

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19th Dec 2016 at 7pm at The Public Institute, Llanfair

Present – Cllrs C Evans, V Evans, L Evans, W Williams, A Watkin, H Davies, V Faulkner, G Jones (Chair) and Clerk

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs G Peate, C Stephens, K Roberts and M Hughes

2. Declarations of Interest – No declarations made

3. Minutes of Meeting on Monday 28th November 2016 – Cllr C Evans proposed minutes were signed as correct, Cllr V Faulkner seconded, all agreed.

4. Matters arising not on agenda:

Leisure Centre – G Jones apprised all of the current situation and thanked everyone for attending the public meeting earlier in December. PCC Cabinet are to meet on Tuesday 20th Dec to discuss the future of the Centre. It was agreed by all to keep pressure on PCC to make any necessary financial cuts fair to all communities. It was confirmed that there would be a number of residents demonstrating at County Hall on the 20th during the PCC Cabinet meeting.

Car Park in Watergate St – Cllr V Evans confirmed that the pay and display system would almost certainly be introduced. It was agreed to wait to for the outcome of the Cabinet meeting on the 20th Dec then take a decision in either the Budget or Full Town Council meeting in January. Clerk to inform PCC of this intention.

5 Finance:

Community balance - £31,508.69. Clerk informed council that this figure includes £1,380.37 VAT refund but not the third tranche of the precept.

The following payments were agreed:

101208 – DM Johnson – toilet cleaning contract - £144.00

101209- Steve Adams, toilets supplies - £65.09

101210 – Clerk's expenses (Dec) - £61.73

DD – Clerk's salary - £477.50

DD – Opus energy – Chapel of Rest Electricity - £17.83

Income – VAT Refund - £1,380.37

The quarterly spending review was presented by the Clerk. This was approved but would be discussed in further detail at Budget meeting on 16th Jan when the precept would be agreed.

6.Planning:

P/2016/1205 – Demolition of Ty Isaf, Llanfair Caerenion. L Evans proposed this should be supported C Evans seconded and this was agreed.

P/2010/890 – Additional info for Esgair Cwmowen Wind Farm, Carno – No comment

7. Premises:

Deri Woods – Clerk reported that all work by PCC should be completed by 20th Dec. Main path still very muddy. Clerk to ask James Blair to clean up remaining mud. All agreed that the area should be promoted and Cllr V Faulkner to look into production of leaflet for which the Town Council will pay. It was reported that the steps near the Pump House were slippery. Clerk to get hold of contractor to give quote for cleaning. Cllrs C Evans and V Faulkner to meet with contractor.

St Mary's Church Yard – Nothing to report

Public Toilets – It was agreed that the toilets should be locked on 25th and 26th Dec and 1st and 2nd of Jan. Cllr H Davies kindly agreed to lock and unlock toilets during this period.

Mountfield – Cllr G Jones reported on recent quotes for the removal of the oak tree which had been further damaged by wind. It was agreed further quotes should be sought. Clerk to check there was no TPO before work began.

Erw Ddwr – Nothing to report.

Glanyrafon Play Area- Clerk to ask R Isaac to clean slippery path asap.

Chapel of Rest – Nothing to report.

8.Correspondence:

It was decided not to re join the North and Mid Wales Town and Community Council Forum.

All agreed that the phone on Maes Glas was no longer much used and would not object to its decommissioning as per PCC planning letter. Clerk to enquire how to adopt the box for use by the town.

9.PCC Matters:

Cllr V Evans re iterated that a further decision on the Leisure Centre would be made by PCC Cabinet on Tues 20th Dec. This would then be included in the PCC Budget meeting in Jan 2017. The decision on pay and display car parking would also be confirmed in this meeting.

Cllr V Evans reported on the growing problem of dangerous parking on the pavements and other unsuitable areas around the town.

Cllr Evans also confirmed that no decision had been made on the future of secondary education in North Powys.

Cllr Evans also reported on the road safety figures for Powys and how the police are working with PCC to protect vulnerable groups at risk from various scams in the run up to Christmas.

10.Montgomeryshire Forum – Clerk had nothing to report.

11.Road Safety – Nothing to add to Cllr V Evans report.

12.Other matters:

Clerk and Cllr G Jones informed the members of the details of the meeting with PCC which took place on 6th Dec regarding the Library. All welcomed that the Library could now remain open and would be jointly run and funded by the Town Council and PCC following an agreement which would be put in place before 1st April 2017.

Clerk passed on the thanks she had received from Mrs F Robinson regarding the Town Council's successful efforts to secure of the Library's future.

13.Date of next meeting:

Monday 9th Jan 2017 – Leisure Centre Action Committee at 7pm in Youth Room

Monday 16th Jan 2017 – Town Council Budget meeting 7pm Youth Room

Monday 23rd Jan 2017 – Full Council meeting – Youth Room 7pm

