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, LLANDOVERY**  
**ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7:00 PM.**

**CYNHELIR CYFARFOD YN NEUADD Y DREF LLANYMDDYFRI**  
**AR NOSLUN, RHAGFYR 18 2017 AM 7:00 YH.**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / YMDDIHEURIADAU**

Cllr D Burgess

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

2.1. None Reported.

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

3.1 The Minutes from the Council Meeting of Monday 20 November 2017 were approved as a correct record.

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

4.1 PCSO H. Fender attended and reported on Sheep rustling on the Black Mountains, progress on the implementation of the Parking restrictions within the Town and developments in the expansion of the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative within Wales.

4.2 Councillors raised the issue of people using the Loading and Unloading Zone behind the Fountain in Market Square for long term parking – The Police are aware and taking action.

4.3 Councillors expressed concern at the number of people on New Road who are obstructing the walkways by parking their cars up on the pavement– The Police will investigate

### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT / ADRODDIAD Y MAER**

#### **Mayoral Events Attended 20-11-2017 – 12-12-2017**

24<sup>th</sup> November            Christmas Lights Switch-on

11<sup>th</sup> December           Finance Committee

12<sup>th</sup> December           Prize giving (Poster Competition) at Llandovery College

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

6.1 An open meeting was held in Llandovery Rugby Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, this was organised on behalf of and hosted by Plaid Cymru and, attended by Adam Price AM, Johnathan Edwards MP and CCC Board Members Cllrs Peter Hughes Griffiths and Cefin Campbell. The subject was "how to revitalise our rural towns"

6.2 Cllr Hudson proposed a "Vote of Thanks" for C. Cllr H. Davies for his efforts in organising the successful Meeting above. – **Carried**

6.3 It was reported that a Bus Shelter to be located in the area of Ysgol Rhys Prichard would be purchased and installed for the protection of Pupils awaiting buses. It is anticipated that the project will be complete around the end of January 2018.

6.4 A meeting has taken place between the Llandovery Co-Op Manager and C. Cllr Davies to discuss the possibility of the Shop taking over from the Llandovery Post Office. Cllr Davies has written Senior Management at the Co-Op to encourage support for this venture.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS / ADRODDIADAU PWYLLGORAU**

7.1 The notes from a meeting with John McEvoy (County Road Safety and Traffic Manager) – were received by the Council and noted.

7.2 The Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Monday 11 December 2017 were received by the Council, the following items within the minutes were approved: -

5.1 It was resolved to approve the 2018/19 Draft Budget as submitted.

5.2 It was resolved to approve an increase of 8% in the 2018/19 Precept

5.3 It was resolved to approve a recommendation by the Finance Committee that 30.5% of the 8% increase be ringfenced for use by the Playgrounds Community Group following the successful transfer of the Playparks from County to the Town Council.

6.1 It was resolved to approve offering the appointment of Internal Auditor to Mr Lyn Llewelyn subject to receiving an acceptable quotation for his services.

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

8.1 No Report

## **9. MATTERS ARISING / UNRHYW FATER ARALL**

9.1 A verbal update was received from the former CIO Trustees. All the Trustees of the CIO have stood down and the CIO have reformed with just five Trustees. One from the Town Council, One from the County Council, One from the Llandovery History Society and two independents.

9.2 It was reported that the Council Solicitors are still awaiting the return of the Leases for the Play Parks from the County Hall Legal Team.

9.3 It was reported that the Town Clerk is still awaiting a decision from the Neuadd Pantycelyn (Hall Development Group) regarding the possibility of the Group holding the Lease rather than the Town Council.

9.4 It was reported that the Llandovery Christmas Lights Event was a great success, one of the best in recent years and the event moves from strength to strength. An Event Report is attached to these Minutes.

9.4a It was proposed that a "Vote of Thanks" be extended to Cllrs D Burgess and N. Burgess for the organisation of this annual fixture and the use of their House to serve refreshments on the eve of the event - **Carried**

9.5 It was resolved to approve the purchase of three sets of string lighting, an extension cable and Dry Box at an estimated cost of £350.00 for use within Market Square and the Market Stalls.

9.6 It was resolved to appoint Cllr G Jones to the Board of Trustees of the CIO (Llandovery Heritage)

9.7 It was resolved that the future leasing of the Heritage Centre would not include the ground floor storage cupboards. These will be retained for use as a Council Archive.

9.8 This Agenda Item was dealt with at 4.2 above.

9.9 The Town Clerk was tasked to investigate the ownership of the Cobbled area in Market Square and report back at the next Council Meeting.

9.10 Cllr Smith reported that work on writing a downloadable "Llandovery Trails" application for iPhone/iPad and Android would commence in the new year.

9.11 It was reported that contact had been established with a possible Fireworks Event Organiser for 2018. Discussions are proceeding and a follow up report is expected for the January Council Meeting.

9.12 Contact has been made by a firm of Solicitors acting on behalf of County Hall regarding the long term (99 year) lease of land adjacent to the Heritage Centre. Town Clerk to establish the scope of the plot and report back to the Council.

#### **10. ACCOUNTS / CYFRIFON**

10.1. It was resolved to approve the schedule from the Clerk relating to income totalling £162.04 and payments totalling £5,281.58 for the period 1 to 30 November 2017.

10.2. It was resolved to approve the Consolidated Statement of Accounts and Budget Summary as at 30 November 2017.

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE / GOHEBIAETH**

11.1 Details of the Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys have been received in Hard Copy. The Internet link to the material has already been circulated to Councillors.

#### **12. REGENERATION - ACTION POINTS**

12.1 It was noted that the Craft Centre Clock was not working, this has been reported to County Hall.

#### **13. NEWS FROM THE TOWN HALL**

#### **14. FUNDING/GRANTS – LEADS**

14.1 It was reported that there existed the possibility of a £1500.00 Community Sports project Grant – This will be looked into by the Play Parks Community Group next year.

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

15.1 2018 will be the 100-year anniversary of the ending of WW1. A request has been received to mark the occasion by replacing the plants at the Llandovery War Memorial with Poppies (later to be replaced with the original plants) - To be agendered for the January 2018 Meeting.



**SCD Carter**  
Clerk to Llandovery Town Council  
18 December 2017



**David Long**  
Mayor  
18 December 2017

**LLANDOVERY TOWN COUNCIL 'TURN ON' OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**  
**24-11-17**

UPDATE FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 18-12-17

The 'Turn On' of the Christmas Lights in Llandovery was held on 24th November 2017. The event was very well attended, mainly due to the crisp, dry weather. There was an excitement and a 'buzz' in the air. It was one of the best lights event in recent years. Thank you to all those who were involved in this festive event. Thank you also to the Town Councillors, their wives & husbands for their time and help in enabling the event to happen and to flow smoothly and to all those who were involved in various ways: The Performers - Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, Ysgol Rhys Prichard, Llandovery College, Llandovery Choir, 'Fiddlebox'; Presenter Helene Lovell; the loan of the P.A. from Ammanford; the loan of chairs x 10 (for the performers) and three tables from the YMCA; Liz McGill who organised the 15 or so stalls; John with his music, snow machine & lights; the businesses who opened until late with their festive wares and hospitality - Genesis, Printing Office, Brambles, Nia, in particular the Post Office; Rotary Fr. Christmas & sleigh; the candyfloss, sweets & doughnuts person & the cup ride man (from whom a donation of £15 & £25 was received respectively for the Lights Fund), those involved in the Children's Poster Competition & the Best Business Display (and to the judges of each of these); those involved in the production of the free mulled wine and warm mince pies; the photographer Will Theophyllus; to Richard Evans who erected the lights; to TilHill who erected the Christmas Tree; to Neil Cuthill (Swan Scaffolding); to the Post for the festive motifs placed on the articles; to CCC who arranged for free car parking in the main car park and the closure of the road. There were two additional new attractions: The Three Horseshoes with their Pizza Oven and Cllr. Louise Wride who did face painting - a donation for £100 has been given to the Lights Fund.

Thank you to all the above, who helped to make the event so successful. Most especially 'Thank You' to all those who attended and supported the event, to the children who made such wonderful Christmas Posters and to those business who participated in the Best Business Display, to help the town 'sparkle'. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor have presented the prizes.

The event was arranged by Llandovery Town Council for the benefit of the community. The Town Council event expenditure amounted to £638.90 (this does not include the money for tenders for the erection of the Lights and Christmas Tree). Donations received from those attending the event: £140 for the Lights Fund.

Cllr. Dorothy M. Burgess. 18-12-17