

# **Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion**

## **Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

### **MINUTES**

of a meeting of the Full Council held on  
**Monday 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 at 7pm**  
in the Youth Room of the Institute  
Llanfair Caereinion

#### **Present were:**

Cllr Ian Davies Chair

Cllr Hazel Davies

Cllr Viola Evans

Cllr Gareth Jones

Cllr Mark Owen

Cllr Sam Webster

Cllr Rob Astley Vice Chair

Cllr Cadvan Evans

Cllr Ursula Griffiths

Cllr Melvin Jones

Cllr Geraint Peate

**In attendance** Robert Robinson Town Clerk

**Apologies were received from** Cllr Sarah Astley.

#### **1. Welcome by the Chair**

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

The following interests were recorded:

Cllr Ian Davies

Minutes 8.1 Planning

Cllr Gareth Jones

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#### **3. Register of interests**

The meeting recorded that both the Chair and Clerk did not declare interests in the Community Cafe discussions.

#### **4. Public Question Time and Participation**

There were no residents present at the meeting.

#### **5. Minutes of the last meeting**

To meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting issued separately with some alterations.

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

#### **6. Council decisions and actions**

The meeting noted the list of approved actions/maintenance items and their current status. See appendix A.

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### **7. Finance and Governance**

#### **7.1 Bank balances**

The meeting noted the balances of the Council accounts are:

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Current account        | £30,281.33        |
| Deposit account        | £60,383.41        |
| Total cash balances    | £90,664.74        |
| Powys CC grant confirm | £5,000.00         |
| VAT (to be reclaimed)  | £4,226.86         |
| Total money available  | <b>£99,891.60</b> |

#### **7.3 End of year accounts**

The meeting noted the draft annual return figures as follows:

##### **DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

|          | <b>2018-2019</b> | <b>2019-2020</b> | <b>2020-2021</b> | <b>2021-2022</b> | <b>2022-2023</b> |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| BALANCE  | 69970            | 86085            | 85082            | 109428           | <b>104423</b>    |
| PRECEPT  | 40000            | 40000            | 40000            | 40000            | <b>44000</b>     |
| INCOME   | 35320            | 19652            | 12417            | 49224            | <b>31783</b>     |
| TOTAL    | 145290           | 145737           | 137499           | 198652           | <b>180206</b>    |
| STAFF    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| COST     | 8094             | 10091            | 1510             | 7070             | <b>6883</b>      |
| PAYMENTS | 51111            | 50564            | 26561            | 87159            | <b>67939</b>     |
| TOTAL    | 59205            | 60655            | 28071            | 94229            | <b>74822</b>     |
| BALANCE  | 86085            | 85082            | 109428           | 104423           | <b>105384</b>    |

#### **7.4 Orders for payment**

The meeting considered and approved the orders for payment as per appendix B to the agenda.

Proposed by Cllr Mark Owen and seconded by Cllr Rob Astley. The vote was unanimous.

### **8. Planning and Development**

#### **8.1 23/0413/FUL Meirion House , Hassel Square, Llanfair Caereinion**

The meeting considered a planning application for change of use of ground floor hairdresser's salon (A1) to a takeaway (A3), and installation of an extract duct, to include all associated works.

The Town Clerk informed that meeting that the application and the date the Town Council was to consider it was published on facebook and on the Council website. There were no objections or comments received.

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The meeting **SUPPORTED** the application.

Proposed by Cllr Rob Astley and seconded by Cllr Ursula Griffiths . The vote was 8 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

### **9. Documents review**

The meeting received an update on the document review.

The Standing Orders are close to completion.

### **10. Tennis Courts**

The meeting noted a letter of thanks from the Tennis Club.

The meeting considered the following report from Wedotennis (tennis surface specialists):

*For reference – the courts are quite broken up. To prevent the need for a re-surface we would recommend doing a binder coat and pain of the surface. The cost of this is in the region of £5,000 which I know will not be within a budget, but I thought it would be best flagging now and maybe some funding bids could be thought about for future work. This will keep the courts in play for the next 5 plus years rather than needing a full resurface.*

After discussion the following was **AGREED**

- i) Any decision is to be deferred until more information on the future of the medical centre is clear.
- ii) The Town Clerk is to investigate the various options for the tennis courts so that the Council will be ready when a decision needs to be made.
- iii) A guide price for relaying the tennis courts is to be gained.

Proposed by Cllr Melvin Jones and seconded by Cllr Mark Owen. The vote was unanimous.

### **11. Community Café**

The meeting noted a report on the Community Café Pilot Schemé.

### **12. Youth Club**

The meeting received an update on the youth club.

### **13. Town Wi-Fi**

The meeting noted that the Town Wi-fi is due for installation on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The location of routers is Crown House High Street, Holly House Bridge Street, Primrose cottage Hassel Square and the steam railway station.

There is a further router to be placed hopefully to cover Mount Field in some way.

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### 14. Regeneration & the Shared Prosperity Fund for Powys

The meeting noted that three of the grant applications have moved to the next stage which are:

- i) Feasibility study for the future of the Leisure Centre
- ii) Feasibility study for the regeneration of the town centre
- iii) Feasibility study for a Health Llanfair (including playground, fitness rail, BMX track, tennis courts, disabled friendly paths in Deri Woods etc)

The Town Clerk is awaiting news on the fourth grant application which was:

- i) Feasibility study for tourism

### 15. County Council Matters

The meeting received an update on any matters affecting the Town from the County Council including:

- i) Potholes a real issue at present. Cllr Gareth Jones is conducting a walk around town with the officer from PCC – any severe potholes members wish to be considered should be communicated to Gareth asap.
- ii) Update on education with regards to Llanfair High School.

### 16. Town Clerks report

The meeting considered the following:

- i) A letter from a resident about grass cutting on Good Friday. It was agreed that the contractor would be reminded not to carry out grass cutting in the future on such dates.
- ii) The meeting was informed about the main line rail closures from 5<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March between Shrewsbury and Machynlleth for track relaying at Newtown and Caersws.
- iii) The Councillors **AGREED** to restart the Llanfair Partnership under the Town Council with the chair leading such meetings.
- iv) A letter from the Friends of the Llanfair Clock was considered regarding the flower festival to be held at the end of June 2023. Anyone interested in putting forward a display is welcome.

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- v) The Councillors were informed of two more grants gained as follows:
- a) £7,000 for a trim trail in Deri Woods or Goat Field.
  - b) £250 for bird boxes for the Pied Fly Catcher (an endangered species with its last habitats in Mid Wales).

### **16. Publicity**

It was noted that articles are appearing in newspapers without any contact from the Council. These are probably taken from the website. The Councillors were informed that any information that could have been heard in the council meeting is public, any information in private session is not.

Information from the Clerk goes out via the website and town council facebook page. Any press releases are approved by the Chair.

It was **AGREED** that the council should, when the time is right, issue a press release on the funding gained in the last year along with what has been achieved.

### **17. Dates of next meeting**

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute. (this will be the annual meeting)

### **18. Invitation - Cloverland's Model Motor and Llanfair Connections**

The meeting noted the invite to any Councillor who would like to look around the above. An invite on certain days to travel the line to see how it all works was also put forward.