Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 at The Public Institute, Llanfair at 7.00pm

Present – Cllrs K Roberts (Chair), H Davies, R Astley, U Griffiths, I Davies, V Evans, G Jones, C Evans, W Williams and Clerk

Also present Mr Stephen Purser and Mr Philip Jones

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Before business began Mr Phil Jones, Head Teacher of the High School spoke to update all those present on matters such as intake numbers for September 2019, the election of the Head Boy and Head Girl and the possibility of a Youth Forum. Cllr G Jones said it was refreshing to be working with the High School in such a positive manner and all agreed.

Mr Jones left the meeting but Mr Purser stayed as a member of the public.

Business began at 7.15pm

1.Apologies – Cllrs C Stephens, A Dunsford and G Peate.

2.Declarations of Interest - None

3.Minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2019

The minutes were read and agreed by all and signed as correct by The Chair.

4.Matters arising.

No dogs signs for Church Yard – Cllr G Jones stated that these had been put up but had been ripped off. It was agreed that more robust signs should be purchased and fixed to the gates.

Action: Clerk to order 6 robust signs.

War memorial – Clerk confirmed she had had confirmation from Elliott Ryder that the conservation work would start on Monday 15th July.

**Action:** Clerk to continue to liaise with Elliott Ryder (Conservator).

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Sundial in Church Yard – The face of the sundial is now also missing. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Vicar to ask about the possible whereabouts of both this and the arm.

Cllr Vila stressed the need for the time piece to be restored as part of the Town’s history.

**Action**: Clerk to write to Rev Kushi and ask for any information.

A458 interactive speed signs– Clerk confirmed she had heard no more on the speed signs.

**Action:** Clerk to monitor situation.

SCP – Clerk informed the members that due to an error of the successful candidate’s DBS check he was unable to start until the matter was resolved.

**Action:** Clerk to liaise with Jane Peate.

Pump House – Cllr K Roberts confirmed that the work was progressing well. The contractor was awaiting delivery of the new door for the storage area. Clerk confirmed that the interim payment had been made.

**Action:** Cllr K Roberts to monitor situation and liaise with contractor.

Re seeding of Gorsedd Stones area – Cllrs K Roberts confirmed that this had not yet been carried out.

**Action**: K Roberts and C Evans to do asap.

Mountfield - Clerk confirmed that the grass had been removed from Mountfield. The clearance work on the ditch had also been carried out.

Bin in Erw Ddwr – Clerk confirmed Glyn Lloyd had emptied the bin. Cllr R Astley had not trialled any of the concrete resin on the paths due to the wet weather.

**Action**: Cllr R Astley to try the resin when weather improves.

Mobile saw mill – Cllr R Astley had not sourced a contractor as yet. Cllr C Evans suggested that the work could be carried out in the entrance to the woods which would give a much bigger area to operate in. All agreed.

**Action:** Cllrs C Evans, R Astley and G Jones to liaise with each other and organise.

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Purchasing of trees for Deri Woods – Clerk confirmed that LTC and MWT would meet shortly to discuss.

**Action**: Clerk to organise meeting for near future.

A458 SCP grant – Clerk informed the members that the FOI submitted on the 8th May by herself had not received a response from PCC and was now overdue.

**Action**: Clerk to continue to press for a satisfactory and accurate response from PCC.

Town Events – Cllr A Dunsford was not present to report on progress.

**Action:** Cllr A Dunsford to update members at next meeting.

WAG Public toilet grant – Clerk informed the members of the response she had received from Russell George on this matter. It would appear that the grants for the toilets was paid on an annual bases with no guarantee of future payments.

Fence in Deri Woods – Clerk had not received confirmation that this had been carried out by MWT.

**Action**: Clerk to follow this up with MWT.

ASB – Cllr K Roberts updated the members on the meeting held with PCSO James Rosser at the High School. It was attended by Jane Peate and Phil Jones as well as LTC. Cllr K Roberts explained the drug issues facing towns like Llanfair and what could be done to tackle the problem of County Lines.

Chapel of Rest – Clerk confirmed she had received an itemised quote for labour and materials from the contractor. It was decided that LTC should buy the materials in order to claim the VAT back as contractor was not VAT registered.

**Action**: Cllr R Astley to obtain and send Clerk quote for materials

Banwy Ind Est land. Clerk confirmed that she had email Phil Sherrard at PCC and the process was still ongoing. Nothing had been sent to the solicitor.

**Action**: Clerk to liaise with Phil Sherrard to move the matter forward.

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Cllr U Griffith joined meeting at 7.40pm

Flower container under Llanfair sign near railway – It was confirmed that Mrs Mary Bowen had, once again, very kindly planted this up for LTC.

Fly tipping in St Mary’s Church Yard – Cllr U Griffith confirmed she had asked those fly tipping in the Church Yard to stop.

Public toilets – Cllr C Evans confirmed that the leak in the gents had been repaired but not in the ladies. Clerk confirmed she had contacted PHS regarding the hygiene bin contract and they had confirmed that the bins would not be changed outside the agreed hours on 8am to 6pm.

**Action**: Cllr C Evans to contact contractor to carry out repair to leak in the ladies toilets.

Glanyrafon rotten fence posts – It was reported that the fence posts adjacent to the path were rotten and needed replacing.

**Action:** Cllr K Roberts and R Astley to order these and organise repair.

BT Red phone box near the Goat – Clerk updated the members on Cllr A Dunsford’s progress in the matter. The latter had applied to adopt the phone box on behalf of LTC at the cost of £1. She also informed the members it was listed and would require permission from CADW to carry out repairs.

**Action:** Cllr A Dunsford to inform member of progress at next meeting.

Minor repairs around town – Cllr R Astley confirmed that he and Cllr Dunsford are checking for any problems on a regular basis but none new had come to light recently.

5.Finance.

Current account balance: £46,877.33

Money Manager Account: £40,069.83

The following payments were agreed:

101456 – Mrs V Griffith – Clerk’s expenses June - £76.20

101457 – R Isaac - Clearance of tennis court trees etc - £470.00

101458 – G H Harding – Toilets leak repairs - £62.40

101459 – HMRC – NI contributions for Mrs V Griffith - £53.98

101460 - Mrs V J Griffith – salary June £933.62 (extra hours included)

101461 – Harrisons solicitors – First registration of Chapel of Rest - £552.00

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101462 – J G Lloyd – Grass cutting contract - £1,879.20

DD- Opus Energy – Electric for Chapel of Rest and Toilets - £115.55

DD – Wynnstay Farmers – Fence posts and railings in Deri Woods (HLF) -£61.07

DD – ICO – GDPR registration - £35.00

Bank transfer – WPG – Flyers for Deri Woods event

Bank transfer – D M Johnson – library cleaning for May and June - £81.00

Bank transfer – D M Johnson – toilet cleaning May and June - £324.00

Bank transfer – PHS – hygiene bins for toilets - £77.76

Receipts:

Chapel of Rest - £150.00

ICO – Clerk informed the members that a direct debit payment to the ICO each year would save money and remove the risk of forgetting to renew the registration. All agreed that the DD should be set up at a cost of £35.00 per annum.

Quarterly budget review – Clerk presented the quarterly budget review. Any questions were answered by the Clerk and all agreed the spending for the quarter was within budget. Cllr V Evans suggested the budget review should be placed on the website along with the relevant minutes as it was also a public document. All agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to upload the spending review with relevant signed minutes.

6.Planning.

The following applications were considered:

19/0828/FUL – Application for a dwelling on land adj. to Ewenni, Llanfair. Members voted NOT to support this application and requested that Cllr G Jones calls in the application. Cllr G Jones did not take part in any of the discussions about or vote on this application.

19/0974/VAR – Application to discharge Section 52 on permission M17954 at Rhoslas, Dolanog. Members voted NOT to support this application.

19/0872/FUL – Application for an extension for a general purpose agri building at Belan, Llanfair Caereinion. Members voted to support the application.

19/0883/FUL – Application for an extension to a silage clamp at Neuadd Uchaf, Llanfair Caereinion. Members voted to support this application.

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Clerk informed the members of the complaint made to PCC planning department pertaining to the overgrown trees and unsightly condition of Morgan’s Yard.

**Action**: Clerk to inform PCC of these planning decisions and monitor situation regarding complaint.

7.Premises.

Deri Woods and Goatfield - Cllrs C Evans, K Roberts, H Davies and the Clerk had recently had a meeting with Mike Wynstanley of MWT regarding the HLF progress and to plan the Centenary celebrations. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Layla Long regarding the mural. The date of the Centenary meeting was agreed as Monday 15th July at 7pm in Youth Room.

The Goatfield entrance needed strimming still.

**Actions**:

i.Clerk to send a letter to community groups, businesses and schools to invite them to the meeting on the 15th July.

ii. Clerk to contact Dewi of MWT regarding strimming.

St Mary’s Church Yard. It was reported that a damaged rowan tree outside the Church Hall required attention. Cllr G Jones confirmed he was still awaiting quotes for the resurfacing of the paths from PCC.

**Action:** Cllrs K Roberts and C Evans to investigate rowan tree.

Public toilets. Nothing further to report

Mountfield. Clerk read letter from Carnival committee regarding their use of Mountfield. It was agreed that LTC should hold a key to the barriers to allow for easier access.

**Actions:**

**i.** Clerk to draft letter to LUFC regarding the key to the barriers and the issues regarding the height of the fence behind the goal. The previous trustee meeting minutes should be attached. Clerk to send to Chair for approval before sending to LUFC.

ii.Clerk to write and send letter of congratulation to Llanfair Carnival committee for yet another excellent event.

Erw Ddwr – After a discussion it was agreed that the old bench at the top of Erw Ddwr should be removed as it was rotten.

**Action**: The bench to be removed asap by any councillor with a trailer.

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Library – Clerk updated the members on the meeting she and Cllr H Davies attended in Newtown and organised by PCC on June 10th. She confirmed that there seemed to be no direction or strategy within PCC.

**Action**: County Councillor G Jones to write to the portfolio holder Rachel Powell for a conclusion to this event and a clear way forward with the library.

Glan yr Afon – Nothing further to report

Chapel of Rest – Nothing further to report.

Banwy Ind Est CAT – Nothing further to report.

8. Correspondence.

Clerk read out a letter from OVW clarifying the position of Town and Community Council’s role as statutory consultee in all planning applications.

9.PCC Matters.

Cllr G Jones updated the members on the situation with Morgan’s Yard, the garages on Heol Bowys and possible CCTV in the Town. It was decided that the latter should be discussed at the next meeting.

The members were informed by Cllr Jones of the meeting to raise awareness of County Lines to be held at the High School on July 11th.

10. Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum.

Nothing to report

11.Road Safety.

Nothing to report

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12.AOB.

Strimming at no.1 Pool Road – The area near the river was overgrown. It was agreed that R Isaac should strim this asap.

**Action:** Cllr H Davies to ask R Isaac to carry out this work.

David Peate’s appointment as High Sheriff of Powys. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to David.

**Action:** Clerk to write letter.

Toilet opening hours – It was agreed that the toilets should be open on a Sunday for the foreseeable future from 10am to 4pm. Cllrs R Astley and A Dunsford to meet with Blake Jones (Electrician) to learn how to alter automatic door locks.

**Action:** Clerk to put Blake Jones, A Dunsford and R Astley in contact so they can arrange to meet.

13.Date of next meeting:

Monday 29th July 2019 at 7.00pm

Meeting finished at 9.55pm

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