

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 29th January 2024 at 7pm in the Youth
Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Record of attendance Present

were:

Cllr Ian Davies Chair

Cllr Hazel Davies

Cllr Ursula Griffiths

Cllr Mark Owen

Cllr Stephen Purser

Cllr Rob Astley Vice Chair

Cllr Cadvan Evans

Cllr Gareth Jones

Cllr Geraint Peate

Cllr Sam Webster

In attendance – Robert Robinson Town Clerk **Apologies**

for absence:

Cllr Viola Evans

Cllr Mervin Jones

121. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

122. Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest recorded at this meeting.

123. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

124. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting. Proposed by Cllr Rob Astley and seconded by Cllr Sam Webster . The vote was unanimous.

125. Councillors area of interests

The meeting confirmed the following changes to councillor areas of interest as follows:

Cllr Stephen Purser

Planning & Development

Cllr Melvin Jones

Youth

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Library
Financial

Cllr Cadvan Evans
Remove from Deri Woods

NOTE: The councillors have agreed to these alterations.

126. Finance and Governance

126.1 Bank balances

The meeting noted the current balances (as at 31.12.2023) of the Council accounts:

Current account	£41,295.75
Deposit account	£61,128.04
Total cash funds	£102,423.79
VAT reclaim	£5039.28
Total funds available	£107,463.07

The full accounts were presented with the agenda in the information pack.

126.2 Trial annual return as of 31st December 2023

The meeting received a copy of the trial balance annual return as of 31st December is noted in the agenda papers. The meeting also noted the allocation of money as follows within the bank balances:

General reserves	£45,000.00
Projects recently completed	£6,600.00
Estimated expenditure to end of year (net)	£10,000.00
Available for projects	£45,853.07
Total	£107,453.07

126.3 Orders for payment

The meeting considered and approved the orders for payment as set out in appendix B in the appendices pack.

The meeting also approved two further payments as follows:

- i) Bridgen Contracting - £400 plus VAT for tree removal due to storm damage in the Goat Field.

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- ii) John Yale - £90 to cover the cost of the damaged fence due to storm damage and trees falling in the Goat Field.

A letter to be sent with the £90 payment pointing out that next time (if there is one) the council reserves the right to ask for multiple quotes.

Proposed by Cllr Cadvan Evans and seconded by Cllr Rob Astley. The vote was unanimous.

126.4 Street Scene - Electric & water services review

The meeting noted that new contract fixed for 3 years with British Gas for the council's electricity supplies.

The Town Clerk is to add the water account for the toilets with British Gas.

127. Planning and development

127.1 Planning decisions

The meeting noted the planning decisions issued by Powys County Council.

127.2 Consultation – Welsh Government – 132kv transmission line

The meeting considered the paper on the consultation for the 132kv transmission line between Cefn Coch and Frankton using metal pylons.

The meeting **agreed** to respond to the consultation as follows:

- i) The meeting accepted that the transmission line is required.
- ii) There should be options for the type of pylons used and in particular the 'T' shaped pylons should be considered.
- iii) There should be one and not multiple transmission lines along the route shown on the drawings.
- iv) A community benefit from the development should include consideration of aiding the re-opening of the Cwm Golau road to adoptable standard to help alleviate lorry traffic through Llanfair Caereinion Town Centre.

128. Recycling and waste disposal – new regulations

The meeting received a report on the new regulations being implemented by Powys County Council (as per Welsh Government guidelines) with regards to waste disposal (including litter bins) and how they affect the Town Council. The

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requirements are still uncertain but the Town Clerk will continue to seek clarification.

129. County Council Matters

The meeting received an update on matters affecting the Town from the County Councillor as follows:

129.1 School consultation

The school consultation has been completed; a full report will be presented to the Cabinet in April 2024.

129.2 Voting system

There is a consultation being completed regarding Powys County Council changing to a transferable voting system. The general view expressed was that the council was not keen to support this.

129.3 Senior management at Powys County Council It was confirmed that the senior management team have now all been appointed.

129.4 Potholes and road repairs

A schedule of works by the County Council to potholes and other road repairs is attached at appendix A to these minutes.

If anyone wishes to add to the list, can they let the Town Clerk have details and they can be added.

However, it should be noted that the PCC budget for such works has been reduced for the ensuing year.

129.5 Consultation on changes to school holidays

There is a current consultation on changes to the school holidays, the consultation responses can be made via the County Council website.

130. Town Clerks report

The meeting considered the following items under this heading

130.1 Tourism Boards project

The final design for the tourism boards was presented and approved. These can now go to print and manufacture with the design going direct to the printers in PDF format.

One board is to be produced and put in place and if all is OK the remaining boards can be printed and erected at the various sites.

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130.2 Logo

It was suggested that the council had a logo. This idea is to be taken forward between Cllr Stephen Purser and the Town Clerk reporting the council at the right time.

130.3 Chapel of Rest

It was noted that the side double doors to the Chapel of Rest were 'at the end of their days.' A quote for new doors is being sought.

131. 50 years of the Town Council

It was noted that the council is 50 years old on 1st April 2024.

It was **agreed** that the council would not do anything special but would include information covering the 50 years in the Chronicle for 1st April.

132. Rhiwhiriaeth Community Centre

The council considered a letter from Rhiwhiriaeth Community Centre seeking help to replace their defibrillator.

The council **AGREED** that they should provide a defibrillator for the centre with the system added to the council circuit reporting in some form. The estimated cost is £950.

Proposed by Cllr Rob Astley and seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans. The vote was unanimous.

133. Dates of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 26th February 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

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Description	Roadnumber	Comment	Dateadded
Pear Tree Lane	U6026	Blocked drains & road sweep	26/01/20
Eithnogl Lane	C2197	Potholes, cattle grid overflow	26/01/20
Brynellen Lane	U2409	Water rising in the road and missing the drain	
Biffil		Works as discussed previously with C	
Canan Lane	U2375	Potholes	26/01/20
Glyndwr Lane	U2370	Serious potholes on this lane as possible, Capital project	
Tylsaflane	U2898	The lane is totally shot	26/01/20
Cross Lane	C2041	Drains blocked on entrance to Cross Fa	26/01/20
Pontbren Bridge	C2041?	Bridgesides/railings need repl	26/01/20
Drains above Tynllwyn entrance	C2401	Drains blocked on entrance to Cross Fa	26/01/20
Cattle grid by Caestwbn	U2325	Cattle grid collapsed long standing	26/01/20
Hafod	C2031	Culverts without manhole covers	26/01/20
Gosen Chapel	C2031	Salt bin in the side of the bank	26/01/20
Llysun	U2096	Before U2096 on the road. Drains blocked and road surface	26/01/20
		making it unpassable. When U2096 is done, the road will be	26/01/20
		help and down lane in the side of the road	26/01/20
Hendrelane	U2353	Road with serious potholes and drainage problems, need	26/01/20
		conversation with Tom Bebbon way for	26/01/20
Llanoddian Lane	C2123	Drain blocked below Garthlwyd	26/01/20
Llanoddian Lane	C2123	Potholes in the side of the road by Llanoddian C	26/01/20
Health Centre Car Park		Large potholes in car park	26/01/20
Entrance to railway station/Wynnstafar		Large potholes in car park	26/01/20
Wooden Bridge by railway station		Need for replacement boards and drainage	26/01/20
High Street Llanfair		Road outside Goat Hotel in need of Capital expenditure	26/01/20
St Mary's churchyard path		Path very broken and uneven	26/01/20
		Llanfair Town Council willing to help with cost of repair	26/01/20
Froethin	U2365	Blocked drains resulting in flood damage to the	26/01/20
Ty Uchaf	U2366	Blocked drains especially where U2366 meets	26/01/20