

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm
in the Youth Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Attendance record:

Cllr Ian Davies Chair	Cllr Rob Astley Vice Chair
Cllr Hazel Davies	Cllr Gareth Jones Cllr
Melvin Jones	Cllr Mark Owen
Cllr Geraint Peate	Cllr Sam Webster

In attendance Robert Robinson Town Clerk

Apologies received from: Cllr Viola Evans, Cllr Cadvan Evans, Cllr Ursula Griffiths and Cllr Stephen Purser.

150. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

151. Declarations of interest

were declarations recorded for this meeting.

152. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no members of the public present.

153. Minutes of the last meeting

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

154. Finance and Governance

154.1 Bank balances The current balances of the Council accounts are:

Current account	£30,889.30
Deposit account	£61,128.04
Total cash funds	£92,017.34
VAT reclaim	£271.15
Total funds available	£92,288.49

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154.2 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.

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting. Proposed by Cllr Gareth Jones and seconded by Cllr Sam Webster. The vote was unanimous.

154.3 Internal Audit 2023-2024

To receive a report on the appointment of an internal auditor.

The meeting **APPROVED** the appointment of David Hawe as the internal auditor for the year ending 31st March 2024. The audit report for Welsh Government is to be supplemented by a separate report listing the work carried out by the auditor. This can be done by completing the boxes or by separate paper.

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

155. Planning and development

155.1 Planning decisions The meeting noted the following planning decision issued on 5th March 2024.

155.2 Planning applications

24/0214/FUL Pen Yr Hen Gae , Llanerfyl, Welshpool, SY21 0HA

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to a private use menage and all associated works. The meeting **SUPPORTS** this application.

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

156. Playground inspection

The meeting noted the playground inspection. Minor works to the platform at top of slide are being completed.

157. National Eisteddfod

To consider a donation to the National Eisteddfod in South Wales. The meeting declined to make any contribution to this event.

The Eisteddfod event coming to the local area and there is an opportunity to contribute to sponsoring a cup or trophy. Once a formal request has been received the donation can be confirmed.

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158. County Council Matters

The meeting received an update on any matters affecting the Town from the County Councillor.

The following items were of interest:

Llanfair School

The Cabinet has now agreed to progress with the changes proposed for the school in Llanfair. The issues around transport remain with the current situation being that those wishing to go to an English medium school in the future would have to pay for such transport. The meeting considered this unfair and discrimination. The meeting **AGREED** to write to Powys County Council regarding this matter.

Health Centre

The land for the new health centre has now been secured and it is hoped that a start on the proposed centre will take place within 2 years.

Rural Policing

The issue of rural crime was raised, there is to be a meeting with the community councils around Llanfair Caereinion with the police and this is a subject on the agenda.

Sustainable Powys

The County Councillor and the Town Clerk had been able to attend meetings on the future of Powys County Council. From 2025 it appears that the County Council will only carry out those duties which are statutory. It will enable others to carry out other functions which they do not have to do. When asked if this meant more being passed to community councils with some funding, the answer was yes to the first part but no answer to the funding. No doubt events will evolve over the coming year.

159. Town Clerks report The meeting considered the following:

159.1 Chronicle (April)

The meeting considered an article for inclusion from our Senedd Member. It was **AGREED** that the subject of the changes to governance of the Welsh Government should be reported in the Chronicle but using Welsh Government official documents.

159.2 National Park The meeting noted the letter received on the above.

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159.3 Air Ambulance The meeting noted the letter received on the above.

160. Independent review panel for Wales

The meeting that any councillor not wishing to take allowances for the year to 31st March 2025 needs to complete the form required available from the Town Clerk.

161. Dates of next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

162. Annual Meeting of the Council

The members **AGREED** that the annual meeting of the council shall be held on Monday 20th May 2024 (a week earlier than normal to miss the Eisteddfod).