

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr S Deeks-D’Silva, A Curtis, S Meredudd, B Williams, K Evans, J Jones, J Hawker, K Nicholls, L Weerdmeester-Price, H Primmer, W Curzon.

Apologies: Cllr D Pugh

Absent: Cllr L Ward

TC 156/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr A Curtis – 14

Cllr J Jones – 14

TC 157/19 **Public Speaking**

TC 158/19 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2019 were approved and signed subject to an amendment.

TC 159/18 **Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that a Freedom of Information request had been received on 9th October and all information had been supplied to meet legal requirements.

The Clerk advised members that Grant Applications received by the Council may only be judged on the content of the application. No blame can be levied at the Town Council or any individual for the lack of information or inaccurate information contained within any application. The Chair had been approached with regard to a recent application.

TC 160/19 **Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chair attended the Anniversary of the Fairtrade movement in the Herb Garden, which was a pleasant event. He made a donation to Fairtrade on behalf of the Town Council and residents of Llandrindod Wells.

The Chair had attended several official engagements during the last month to represent the Town Council.

Following questions from members and residents, the Chair confirmed that the Council had not received any notification of legal action to date

TC 161/19 **Correspondence**

a) Mid Powys Mind – Powys Pride

Request for a Town Council representative to be appointed to the Mid Powys Pride Committee.

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Steve Deeks-D’Silva to represent the Town Council.

b) One Voice Wales – AGM Motion

Notification that the Town Council motion had not been selected for the Annual meeting. This was noted.

Cllr Meredudd felt that the motion submitted by the Town Council was completely different from a previous motion presented. She thanked members for their full support on this matter.

c) One Voice Wales – Welsh Government Devolution of Services

Details of a survey being undertaken in relation to the process for management of asset transfers. As the Town Council had been subject to successful and unsuccessful asset transfers it is important that they engage in this survey.

Resolved: Clerk to complete this survey on behalf of the Town Council.

d) Powys County Council – Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Notification that PCC had received funding to install 2 points in the High Street Car Park. These were welcomed.

TC 162/19

Planning Applications

- a) **19/1583/FUL** - Proposal: Erection of a detached affordable dwelling and garage - Site - Land At Rear Of Rhoslyn, High Street, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 6AG.

Members felt this was over development of an extremely small site.

Resolved: to object to this application on over development grounds.

- b) **19/1631/HH** - Proposal: Replacement of windows to the rear of the property (Retrospective) - Site Address: 3 The Old Police Station, Dyffryn Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6AN.

Resolved: No comment

- c) **19/1639/TRE** - Proposal: Application for works to trees in a conservation area - Location: Cecil Lodge, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5EY.

Resolved: No objection.

- d) **19/1601/HH** - Proposal: Demolition of the existing garage and replacement with a single storey extension - Site Address: Trehelen, Brynteg, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5NW.

Resolved: No objection. Cllr Hawker abstained from the vote.

- e) **Appeal Ref – APP/T6850/19/3238128** – Erection of two-bedroom Coach House with rear external works, South Court, Park Terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

Notification of appeal launched by applicant against refusal decision by Powys County Council. This was noted.

TC 163/19

Finances

- a) **To approve the payments for September 2019**

Payments were approved and signed.

- b) **To appoint the Internal Auditor for 2019/20**

Resolved: to appoint LRS Audit Lee Stephens as Internal Auditor for 2019/20.

TC 164/19 Applications for Financial Assistance

None.

TC 165/19 Cefnlllys Trust – Appoint New Member

Following the resignation of Cllr Price, a member is now required to replace him on this group. Existing members are Cllr S Meredudd, K Evans, K Nicholls and H Primmer.

Resolved: Cllr Deeks-D’Silva was appointed as additional representative.

TC 166/19 National Development Framework - Draft

Cllr Curtis had attended the one to one interview on behalf of the Council. Cllr Curtis gave members a brief run through of the interview and highlighted the following points:

- Lack of attention to Regeneration plans
Town Council Regeneration comments will be forwarded to the next draft document with the suggestion that it should be added. This had been raised by others.
- Presumption of wind power
The comments and recommendation regarding to wind power were explained as "national recommendations "and were not intended to preclude other option. He noted our proposal for mini hydro was interesting
- Unifying "clusters"
There was an appreciation regarding " clusters " but felt this was too Parochial for the generalisation of the scope of the document, but he acknowledged that it was an issue that should be taken up in the LDP process
- Further Llandrindod Wells developments
Nothing specific for Llandrindod a Wells, but he suggested that if, numerical, housing was allocated the National policy would hope and recommend that County Planning Authority should consult, Community & Town Councils to ask for location advise.
- Lack of Place a Planning in their proposals.
It was accepted that Place Planning should be added to their chart to give it some status in the Planning process.
- Location of proposed housing developments.
Location of housing allocation in the document refers to Prime areas Swansea Newport Wrexham, Milford Haven so we should not fear that element of what is a National Document.
- Devolution of LDP proposals.
Devolution of LDP Areas was a matter for communities to take up with their Council Authorities as it was " minutiae".

Cllr Curtis concluded that his presentation had been accepted with interest on behalf of the Council, with an agreement to put forward the ideas noted. It is now open for the Town Council to make a formal reply on the matters which are applicable. Cllr Curtis offered to complete this online document on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: Cllr Curtis to complete online submission on behalf of the Town Council providing Town Council contact details.

TC 167/19 **Vacancy – North Ward – Co-option**

1 application was received for this position.

Resolved: to appoint Keith Brelstaff as member for North Ward.

TC 168/19 **Vacancy – South 2 Ward – Co-option**

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

4 applications were received for this position. Members undertook a ballot for the selection.

Resolved: to appoint Steve Sims as member for South 2 Ward.

TC 169/19 **Financial Regulations**

The Clerk had circulated copies of the current Financial Regulations, there is one statutory amendment required and also recommendations were made as RFO.

Members discussed the recommendations.

Resolved: to make amendments as recommended. Cllr Curtis abstained from the vote.