

Cyngor Tref Caereinion Llanfair Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 20th June 2022 at 7pm
in the Youth Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were

Cllr Ian Davies (Chair)	Cllr Sarah Astley
Cllr Hazel Davies	Cllr Cadvan Evans
Cllr Viola Evans	Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Melvin Jones	Cllr Mark Owen
Cllr Geraint Peate	Cllr Sam Webster

In attendance Robert Robinson Town Clerk

There were 8 members of the public present.

Apologies for absence received from

Cllr Rob Astley and Cllr Ursula Griffiths.

23. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

24. Declarations of interest

The following declarations of interest were recorded:

Minute 6.2	Cllr Gareth Jones	Parking Review
Minute 6.3	Cllr Sam webster	Wind Farm Consultation
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25. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting.

26. Planning and Development

26.1 Planning decisions

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

26.2 Parking plan consultation for Town Centre.

The meeting considered a response the consultation by Powys County Council about the revision of yellow lines within the town centre.

The Town Clerk gave a short presentation showing the 2018 Town Plan questions on parking, the current policy of the 2022-2027 Town Plan and the details of what was proposed.

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Cllr Gareth Jones gave the meeting an outline of the origins of the review. The police had been involved as well as Powys County Council Highways and the Town

Council. The Town Council is a consultee with the final decision being with Powys County Council.

The parking reviews for each area were considered separately as follows:

26.2.1 Parsons Bank(around back of old vicarage only)

The meeting considered this area and **AGREED** to support the introduction of double yellow lines in this location.

Voting was 9 for the proposal, 0 against and 1 abstention.

26.2.2 Mount Road (Spart to Wesley Street both sides)

A discussion took place around the issues in this are including:

- i) School buses and the difficulty in getting through parked cars.
- ii) School children walking in this area with limited space and lack of continual pavements.
- iii) Parking on corner which limits visibility.
- iv) Putting in restrictions could increase traffic speeds.
- v) Vehicles obstructing the pavement.
- vi) Vehicles mounting the pavements.

The meeting considered this area and **AGREED** to support the introduction of double yellow lines in this location.

Voting was 8 for the proposal, 1 against and 0 abstention.

26.2.3 Market Square (outside butchers' shop)

The idea of time limited parking for the two bays in this location was considered.

The time limit of 15 minutes was considered too short and 40 minutes perhaps too long.

Advice is to be sought from PCC highways as to what restrictions could be imposed to help turnaround of parking to support the local businesses.

26.2.4 Broad Street (white line between parking bays)

The meeting was made aware of the legal agreement between the owners and PCC. The meeting agreed that this was a matter for PCC.

26.2.5 High Street (Lychgate to end of parking bays north side)

Parking issues around funerals at St Mary's church was considered. The meeting considered this area and **AGREED** to support the introduction of double yellow lines in this location only if there was some arrangement for parking on funeral days.

Advice is to be sought from PCC Highways as to how this could be achieved.

Voting was 8 for the proposal, 1 against and 0 abstention.

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26.2.6 High Street (Old Courthouse to Deri Woods north side)

NOTE: Cllr Gareth Jones left the meeting for this item.

Letters from residents of the High Street were circulated to all Councillors from Steve Spalding, Ruth Dann and John Yale.

The meeting considered letters and representations from those living in the High Street area affected. A discussion around the issues took place including:

- i) The residents who were disabled.
- ii) The parking issues on the opposite side of the road (including ownership)
- iii) Children and visitors to Deri Woods with limited pavement space.
- iv) Recognising that unloading can still take place on double yellow lines.
- v) Normally there is no traffic parked on the northern side of the road.

The meeting **AGREED** to support the introduction of double yellow lines between the Courthouse and the entrance to Deri Woods.

Voting was 7 for the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention.

NOTE: Cllr Gareth Jones returned to the meeting.

26.2.7 High Street (from Argoed to 30MPH signs)

A discussion took place with residents attending the meeting.

Issues discussed included:

- i) The need for disabled access to properties.
- ii) If yellow lines were put down on the south side people could park on the north side which was considered more dangerous.

After consideration it was **AGREED** that Cllr Gareth Jones is to speak to PCC to see if the 30mph limit sign could be moved to the car park area of Deri Woods and if this would alleviate the need for the yellow lines in this location.

26.2.8 Letter to Powys County Council

A letter is to be sent to Powys County Council setting out the parking review and the Town Council's recommendations.

26.3 P/2010/0890 Land at Esgair Cwmowen, Nr Carno, Powys

The meeting considered the planning consultation for Windfarm development comprising 18 wind turbines (installed capacity of up to 47.5 MW), anemometer mast, substation & control building, site entrance, new & improved access tracks and all associated building and engineering operations and landscaping together with highway improvements.

The meeting had a wide-ranging discussion which covered the following topics:

- i) The need for another route to the site when one was used for other wind farms in the area using the Cwm Golau Route.

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- ii) Lorries using the town centre as an easier route to the site (accepting that the abnormal loads would go another route).
- iii) If more lorries go via the town centre there is an issue with cars parking which do not go together with lorry traffic causing more hazards.
- iv) An opportunity to help with lorry traffic through the town to the quarry.
- v) Noise levels affecting businesses.
- vi) Not very environmental to destroy hedges etc for the proposed abnormal road route.
- vii) Generally, support for renewable energy.
- viii) The creation of a pylon line to connect to the National Grid was considered to be a subject at the time of any proposal.
- ix) Need for more wind farms if energy is only to support England (it was explained that the Nation Grid provided energy for each from each area).
- x) The proposed traffic route from Four Crosses to Cefn Coch is not acceptable in any way.

The meeting **AGREED** to support the scheme but only if the following conditions are met:

- i) **Traffic route**
The proposed traffic route is not acceptable and that the alternative route via Cwm Golau should be used opening up the road which was constructed for traffic to the Tirgwynt Wind Farm.
- ii) **Adoption of highway**
The road around the narrow bend (over the bridge) at Cwm Golau should be constructed to adoption standard and used as part of the B4385. This would give the benefit of a better route to the wind farms and would help alleviate the lorry traffic to the quarry which at present goes through the Town Centre.

A letter is to be sent to Powys County Council setting out the Councils standpoint.
Vote was 7 for the above proposal, 0 against and 1 abstention.

(There were interests declared by Cllr G Jones and Cllr S Webster.

27. Map Boards for Town Centre

The meeting considered the new designs for the new map boards. Examples were presented at the meeting. After discussion the following was **AGREED**:

- i) The map in the centre of the board should be plain and simple – similar to the first one but extended to include the station and river bridge.
- ii) The places of interest around the board should include the sculpture in Deri Woods, the horse head (Town Trail) along with other fixed positions.
- iii) The defibrillators (D), pubs (PH) etc should be noted with a key on the map not a separate entry around the boards.

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- iv) Headings should be clearer i.e., Railway Museum rather than Llanfair Connections.
- v) A small group of Cllr Sarah Astley, Cllr Ursula Griffiths, Cllr Sam Webster and the Town Clerk shall meet and arrange for a design for the Council meeting to be held on Monday 25th July 2022.

28. Report from Powys County Council

The meeting considered a report from Cllr Gareth Jones on County Council matters which included:

The High School logo being adopted along with a school uniform.
Regeneration planning and Morgan's Yard.
A community Café and community hub.

29. Dates of next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 27th June 2022 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

10. Actions to be taken forward from the meeting:

No	Action	By
1	Prepare and distribute minutes of the meeting	Town Clerk
2	Publish May 2022 annual meeting minutes	Town Clerk
3	Prepare letter to PCC on the parking review	Town Clerk
4	Prepare letter to PCC on the wind farm consultation	Town Clerk
5	Seek moving of 30mph limit to the Deri Woods car park	Cllr G Jones
6	Arrange a meeting of the map boards team appointed	Town Clerk