Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 29th July 2019 at The Public Institute, Llanfair at 7.30pm

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

Before business began Mr Stephen Purser kindly gave the members a presentation of his experience of taking over and running a community library. The Chair thanked him for his time and all agreed it had been very informative in the light the current situation with all libraries in Powys.

Business began at 7.45pm

1.Apologies – Cllrs C Stephens

2.Declarations of Interest - None

3.Minutes of meeting held on 24th June 2019

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

4.Matters arising.

War memorial – Clerk confirmed that work was due to start in late August or early September according to the contractor. Cllr H Davies confirmed there was a water supply available in the vestry of the church. Cllr G Jones also offered a tank of water if required

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

Sundial in Church Yard – Cllr A Dunsford was still looking for a new face that would fit the existing plinth. Cllr H Davies confirmed she had found the arm of the old sundial.

**Action**: Cllr A Dunsford to continue his search for a new face.

No dog signs for St Mary’s Church Yard - Cllr G Jones and C Evans confirmed that 4 of the 6 new signs were in place. It was agreed that 1 should put up in Erw Ddwr and 1 on at Mountfield.

**Action:** Cllr C Evans to put up additional signs.

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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 there was no further information available regarding the DBS error.

**Action:** Clerk to liaise with head of primary school on the matter if not resolved by the start of the new term.

Pump House – Cllr K Roberts confirmed that the work was now finished. She and MWT hold a key to the store.

Erw Ddwr paths – Cllr R Astley confirmed he had tested the path resin and it worked well.

**Action**: Cllr R Astley to carry out path repairs asap.

Mobile saw mill – Cllrs G Jones, C Evans and R Astley suggested the timber be moved from Deri Woods to Cllr G Jones farm for milling. All agreed.

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

Gorsedd Stones – It was agreed that re seeding the area would not work and it should be strimmed instead.

**Action:** Clerk to ask MWT to strim

Purchasing of trees for Deri Woods – Clerk confirmed that LTC had met with MWT and agreed which trees to purchase.

Town Events – Cllr A Dunsford reported that it was now too late in the year to start any antiques fayres or car boot sales.

**Action**: Cllr A Dunsford to organise for next spring.

WAG Public toilet grant – Cllr G Jones updated the members on the matter. He confirmed that grants are usual paid 12 months in advance until notice is given that they will stop. No notice of cessation had been received this year so it could be assumed that this year’s grant would be paid.

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Fence in Deri Woods – Clerk confirmed that the repairs had been carried out by MWT.

ASB – Clerk updated the members on the current situation.

**Action:** Clerk to continue to liaise with DPP and report progress at next meeting.

Chapel of Rest fence – It was agreed that LTC should buy the materials in order to claim the VAT back as contractor was not VAT registered and that the work should be carried out.

**Action**: Clerk to instruct R Isaac to carry out the work but to book all materials to the Town Council.

Banwy Ind Est land. Clerk confirmed that she had not had a response from PCC to her last email.

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

Public toilets – Clerk confirmed that the leak in the ladies toilet had been fixed. Cllr R Astley confirmed he had re programmed the door locks to open 10am to 4pm on a Sunday.

Glanyrafon rotten fence posts – It was confirmed that the fence had been repaired.

BT Red phone box near the Goat – Cllr A Dunsford confirmed that he had not heard any more on adopting the phone box but it could take up to 3 months

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

Quarterly spending review – Clerk confirmed that this would be put on website with the agreed June minutes.

Rowan tree in St Mary’s – It was agreed that this should be removed as it is rotten.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Church to inform them of this.

Bench in Erw Ddwr – Cllr H Davies confirmed this would be removed this week.

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Deri Woods Centenary – It was agreed that High Sheriff of Powys, Mr David Peate, should be asked to judge at the event.

**Action:** Clerk to write with this request.

5.Finance.

Current account balance: £46,378.53

Money Manager Account: £40,069,83

The following payments were agreed:

101463 – Mrs V Griffith – Clerk’s expenses July - £95.76

101464 – R Isaac – Chapel of Rest gardening - £48.25

101465 – Mrs V Griffith -Clerk’s salary July – £809.64

101466 – Les Benbow – HLF Pump house building work - £4,008.00

101467 – Steve Adams Cleaning (Toilets supplies) – £76.99

DD- Opus Energy – Electric for Chapel of Rest and Toilets (June) - £81.63

DD –Opus Energy – Electric for Chapel of Rest and Toilets (July) - £99.62

DD – Wynnstay Farmers – Fence posts and railings in Deri Woods (HLF) -£68.79

Bank transfer – One Voice Wales – membership fee - £250.00

Bank transfer – S D Johnson – library cleaning July - £45.00

Bank transfer – S D Johnson – toilet cleaning July - £180.00

Bank transfer – WPG – info leaflets - £68.00

It was agreed that a cheque could be signed for the Clerk’s salary in August.

It was agreed that Mrs Stella Johnson could be paid in August for the toilet and library cleaning on receipt of her invoice.

Clerk had received accounts from Rhiwhiriaeth Community Hall and all present inspected them. All agreed they were acceptable.

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Receipts:

Wayleaves - £13.92

Burials - £500.00

Chapel of Rest - £30.00

VAT Refund - £4,592.76

6.Planning.

The following planning applications were considered:

19/1092/FUL - Erection of a general purpose building on land to the north east of Peartree lane, SY21 0BH. The members voted to support this application.

19/0982/LBC - Lining of two chimneys and attaching of 2 cowls at Bethlehem Chapel, SY21 0HT. The members voted to support this application.

Cllr W Williams shared the planning decision notices with the members including that of Morgan’s Yard.

Clerk informed the members of the progress of the complaint regarding the trees and general condition of Morgan’s Yard. Cllr G Jones informed all present that the matter was in hand with the planning department.

**Actions:** Clerk to inform PCC of planning decisions.

7.Premises.

Deri Woods and Goatfield - The Chair updated all on the progress of the Centenary Celebrations on the 7th September. The meeting on 15th July had been very productive. There had been some excellent ideas put forward and agreed. These included a scarecrow competition and a teddy bear’s picnic. It was agreed that the event should be between 12 noon and 4pm. The next meeting would be on 2nd September at 7pm in the Institute.

Clerk informed all present that Mike Wynstanley would be leaving MWT. All agreed this would be a great loss to all involved with the HLF project.

**Actions:**

i.Cllr K Roberts to devise an entry form for the scarecrow competition and distribute.

ii.Clerk to write to Mike Wynstanley to thank him and wish him well.

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St Mary’s Church Yard. Nothing further to report.

Public toilets. Nothing further to report.

Mountfield. Nothing further to report

Erw Ddwr – Nothing further to report. Cllr G Jones stated that entrance may be tarmacked when other work is being done in the town.

Library – Cllr G Jones informed the members of the letter he had received on 25th June from Cllr Rachel Powell. He suggested and all agreed that a meeting in September regarding the Library would be useful to move matters forward.

Glan yr Afon – Cllr R Astley explained his findings on the swings and how he disagreed with the RoSPA report. He had also contacted RoSPA and was awaiting a response.

**Action**: Cllr R Astley and Clerk to monitor situation.

Chapel of Rest – Clerk confirmed that the first registration of the premises was now complete and the HMLR documents received.

Banwy Ind Est CAT – Nothing further to report.

**Action:** Clerk to continue to press PCC for a response to move the CAT forward.

8. Correspondence.

A458 SCP. Clerk explained to the members that the FOI she had submitted to PCC regarding the Welsh Learners Travel risk assessment had been received. PCC had failed to deliver the response in time and the response included the requested risk assessment which had only been carried out on 20th May 2019 almost two weeks after her FOI request. This risk assessment showed the road and the crossing were safe. The members did not accept the risk assessment findings especially as it had been done after the FOI, there was no name on it and no traffic count had been carried out. It was agreed that LTC would pay for the top crossing but the bottom would remain in dispute.

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**Actions:**

i.Clerk to write to Cllr Phyl Davies regarding the unacceptable response to the FOI and the contents and timing of the risk assessment.

ii.Clerk to write to PCC and request invoice for top crossing only.

Letter of thanks from the High Sheriff. Clerk read letter from David Peate. It was agreed that both he and former Town Councillor Mr Les Evans, should be asked to judge at the Deri Woods Centenary event.

**Actions:**

i.Clerk to write High Sheriff, David Peate and Cllr K Roberts to ask Mr Les Evans.

Letter from the Carnival Committee. Clerk read a letter of thanks from the Committee for LTC’s support.

Letter regarding clearing of the river. Clerk read an email from a resident who asked for th overgrown banks of the Banwy to be cleared.

**Action**: Clerk to forward email to County Councillor Gareth Jones to make enquiries of PCC as to how we get permission to carry out any clearing work.

9.PCC Matters.

Cllr G Jones informed the members of the rise in burial fees in Powys of 20%. Cllr C Evans proposed and Cllr V Evans seconded that the following fees should apply in Erw Ddwr with immediate effect.

First burial form outside the parish - £1,200

First burials within the parish are to remain at £500.00

Cllr Jones thanked all those who attended the recent County Lines presentation. All agreed it had been a very informative meeting. Cllr K Roberts thanked Cllr G Jones for arranging it.

10.Montgoeryshire Local Council Forum.

Cllr Wyn Williams informed all present he had been unable to attend the previous meeting but updated all from the minutes.

11.Road safety – Nothing to report.

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12.AOB

Hedge at the Vicarage. Cllr V Evans reported that this was still overgrown near the pavement and Hafan Deg. The street light was still obscured.

**Action**: Clerk to get hold of Church in Wales again to request this is done immediately

Wild flowers for Mountfield. Cllr U Griffiths reported that she had sourced these but it was not the right time of year to plant them. It would be £50 for a seed specialist to visit the site and make a report.

**Action:** Cllr U Griffiths to re visit this in the spring of 2020 with the help of Cllr K Roberts who also had a contact in the town who may be able to help.

Hire of marquee. Cllr A Dunsford asked if a local resident could borrow it. It was agreed that it was there for the community to use but any damage would have to be paid for.

Medical Centre. Cllr G Peate asked Cllr G Jones for an update on where the new centre would be built and when. Cllr G Jones could not give any details but assured all present the matter was moving forward.

Minutes of Llanfair Community Partnership meetings. Clerk reported she had had a request from the above committee to put the minutes of these meetings on the Town Council website. All agreed that this would appropriate.

**Action:** Clerk to upload minutes of each meeting as she receives them.

Clerk’s holiday dates. Clerk informed the members of her holiday dates in August. She would be taking 10 days in total but these would not be consecutive.

13.Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd September at 7pm

Meeting finished at 9.15pm

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