

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 26th February 2024 at 7pm in the Youth
Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were:

Cllr Ian Davies Chair	Cllr Rob Astley Vice Chair
Cllr Hazel Davies	Cllr Cadvan Evans
Cllr Ursula Griffiths	Cllr Melvin Jones
Cllr Mark Owen	Cllr Geraint Peate
Cllr Stephen Purser	Cllr Sam Webster

In attendance Robert Robinson Town Clerk

Apologies received from:

Cllr Viola Evans and Cllr Gareth Jones.

134. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

135. Declarations of interest

There were declarations of interest recorded at this meeting as follows:

Cllr Melvin Jones – Planning – Dolgead Farm
Cllr Melvin Joines – Planning – Bethlehem Chapel

136. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no questions from the member of the public present.

137. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting.
Proposed by Cllr Stephen Purser and seconded by Cllr Rob Astley .
The vote was unanimous.

138. Finance and Governance

138.1 Bank balances

The meeting noted current balances (as at 31.01.2024) :

Current account	£28,205.42
Deposit account	£61,128.04
Total cash funds	£89,333.46
VAT reclaim	£6,829.40
Total funds available	£96,162.86

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138.2 Orders for payment

The meeting considered and approved the orders for payment as set out at appendix B in the appendices pack with the agenda.

Proposed by Cllr Rob Astley and seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans. The vote was unanimous.

138.3 Audit 2021-2022

The meeting received a report on the invoice received for the Full Audit completed every 3 years.

For this audit, an account has been submitted for £2,450.00. No prior notice of the cost of the audit was made available.

138.4 Internal Auditor for year ending 31st March 2024

The meeting considered the appointment of the internal auditor for the year ending 31st March 2024.

The Town Clerk is to contact two more possible auditors as follows:

ASW

Shanahan Shannon

A quote from David Hawes is already in place.

The internal auditor is to be made aware of the requirement of the annual return.

138.5 Minutes and publication

The meeting noted that the council is required to publish on the website within 7 days of a council meeting the following:

- a) the draft minutes or
- b) a list of decisions taken

The meeting **AGREED** to publish draft minutes within 7 days of a council meeting.

139. Planning and development

139.1 Planning decisions

The meeting noted the planning decision from Powys County Council as set out below:

Tanyfron Broncafnt Lane Llanfair Caereinion

*Application for reserved matters for appearance, layout, landscaping and scale following approval 20/0010/OUT for the erection of 3 dwellings and associated works. **APPROVED.***

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139.2 Pre-consultation

Land adjacent to Maesteg, Llanfair Caereinion, Powys, SY21 0HL

Proposed drive thru restaurant, EV Charging Station & Associated works.

The meeting received a letter from the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway.

The meeting **AGREED** to respond to the developers as follows:

- i) As before (noted in the agenda) ii) With an insistence that the connecting path to the town is a condition.
- iii) To state that 14 car spaces is inadequate for the proposal.
- iv) A copy of the WLLR letter to be made available to the developer.

The Town Clerk will liaise with Cllr Stephen Perser over the letter to be sent.

139.3 Planning application

Ref 24/0157/FUL – Dolgead Farm Dolanog

Installation of 250kW biomass heating system (erection of steel flue above roofline of building).

The meeting **AGREED** to support this application.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Purser and seconded by Cllr Ursula Griffiths. The vote was unanimous (with Cllr Melvin Jones not taking part in this item on the agenda).

139.4 Planning application

Ref 24/0193/LBC Bethlehem Chapel House Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0HT

Erection of a replacement porch and all associated works The meeting **SUPPORTS** this application.

Proposed by Cllr Cadvan Evans and seconded by Cllr Rob Astley . The vote was unanimous (with Cllr Melvin Jones not taking part in this item on the agenda).

139.5 Economic Development

The meeting noted that Phil Jones from Powys County Council had been appointed and tasked with advising and helping town councils, businesses, charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups with the planning, delivery and monitoring of economic development projects.

140. Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill - Standard Tier

The meeting noted that above as it may well affect the Town Council and local businesses.

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141. Recycling and waste disposal – new regulations

The meeting noted that there are no changes to the arrangement regarding the litter bins at Mount Field and that Powys County Council will still collect from the wheelie bin. Individual events held at the field may have to provide different types of bins.

142. Fitness trail's

The meeting considered report a Fitness Trail and outdoor Adult Gym. Following discussion the following was **AGREED**

- a) Grant aid to be sought for an outdoor adult gym facility with the location being open for future consideration.
- b) The provision of a fitness trail as set out in the information pack with the agenda to be taken forward with the budget for the project being £8,500. A letter to from the Council to the Trust to be issued giving consent for the project to be completed at the playground.

143. Deri Woods and Goat Field

The meeting considered **APPROVAL** of the works to trees in Deri Woods. The cost of the tree works is £1,600.

Proposed by Cllr Sam Webster and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The vote was unanimous.

144. Councillor's areas of interest

144.1 Christmas Lights and the Carnival

A small group to consider the Christmas Lights was appointed as follows initially including Cllr Rob Astley, Matt Evans, Geannet from the Red Lion and the Town Clerk.

It was noted that there will not be a carnival in 2024. An approach is to be made to the Carnival Committee to agree a way forward including an offer for the Town Council to take over the carnival and combine a committee with the Christmas Lights. This would aid manpower, savings on insurance costs etc. Cllr Sam Webster is to consult the with Carnival Committee on this proposal.

144.2 Police Liaison

The meeting was informed that the local police are looking to set up a liaison group of local councils (Llanfair and District) meeting perhaps 3 or 4 times a year by video link. Clerks and a Councillor from each local council would be invited. The Council appointed Cllr Sam Webster a their representative on this.

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145. Youth

Cllr Melvin Jones gave an update on the youth club.

A discussion took place around the Youth Council.

The members AGREED the following:

- i) The Youth Club to form the Youth Council for the future.
- ii) A representative from the school to be invited to attend the council meeting from time to time when the school is consulted.
- iii) The cupboard in the corner of the Town Clerk's office to be available for the Youth Club for storage.

146. Welshpool Air Ambulance

The meeting received an update on the Air Ambulance base at Mid Wales Airport Welshpool. The final two preferred options would mean the closure of the Mid Wales Airport base. The Town Clerk is to resend the councils views on this subject.

147. County Council Matters

There was no update for this meeting.

148. General matters

148.1 Salt bin by the path through Hafan Deg

The dog mess along this path is getting poor with some of it being dumped in the salt box. A notice to be put out on Facebook and social media reminding people not to do this.

148.2 Telephone boxes

The two telephone boxes with defibrillators within them are unlit at night. A batter fitting with movement sensor to be installed in both.

149. Dates of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.