

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 28th November 2022 at 7pm
in the Youth Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were:

Cllr Ian Davies Chair	Cllr Rob Astley Vice Chair
Cllr Sarah Astley (by video link)	Cllr Hazel Davies
Cllr Cadvan Evans	Cllr V Evans
Cllr Ursula Griffiths	Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Melvin Jones	Cllr Mark Owen
Cllr Geraint Peate	Cllr Sam Webster (via video link)

In attendance Robert Robinson Town Clerk

(local residents were in attendance)

109. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

110. Declarations of interest

The following declarations of interest were recorded:

All planning matters	Cllr Gareth Jones
Tan-y-Foel Quarry	Cllr Cadvan Evans
Christmas Lights	Cllr Viola Evans
Christmas Lights	Cllr Hazel Davies

111. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no questions from the public which were not part of the Parking Review or Planning applications where such comments are included.

112. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting.
Proposed by Cllr Mark Owen, seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans. The vote was unanimous.

113. Council decisions and actions

The meeting noted the schedule of progress towards completion of Council decisions.

114. Finance and Governance

114.1 Management Accounts

The management accounts and bank reconciliation were received.

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114.2 Orders for payment

The meeting received the orders for payment as set out with the agenda.

115 Budget for 2022-2023

The meeting considered the final draft budget for the ensuing year.

Following an extensive discussion, the following points were noted:

- i) The level of reserves was noted with the suggestion that any increase in council tax should be minimal for another year.
- ii) The cost to the council taxpayer was noted as only pence per week. However, the point was made that people tend to look at percentages rather than fixed amounts.
- iii) The meeting noted the figures as attached to these minutes which shows a surplus when applying just the fixed costs.
- iv) The meeting considered the extra items that could be added to the budget paid for by the surplus, any increase in council tax and the surplus reserves.
- v) The school crossing point (at the top of the hill) is costing approx. £5,500pa and is a County Council responsibility but if the Town Council wants to retain this facility they (at present) have to pay for it. Cllr G Jones will seek clarification on the plans for this into the future now that the new school arrangements are in place.
- vi) The additional items to be included in the budget for 2023-2024 are:

Youth Club	£2,000 (grant funded for remainder)
Toilet refurbishment	£2,000 (grant for disabled element)
Christmas Lights	£500
Odd Job person	£1,500 (net)
Newsletter	£2,500 (including translation)
Kings Coronation	£1,500
School Crossing	£5,600

Also, to consider a speed indicator sign (£3,500 min).

The figures presented at this meeting are attached at appendix A.

The Town Clerk will now prepare the final paper for discussion and approval at the next meeting to be held in December.

116. Planning and Development

116.1 Planning decisions

The meeting noted the following planning decisions as issued by Powys County Council:

116.2 Planning applications

The meeting considered the following planning matters.

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Tan-y-Foel Quarry, Cefn Coch, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 0AN

Lateral extension of the quarry extraction area and waste stone tipping area, deepening of the base of the quarry by two additional benches and progressive restoration to grassland, landscaped lake and woodland with biodiversity and geodiversity interest

The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

Proposed by Cllr Rob Astley, seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The vote was unanimous (taking into account those who had declared an interest)

Mynydd Lluest y Graig Llanerfyl

The meeting considered a report on the consultation regarding a wind farm comprising 18 turbines along with ancillary matters.

The meeting noted the following minute from the Council meeting held on 26th September as follows:

Minute 82.3 Wind Farm traffic Following the most recent application for wind farm development an approach has been made by the Wind Farm Developers to discuss the Council's viewpoint on access and traffic.

A meeting with the developers was held following the public information displays in the Institute.

A resident present asked if due to the expansion of the Quarry, would it mean more traffic, especially early in the morning as the first wagon through is 5am up the road and 6am down the road.

The applicant (who was present) confirmed that the wagons travelling up and down the road are not HV Bowen wagons, so they do not have jurisdiction over them, they set off early and drive until they reach their drivers hours, which normally means they have a break once at the Quarry. Vehicles going down have normally stayed at the Quarry overnight and set off early.

After discussion it was agreed that the Council position be passed to the Development Company with the following comments:

- i) The principle of the wind farm is open for discussion.
- ii) The traffic route and benefit to the town should include the construction of an adopted road (provided in Cwm Golau for previous wind farm traffic) to help remove much of the lorry traffic currently using the Town.
- iii) A resident with a local business (recording studio) is concerned about the noise and vibration levels which would mean his business could not continue.

117 Parking Review for the Town

117.1 Yellow lines

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The meeting considered the various elements of the parking review (detailed information with the agenda papers) for the town. The residents present made their views known and were in the case of items (i) and (ii) below against the provision of yellow lines in these areas. Full details of the walkabout to meet residents with their concerns is attached to these minutes at appendix B.

Each area was considered in turn as follows:

i) High Street (Argoed to Deri Woods)

The Council **DOES NOT SUPPORT** yellow lines in this location and does not see any need for them.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the idea of moving the 30mph limit back further towards the west (could be completed when the 20mph signs are put in place).

Proposed by Cllr Mark Owen, seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans.
The vote was unanimous.

ii) High Street (Old Courthouse to Goat Field entrance)

There were residents in attendance who put their point of view similar to that contained in the attached 'walkabout' notes. In addition one resident Expressed that their prime concern was that the lines detracted from the appearance of their property.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the introduction of yellow lines in this location. Proposed by Cllr Rob Astley, seconded by Cllr Hazel Davies. The vote was 9 for the proposal to install yellow lines, 1 against and 1 abstention.

iii) High Street (Lychgate to parking bays)

The Council **DOES NOT SUPPORT** yellow lines in this location and does not see any need for them.

Proposed by Cllr Cadvan Evans, seconded by Cllr Hazel Davies. The vote was unanimous.

iv) Parsons field

The Council noted that some residents in that area were in favour of yellow lines as planned.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the proposed yellow lines in this location. Proposed by Cllr Mark Owen, seconded by Cllr Gareth Jones. The vote was unanimous.

v) Mount Road

After discussion the following was put forward:

The Council **SUPPORTS** yellow lines on the left-hand side of the road going up Mount Road from the existing ones to Wesley Street.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the extension of yellow lines from the SPAR to the brick wall beyond the SPAR building on the right-hand side as you go up Mount Road.

The Council **SUPPORTS** markings to create a proper car space outside the spar where there are no yellow lines at present.

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Proposed by Cllr Cadvan Evans, seconded Cllr Mark Owen. The vote was unanimous.

vi) **The Square**

The Council **SUPPORTS** the creation of two car spaces by the Black Lion with the yellow lines at each end of such spaces extended from the bays and around each corner.

The Council **SUPPORTS** refreshing the yellow lines in this area where they have worn and cannot be clearly seen.

Proposed by , seconded by and abstentions. The vote was unanimous.

vii) **Broad Street/Bridge Street**

Various proposals and amendments were put forward with the following being the result.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the retention of the two car spaces by the HSBC and to add a disabled space at the top of Bridge Street located next to where the yellow lines current stop on that side of the street.

Proposed by Cllr Mark Owen, seconded by Cllr Sarah Astley. The vote was 10 for the proposal and 1 against.

The Town Clerk explained the process from now on in. The County Council will be sent the walkabout report and copy of these minutes so that they can consider them. The County Council will make the final decisions. If the yellow lines progress there will be a final consultation on the order when the residents can have their final say at that point.

117.2 Other parking issues

A resident pointed out issues regarding the parking outside Crown House, Crown Cottage and Brynteg. There is a pavement along the front of the houses which in most cases is kept clear, however there are some cars which block the pavement either with cars or motorcycles. Cllr Gareth Jones and the Town Clerk will look at what can be done to help.

118. Newsletter and translation

The meeting considered an update on translation services for the Chronicle. Two quotes had been gained. The Council **AGREED** to proceed with the lower quote. Proposed by Cllr The Council also agreed to continue in the current form for the December 2022 issue but to investigate printing on A4 double sided in the office for the copies required.

119. Youth Club

The meeting noted the grant aid gained to start a youth club in Llanfair Caereinion in the sum of £9,950.

120. Christmas Lights Committee grant aid

The Council considered payment of the grant towards the Christmas lights as per the budget (£500). Cllr V Evans and Cllr H Davies left the room for this item.

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The Council **AGREED** to offer a grant of up to £500 on receipt of invoices for Christmas Lights.

Proposed by Cllr Gareth Jones and seconded by Cllr Rob Astley.

The vote was unanimous (taking into account those who had declared an interest).

121. Correspondence (not covered under agenda items)

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of any correspondence received not covered under the agenda items.

121.2 Hockey Club and container at Mount Field

The meeting received a letter from the Hockey Club requesting a container at Mount Field. This item was deferred until the December meeting of the Council.

122. Dates of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 19th December 2022 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

123. Items carried forward

Those items on the agenda not covered during the meeting will be held over until the 19th December meeting.

124. Actions to be taken forward

The following actions are to be taken forward:

No	Heading	Action	By
1	Administration	Prepare and circulate minutes of the meeting	Town Clerk
2	Administration	Post October minutes on the website	Town Clerk
3	Newsletter printing	Progress investigation and report back	Town Clerk
4	Financial	Agree budget for presentation at the December meeting	Town Clerk with Chair & Vice Chair
5	Planning	Inform PCC of planning consultation decisions	Town Clerk
6	Planning	Inform developer of wind farm comments	Town Clerk
7	Hockely Club	Inform Hockey Club of deferred decision	Town Clerk
8	Yellow Llnes	Inform PCC of Council response to yellow lines	Town Clerk
9	Youth	Youth Club Plan	Town Clerk with Cllr S Astley
10	Christmas Lights	Write to Christmas Lights Committee with grant offer	Town Clerk

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APPENDIX A

		CUIRRENT	2023-2024+DD3:D27			
			3 PERCENT	5 PERCENT	10 PERCENT	20 PERCENT
INCOME	PRECEPT	44000	45500	46500	48500	52800
	BURIAL SERVICES	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
	TOILETS/STREET SCENE	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
	RECREATION	10	10	10	10	10
	MOUNT FIELD	160	160	160	160	160
	DERI WOODS	4000	0	0	0	0
	MARKETING	600	0	0	0	0
	PROJECTS	4000	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	62770	55670	56670	58670	62970
EXPENDITURE	BURIAL SERVICES	5300	7125	7125	7125	7125
	TOILETS (STR SCENE)	6660	7600	7600	7600	7600
	RECREATION	1950	2650	2650	2650	2650
	MOUNT FIELD	6100	7150	7150	7150	7150
	DERI WOODS	5400	2400	2400	2400	2400
	ADMIN GENERAL	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000
	ADMIN INSURANCES	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
	SALARIES	7100	7100	7100	7100	7100
	AUIT/PROF/H&S	1500	2500	2500	2500	2500
	PUBLICITY/EVENTS	4650	750	750	750	750
	LIBRARY/DONATIONS	4450	3450	3450	3450	3450
	TOTAL	51610	49225	49225	49225	49225
	BALANCE	11160	6445	7445	9445	13745
	EXTRA EXPENDITURE	35785	15840	15840	15840	15840
	BALANCE	-24625	-9395	-8395	-6395	-2095

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APPENDIX B

TOWN PARKING REVIEW WALKABOUT – Saturday 22nd October 2022 REPORT

1. Introduction

Following the parking review plans issued by Powys County Council following the Town Questionnaire in 2016 the Council decided to complete a 'walkabout' to meet residents before considering a final response. The County Council is awaiting the Town Council response before taking anything forward. This report sets out the results of the 'walkabout' in each of the areas affected.

2. Resident's consultation

Those residents directly affected by the proposals were informed of the site visit by Councillors prior to the day.

3. Attendance

The Council was represented by Cllr Ian Davies, Cllr Rob Astley, Cllr Hazel Davies, Cllr Melvin Jones, Cllr Mark Owen, Cllr Sam Webster and Robert Robinson (Town Clerk).

There were residents in attendance at locations 3, 4 and 7 as set out below.

4. Argoed to Deri Woods

The residents present presented the following views:

- a) Felt they should have been consulted when yellow lines were first considered.
- b) Do not see the need for any yellow lines.
- c) Parking slows traffic, removal of parking will increase car speeds.
- d) No reasons given for the introduction of yellow lines at this point.
- e) Have not seen any issues over the years.
- f) Yellow lines on one side could introduce parking on the other side.
- g) Yellow lines on the other side of the road would be even worse.
- h) Problem does not exist.

The result of the meeting:

- i) The residents unanimously do not wish to see yellow lines in this location.
- ii) The residents see no reason for the yellow lines and confirm that they have not seen any incidents that would require such yellow lines.
- iii) Concern over the speed of cars passing along this part of the road.

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- iv) Possible moving of 30mph sign back to the Deri Woods car park (particularly as new signs will be needed when the 20mph limit comes in under recent Welsh Government legislation).

5. Old Courthouse to Deri Woods

The residents present presented the following views:

- a) Do not see the need for any yellow lines.
- b) Town Plan questionnaire in 2016 did not specify what traffic measures there might be.
- c) No reasons given for the introduction of yellow lines at this point.
- d) Have not seen any issues over the years.
- e) CCTV evidence shows 19 occasions over 27 months where the road was blocked for a short period. (Out of those 19 most were roadworks, deliveries etc).
- f) Problem does not exist.

The result of the meeting:

- i) The residents unanimously do not wish to see yellow lines in this location.
- ii) The residents see no reason for the yellow lines and confirm that they have not seen any incidents that would require such yellow lines.
- iii) Concern over the speed of cars passing along this part of the road.

6. Lychgate to car parking spaces in High Street

The Councillors saw no reason to consider yellow lines at this location in the High Street.

7. Market Square

The parking proposals for the Market Square was to remove the two spaces outside the old HSBC and replace the disabled space in Bridge Street.

The Councillors on the site visit saw no reason to remove the two spaces outside the HSBC and felt they should remain alongside a further disabled space in Bridge Street.

8. Mount Road by the Spar and Black Lion

The proposal was to extend yellow lines on both sides of the road up to Wesley Street. The Spar and Coach Company was represented.

After discussion, the following was put forward:

- a) No yellow lines on left as you go up Mount Road from the Square.
- b) A parking space to be marked outside the Spar and then yellow lines up the back of the Spar building.
- c) To mark two spaces outside the Black Lion around the back of the Fish and Chip shop with yellow lines extending to each corner.

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- d) Refresh yellow lines which are fading.

9. Parsons Bank

The Town Clerk reported that he had heard back from some residents in Parsons Bank who support the proposal to extend yellow lines around the corner near the Medical Centre.

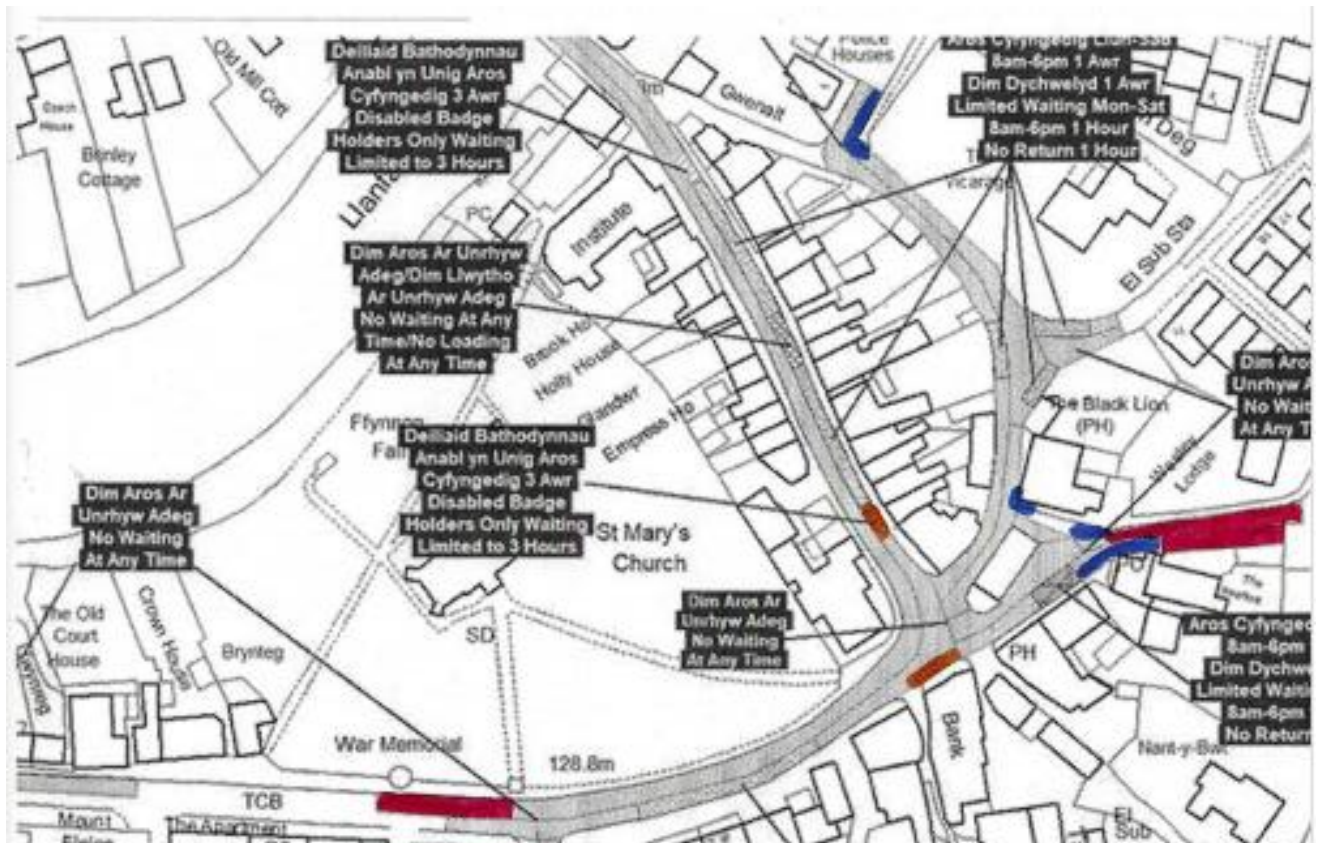
10. General summary

The general feeling of residents was:

- i) Apart from around the Spar and Parsons Bank there was no need for any further double yellow lines in the town centre except around the Black Lion. (Around the Black Lion to put double yellow lines on the corners and mark proper car spaces between on the side of the road next to the Black Lion).
- j) There may be no need to move of the disabled space from around the ex- HSBC building.
- k) Adding a further disabled space in Bridge Street was accepted.
- l) Speeding an issue to people, maybe a mobile electronic speed sign (various options available) to be moved around the town at intervals. The cost of such a unit (battery or solar powered) is between £2,200 and £2750. The rules for putting up such signs is noted after the maps.

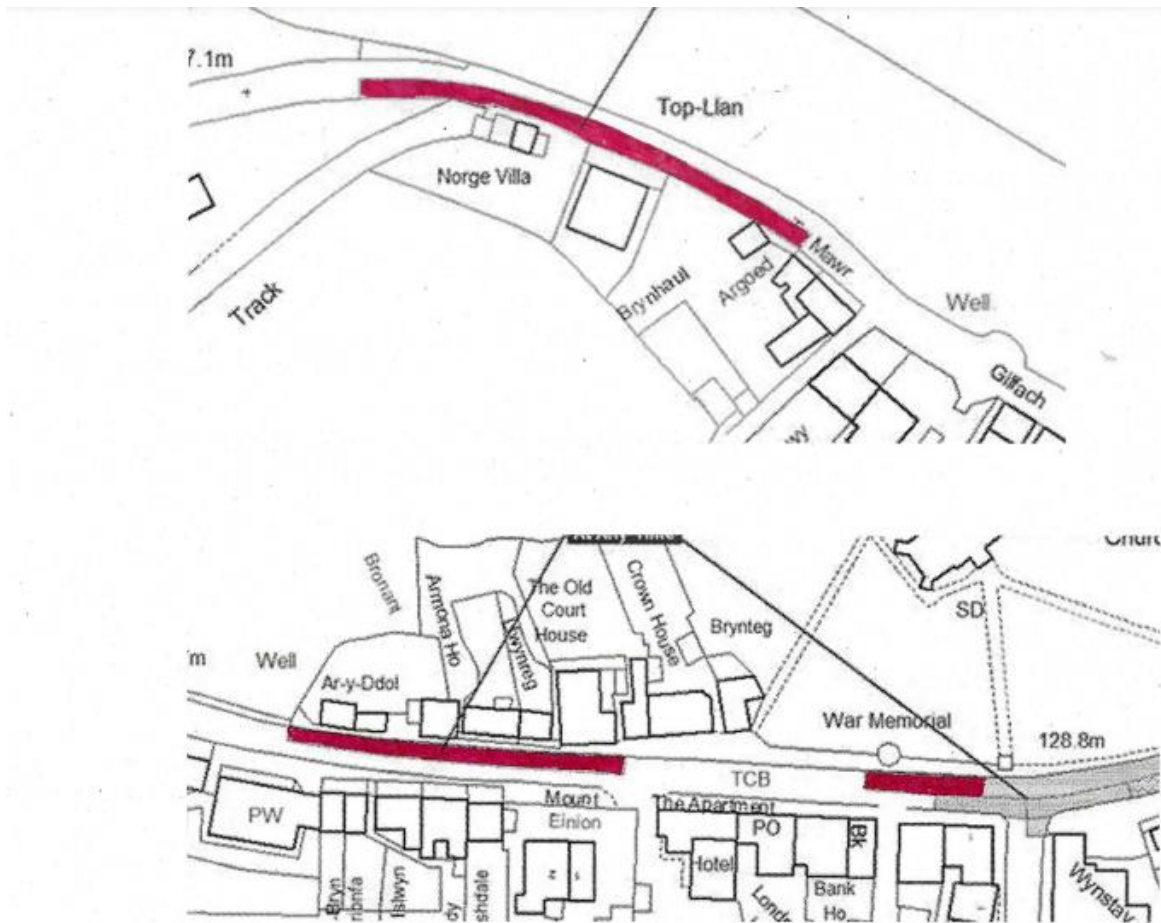
11. Maps

A map showing the proposals is set out below:



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KEY

Yellow lines proposed and not recommended in RED

Yellow lines proposed and recommended in BLUE

Electronic Speed signage

This information refers to the Speed Indicator Device (SID) similar to the one that Tregynon CC purchased a few years back after it was established that there was a proven speed problem at the two locations within the village of Tregynon where they gained approval to erect their SID.

PCC will ask the question as to what locations the town council have in mind and why?

The PCC policies regarding the placement and purchase of SID and VAS equipment is:

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Permission will not be granted for an interactive sign to be erected unless and until it has been accurately proven by automatic traffic counters over a period of not less than 1 week in a neutral week that the actual mean speed **and** the

85th percentile speed exceeds the thresholds set out in the table within the policy document, and the highway authority is satisfied that the device can be appropriate sited at any requested location.

These devices cannot be erected at any location on or adjacent to the county highway without the permission of the highway authority, will only be permitted to be erected at any location for a period not exceeding 3 months at a time, and the specification/characteristics/model/brand of the device also needs to be agreed with the highway authority before permission will be given for its deployment. The town council would also have to submit a method statement and risk assessment for our consideration/approval to show how they would intend to safely install and remove their proposed device at all proposed locations.

It should be noted that many restricted roads in Wales will be 20mph rather than 30mph after next September as a consequence of the legislation recently introduced by the Welsh Government, so the town council may wish to consider whether purchasing a device at this point in time would be a good use of their funds.