

## Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at The Public Institute, Llanfair at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs V Faulkner, Kate Roberts, G Peate, H Davies, M Hughes, L Evans, G Jones (Chair) and Clerk.

Before business began Messrs Glyn Bracegirdle and Ian Harrison of Llanfair High School Governors were welcomed by the Chair and they informed the members of the current position regarding PCC proposed changes to the running of the Leisure Centre. Mr Bracegirdle assured the Town Council that no decision had been made by the Governors on the three options presented to them by PCC as they had not received enough financial information. He also emphasised that the Governors wished to work with the Town Council and the Community as a whole to find a way forward for the Leisure Centre that would be satisfactory for all users. All agreed that a public meeting would be called and that the portfolio holder, Graham Brown and PCC Leader Barry Thomas would be asked to attend. Clerk to organise.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs V Evans, C Evans, A Watkin and C Stephens.

2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations made

3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - Minutes agreed and signed as correct.

4. Matter arising not already on the agenda – No matters arising

5. Finance.

Community Balance - £36,326.40

The following payments were agreed:

101197 – J G Lloyd, grass cutting - £3,480.00

101198 – DM Johnson – Toilet cleaning contract - £180.00

101199 – DM Johnson – Painting of toilet door and frames - £54.95

101200 – Clerk's expenses, Nov - £62.87

101201 – Phillip Andrew, new door and frame for men's toilets - £870.00

101202 – R Isaac, Chapel of Rest weeding and moles in Erw Ddwr - £32.75  
101203 – J G Lloyd – Spraying, hedge brushing and verti draining x 2 - £1,140.00  
101204 – Leisure Centre meeting, hire of main hall - £38.80  
101205 – Gloversure, website upgrade - £105.00  
101206 – EOM Electrical, repair of floodlight in Church Yard - £84.30  
101207 – St Mary’s Church Clock and electricity - £294.78  
DD - Opus Energy, electric for Chapel of Rest - £16.07  
DD – Clerk’s salary - £477.50

#### 6.Planning.

VAR/2016/0030 Application to discharge occupancy restriction at Glanber , Melin-y-ddol

There was a unanimous vote not to support this application. Clerk to reiterate to PCC that the Town Council members do not agree with the removal of occupancy restrictions.

#### 7.Premises.

Deri Wood and Goatfield – Cllr V Faulkner gave an update on the work of MWT. She would also look into further grant applications. Clerk to organise leaf blowing at entrance to woods and follow up leaf removal from the paths.

St Mary’s Church Yard – Cllr H Davies reported slippery path and steps. Clerk to report to PCC. Cllr G Jones reported that the trees had been cut again to give clearance for the electricity cables.

Public Toilets – Clerk confirmed new door and frame had been painted.

Mountfield – The large oak had lost further branches during recent high winds. Clerk to get quotes for its removal. It was agreed that a new tree would be planted in its place. Clerk to check there is no TPO.

Chapel of Rest – Cllr G Peate confirmed there was nothing to report.

Glanyrakon play area – Possible mole spotted. Clerk to ask DM Johnson to paint swings etc.

#### 8. Correspondence.

Clerk reported that the Carnival Committee wished to have a Santa run on 27<sup>th</sup> Dec using Deri Woods. All agreed to give permission.

Clerk reported on the Police Precept Consultation.

Clerk reported on the SSL certificate for website. It was agreed that it was not necessary as there was no ecommerce facility

Clerk reported on the letter from Mark Drakeford AM confirming use of Section 137

Clerk reported on election costs but all agreed this should be discussed in the January budget meeting.

#### 9. PCC Matters.

Clerk reported on behalf on Cllr Viola Evans that the Concurrent Function grant from PCC would almost certain finish by the end of March 2017.

Cllr Evans had no more information on the Library and the talks on the Leisure Centre were still ongoing with the High School. The issue of car parks had been sent back to the Cabinet. The full Powys County Council had asked for the Cabinet to consult further with Town and Community Councils. The Queens baton relay of 2017 would be costing £15,000.

Cllr Evans reported that the 20mph speed limit on the A458 outside the schools would be in place by the end of December.

An application for 10 houses and 14 flats had been resubmitted for Morgan's Yard Cllr Evans confirmed.

#### 10. Montgomeryshire Local Forum

Clerk confirmed she would be attending the next meeting.

#### 11. Any other business.

Casual Vacancy – The Clerk confirmed that as per PCC / election protocol there had been be no election requested for the vacancy left by the death of Cllr Ken Astley. The subsequent statutory co-option notice had resulted in three names being put forward. (Rob Astley, Ursula Griffiths and Wyn Williams) The secret ballot that followed resulted in Wyn Williams of Penllwyn, Rhiwhiriaeth being elected to the vacancy. Clerk to inform PCC of this result.

Cllr L Evans reported that drain covers had been dislodged during recent verge cutting. Clerk to inform PCC of this and the potential danger.

Cllr G Jones informed the members that he, the Clerk, Cllrs K Roberts and C Stephens had recently met to carry out the Clerk's appraisal. At this point the Clerk left the room. It was agreed that the Clerk would have up to 80 extra hours until the end of the financial year to allow for the increased work load. It was also agreed that she would have an extra £5 per month for phone calls and a pay review was pending. The action plan from the appraisal meeting was also discussed.

#### 12. Date of next meeting.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 at 7.00pm

