

**Meeting of
Llanfair Caereinion Town Council
15th February 2021, 7pm
Via Microsoft Teams**

Attending: Cllrs. W. Williams, I. Davies, G. Jones, K. Roberts, C. Stephens, C. Evans, R. Astley and U. Griffiths.

Attending by telecom: Cllrs. V. Evans and H. Davies.

Apologies: Cllr. G Peate

Prior to the start of the meeting Cllr. W. Williams introduced Mr. D. Morris to give an update on the HLF.

Since the previous meeting with Mr Morris, Cllrs. W. Williams and I. Davies have been collecting and collating invoices pertaining to Deri Woods and Council were informed that all targets have been met. Interpretation boards are still outstanding as currently being printed. Welsh oak is to be used for the boards. Deadline is 28th February so invoice to Mr Morris asap.

Tools have been bought and Cllr. C. Evans said that he preferred only the Task Leader to have a key to the pumphouse, outside the Council.

Cllr. C. Stephens asked if MWF needed a budget for ongoing work, something to consider for the future.

Cllr. W. Williams asked if any funding available for benches and was answered in the affirmative.

Mr Morris left the meeting at 1928.

Minutes from the meeting on 14 January were read and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr. K. Roberts, seconded by Cllr. C Evans, all in favour.

Matters arising: Cllr. K. Roberts mentioned that meetings were previously held on the fourth Monday of the month and not the third.

Deri Woods/Goat Field: After much discussion it was agreed that there would be benches without backs in the pumphouse. Cllr. C. Evans to work out the amount needed. Cllr. K. Roberts stated that the outdoor ones should match. Cllr. C. Stephens suggested that if enough funding, picnic benches would be an idea. Cllr. W. Williams stated that he would check expenditure. Cllr. C. Evans stated that the invoice for the tools may not have cleared and was approx. £4,000.

Cllr. H. Davies informed Council that the bilingual sign was in and that the rickety bench had been removed.

Mount Field: Cllr. W. Williams has arranged for Mr. A. Haynes to repair the fence.

A letter has been received on behalf of a resident, asking that the stile be removed and possibly a gate placed in its stead, which could then be locked. After discussion, it was proposed that Cllr. W. Williams speak to the resident owning the land on which the stile stands, expressing the concerns of his neighbour. Proposed by Cllr. C. Evans, seconded by Cllr. R. Astley, all in favour. Cllr. W. Williams to price signs.

Erw Ddwr: Cllr. H. Davies informed Council that wall to the rear of the Memorial Garden is slowly collapsing. She proposed that she ask Rob Isaac to make the repair. Seconded by Cllr. I. Davies, all in favour.

Glanyrafon: Previous plans for an upgrade have not yet been located.

Toilets: Cllr. H. Davies informed Council that Rob Isaac has cleaned/tidied the area and also the bottom graveyard. Looks much better. She also commented on the cleanliness of the toilets.

Chapel of Rest: Cllr V. Evans informed Council that Rob Isaac had repaired the ceiling of the storeroom.

Cllr I. Davies stated that he has secured a three year contract with British Gas for the electricity, which includes the toilets.

St. Mary's churchyard: Cllr. W. Williams has spoken to Glyn Lloyd with regard to the grass cuttings and he has suggested a "holding area" to store the cuttings until they are removed. Cllrs. G. Jones, R. Astley and C. Evans will seek a suitable site. Cllr. C. Evans proposed that M. Roberts be approached to carry out the work. Seconded by Cllr. R. Astley, all in favour.

Planning: Cllr. W. Williams declared a conflict of interest in Melinygrug and the Belan so did not vote on those applications.

Coed Cymru were seeking approval for 16ha of native broadleaf planting under the Glastir Woodland Scheme. Cllr. H. Davies proposed to approve the planting. Seconded by Cllr. I. Davies, all in favour. Cllr. W. Williams will inform Coed Cymru.

Ref: 21/0131/FUL – 6 holiday lodges at Dolgead Hall. After discussion it was agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr. U. Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. C. Stephens. Nine for, one abstention.

Ref: 21/0153/RES – full planning for Belan. No issues arose so it was agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr. C. Evans, seconded by Cllr G. Jones, all in favour.

Ref: 21/0155/FUL – Melinygrug holiday let. After a short discussion it was agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr. C. Evans, seconded by Cllr. H. Davies. Eight for, one abstention.

Ref: 21/0131/FUL - annex at Dolgead farm. Once again it was agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr. U. Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. I. Davies. Nine for, one abstention.

Cllr. G. Jones to notify PCC of the decisions.

Finance: Invoices put forward for payment

Charlies Stores	£1,578.09
Charleys Stores	£2,248.99
I T Jerman	£914.40
Rob Isaac	£54.00
Rob Isaac	£237.00
Rachel Haughton	£225.00
Mid Wales Sign	£30.00
Mytown	£40.00
CEF	£148.80
Ian Davies	£74.09
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Each was discussed and Cllr. C. Evans proposed that they were paid, seconded by Cllr. R. Astley, all in favour.

Cllr. K. Roberts enquired about the possibility of an outstanding invoice from Harrisons. Cllr W. Williams will follow up.

Cllr I. Davies was given approval to pay the toilet cleaner on a more regular basis as she is on a contract.

PCC matters: Cllr. G. Jones updated Council on matters pertaining to Powys CC.

AOB: On the 25th January Cllr. G. Jones contacted all Council members to ask if, as a Council, they would commit to supporting the library for a minimum of five years. The rent is £1500, payable to the Institute. He stated that £3000 has been allocated in the current budget so the additional money would cover any additional costs i.e. phone insurance etc. Consent was given by phone or mail.

Cllr. R. Astley told Council that he had spoken to Cllr. A. Dunsford who was rather evasive with regard to the telephone box and sundial but did promise to send a letter of resignation.

Cllr. C. Stephens has received several stories for the Town information boards and asked for assistance to collate. Cllrs. K. Roberts and U. Griffiths put their names forward.

Cllr C. Stephens commented on the state of the fence and area near the railway. It was discussed and agreed that Cllr. C. Evans would contact E. Thomas to carry out the necessary repairs. Cllr. G. Jones stipulated square posts.

Cllr. K. Roberts proposed that a separate meeting was held to discuss the vacancy for Town Clerk as time was running late. Seconded by Cllr. R. Asley, all in favour. Meeting arranged for Wednesday 17th at 7pm.

Councillors were saddened to hear of the imminent closure of Banwy Bakery due to lack of support throughout the pandemic. It was decided to send a letter of thanks for the excellent service that has been given to the community.

Cllr. H. Davies proposed that meetings return to the fourth Monday of the month, seconded by Cllr. C. Evans, all in favour.

Next meeting arranged for 22nd March 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting concluded 2154.