

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price, Jamie Jones, M Morgan, J Jones, K Nicholls,  
S Meredudd, S Sims

**Apologies:** Cllr K Brelstaff, S Thomas, J Shaw, W Curzon, B Williams

**TC 17/22** **Declaration of Interest**  
TC 29/22 a & b – Cllr Jamie Jones  
TC 23/22 d – Cllr Marcia Morgan

**TC 18/22** **Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved.

**TC 19/22** **Clerks' Report**  
The Clerk announced that the Mid Wales Journal had been shortlisted for the “Weekly Newspaper of the Year” in the Wales Media Awards. Karen Compton will be attending the ceremony in Cardiff in March. Members congratulated Karen and wished her well at the awards ceremony.

**TC 20/22** **Chairs Report**  
The Chair had presented the Defibrillator Case at the Outdoor Bowling Club on behalf of the Council on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The Chair, Clerk, Cllr Meredudd and Cllr Jamie Jones attended a site meeting at Oxford Road to discuss the perimeter planting with a local resident and representatives from Incredible Edible. This project will now proceed.

The Chair will be meeting with representatives of the Football and Rugby Club to present the Defibrillator Case on behalf of the Council shortly.

The competition for under 16's being sponsored by the Chair via KDM Gaming Hub will be put back until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**TC 21/22** **Public Speaking**  
Cty Cllr Pete Roberts – TC 23/22e  
Cllr Roberts addressed the meeting with regard to the pre planning application for land adjacent to Lakeside.

Cty Cllr Roberts had spoken many residents within the area and had highlighted some issues regarding the sewage system, increase in traffic on to Lakeside Avenue, general impacts of the development and wildlife issues. He has written a detailed response with Asbri which is in the public domain and has been informed that a detailed response will be forwarded to him shortly. He confirmed that it is not likely that a public engagement event will be held prior to the May elections, however, talks will take place with the newly elected County Councillor following May 2022.

Cllr Meredudd commented that Cty Cllr Roberts had done so much to support the residents and had prepared an extremely detailed response to Asbri. She congratulated Cty Cllr Roberts for this.

The Chair thanked Cty Cllr Roberts for addressing the Council.

Cty Cllr Roberts advised the council that following his question to the County Council regarding public access defibrillators, the defibrillators within County Hall and the Gwalia will shortly be moved to the outside of the buildings for 24 hour public access.

TC 22/22

**Correspondence**

**a) Powys County Council – Public Toilets Covid 19 Grant**

Notification of the allocation of a grant of £1886 per toilet block as part of the Covid Recovery Grant Scheme. This will be allocated for a two-year period. This was welcomed. The Clerk pointed out that it would have been useful for town and community councils to be notified of this grant award prior to budget setting.

**b) Powys County Council – Rock Park Bridges & Water Beast**

Confirmation from PCC of the following:

The Metal Bridge is maintained by PCC Highways Department and repairs cosmetic and subject to budget.

The Alpine Bridge (Wooden) is closed for safety reasons and a Capital Bid has been submitted, which is awaiting a decision. If successful there will be a new bridge put in place, otherwise it will remain closed until funding is available.

The Water Beast will be repaired at some point, a Capital Bid has been submitted for this work, if successful the money would not be allocated until April.

This was noted.

**c) Save a Life Cymru – Defibrillator Grant**

The application for a defibrillator to be sited on High Street has been successful. In order to obtain the defibrillator the Council must order and install a heated case. This is now on order. The Samaritans have given permission for the defibrillator to be housed on the front of their building. The Clerk reported that the case has now been received and a quote for installation.

In view of the comments made by Cty Cllr Roberts with regard to the Gwalia defibrillator, the Clerk will approach Save a Life Cymru to see if this defibrillator could be re-sited elsewhere in town, although she felt this would be unlikely.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Save a Life Cymru.

TC 23/22

**Planning Applications**

**a) 22/0052/TRE**

Grid Ref: E: 305868 N: 261071

Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area application to remove two coniferous trees to the rear - Location: Commodore Hotel, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5ER

**Resolved:** the council supported this application.

**b) 21/2180/HH**

Grid Reference: **E:305818 N: 260412**

Proposal: Extension of first floor to create a bedroom and office and add an en suite to existing bedroom. Also, to extend the existing` utility - Site Address: The Hollies, Wellington Road, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 5NB

**Resolved:** no objection.

**c) 21/2363/HH**

Grid Reference: **E:305918 N: 261186**

Proposal: Window Replacement in Conservation Area REF OPDE/19/0242 -Site Address: Druid House, Middleton Street, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5ET.

The Clerk noted that there was no indication of this application being "retrospective" on the planning notification email, which she felt should have been included.

**Resolved:** The council objected to this application and noted the Built Heritage Officers comments, and agreed it is important that window replacements are like for like within the Conservation Area.

**d) 22/0014/FUL**

Grid Reference: **E:306700 N: 260290**

Proposal: Erection of a half-way house -Site Address: Llandrindod Wells Golf Club, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5NY. Cllr Morgan declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** the council supported this application.

**e) Pre-Planning Application** - Proposed full planning application for residential development and associated works - Land at Lakeside Avenue, Llandrindod Wells

Members discussed this application at length and considered the comments made by Cty Cllr Roberts in his address to council.

The following concerns were highlighted:

- The volume of traffic from the new estates and the impact on Lakeside Avenue including speed.
- The impact on the existing sewage network as there have been ongoing issues with this system.
- The impact of the development on existing residents
- The impact on wildlife, flora and fauna
- Lack of climate change mitigations
- Few provisions made for green renewables included within the plans
- Insufficient infrastructure within the town to service so many additional properties and residents.
- Lack of plans to ensure stability of bank bordering Ridgebourne/Maple Ridge Close.

**Resolved:** to feed back this response to Asbri.

**f) 22/0161/LBC**

Grid Reference: E:306044 N: 260915

Proposal: Internal refurbishment and alterations to toilet areas and DWP area, refurbishment of existing first floor office unit and upgrade of fire alarm system throughout the building - Site Address: The Automobile Palace, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5HU.

**Resolved:** the council supported this application.

**TC 24/22**

**Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Ysgol Trefonnen**

Application to instigate a Walking Bus scheme for pupils. Total project cost of £585.

Members were unsure what the purpose of the grant was and the Clerk was asked to clarify this.

**Resolved:** to obtain clarity on the purpose of the grant for the next meeting.

**b) Llandrindod Wells Spa Town Trust**

Application to support the organization of an LGBTQ+ event over jubilee weekend. Total project cost £400 - £500.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £250 to support this event.

**TC 25/22**

**Finances**

**a) To approve the payments for January 2022**

**Resolved:** accounts were approved.

**b) Expenses/Budget to 31.01.22 – for information.**

**Resolved:** received.

**c) Annual Return 2020/21 – Audit Wales**

The Annual Return has been signed off by Audit Wales and an “Unqualified Audit” was once again received.

**Resolved:** to receive this report.

**TC 26/22**

**Council Projects**

**a) Climate Emergency – Update**

The clerk updated members in the absence of Cllr Brelstaff.

As said at the last meeting the deadlines for involvement in these funded project streams are very tight and PACE needed to register by the 7th Feb its interest in taking part in the 20-minute community project. He had received confirmation that the group has been accepted to participate in this project.

**b) Banking Group – Update**

The Clerk reported that 312 responses to the survey have currently been received. She encouraged members to circulate the link to all associates and encourage survey completion.

**TC 27/22      Financial Regulations - Review**

The Clerk had circulated the current Financial Regulations for review by the council. No amendments were proposed.

**Resolved:** to re-adopt the Financial Regulations.

**TC 28/22      Resolution – Confidential Matters**

**Resolved:** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as there would be disclosure to them of confidential information relating to contractual and personnel content.

**TC 29/22      Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

**a) Oxford Road Grounds Maintenance Quotes**

Cllr Jamie Jones declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** to defer this item to meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**b) Princes Avenue Leisure Park Grounds Maintenance Quotes**

Cllr Jamie Jones declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

The tender had been advertised on the Town Council website, notice boards and Facebook page. One tender submission had been received.

This was discussed at length

**Resolved:** to accept the itemized quote for 2022 and 2023 for these works

**c) Dental Provision Group – Update**

Notification from Jane Dodds was received.

**d) Personnel Matters**

In view of the recent change in Welsh Government rules with regard to home working, the council was asked if they were happy for the Clerk to return to work from the office. The Clerk was happy to do this.

**Resolved:** Clerk to return to work in the office at her discretion and remain in line with Welsh Government guidance.

The Clerk will return to the office from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.