

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Remote Meeting of the Council held on:
Tuesday 16th June, 2026 at 6.30pm

MEETING OUTCOMES

Present: Cllr S Deeks-D'Silva, K Nicholls, S Sims, R Thomas, T Weale

1. **Apologies** Cllr P Smith, N Bastow, S Meredudd
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
Reminder to members. (A Personal Interest is also a prejudicial interest because (under the objective, public perception test in Paragraph 12 (1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) it would be regarded as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest.) (See code of conduct.) (Forms available from Clerk)
None.
3. **Minutes**
 - a) **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 19th May, 2026**
Resolved: the minutes were approved and signed.
 - b) **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting on 19th May, 2026**
Resolved: the minutes were approved and signed.
4. **Clerk's Report**
New Skate Park
Work is progressing well and local contractors have been engaged to undertake the majority of the groundworks. The park is really beginning to take shape.

Resident Drop In Session
Our Chair will report on this session held on Saturday 13th June in his report to Council.

Freedom of Information
The request notified at the last meeting has now been fully discharged
5. **Chair's Report**
 - a) **Llandrindod Wells Children's Community Choir.**
The Chair and Vice Chair had attended an initial performance of this new Choir. The Chair had donated £200, the Vice Chair £250 and the Town Council £250 towards the set-up of this choir. The Chair reported that it was a great event and they were faced with lots of smiling faces. Their first official engagement will be at the Carnival on 4th July, 2026. He congratulated the organisers for putting this together.
 - b) **Residents Drop In Event**
The Chair reported that he, the Vice Chair and Clerk had met with some local residents to discuss any issues they had relating to the Town Council's services.

The Chair stated that there had been few compliments and the majority of issues related to PCC services. However, resident's concerns were taken on board and they were provided with appropriate links to report these. The Clerk on behalf of the Council will also contact the relevant County Councillors and officers relating to specific matters raised.

Matters raised included:

- Weeds on residential estates
- No road sweeper visits in town or on estates
- Gutter Clearing
- Oxford Road & Avenue Weeds and Litter
- Faulty Lamp post at Ridgebourne Close
- Weeds and litter in High Street Car Park
- Missing Handrail in Rock Park
- Illegal parking outside Pritchard's and cross-hatched area
- Illegal parking outside High Street Chip Shop and possible
- Illegal parking on Oxford Road
- Empty Shops

Other matters which broadly related to the Town Council were:

- One resident was not in favour of the Town Council awarding grants to local groups from the precept.
- Questions were asked about the Shop Front Grants. The Clerk had been in contact with PCC Regeneration to express interest in operating a scheme for this year.
- A town website, in addition to the Town Council one would be a great asset.
- Introduction of a Community Hub – the Clerk understood that this was being looked at by another organisation and is awaiting information.

The Clerk confirmed that she will discuss some of these matters which fall under the remit of PCC with the Town Caretaker to see if he can carry out some of the smaller jobs to improve the appearance of the town.

The Chair reported that the event had been successful and all items raised had been passed on to the relevant County Councillors or officers in Powys. The Clerk will re-publish information for residents on the Town Council Facebook page relating to:

- Town Council area of responsibility (electoral boundary)
- Town Council and PCC responsibility list
- Powys County Council Report It link
- Information on the Oasis Advice Centre
- Contact details for the 3 County Councillors

The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk agreed this had been a worthwhile event and a further session should be run in a few months.

Relating to business, it was reported that there is no longer a Chamber of Trade, this could be something that the Town Council could enquire about and see if there is any local interest. The Clerk will look into this.

6. **Public Speaking**

7. **County Councillor Lauren D'Silva**

Resolved: to suspend Standing Order to allow members to ask questions for the County Councillors initial meeting.

The Chair welcomed Cty Cllr Lauren D'Silva to the meeting and introduced her to members.

Cty Cllr D'Silva had been a member for a month and had lots to learn and absorb. She wants to foster good working relationships with the Town Council as she is aware of the good work the Town Council does. Unfortunately she admitted that there is no magic wand to the issues with Powys County Council services as it's not an ideal world.

She encouraged residents to use the Report It links on the PCC website - [Report - Powys County Council](#) this is an effective way of getting issues addressed.

Cllr D'Silva is serving on the Licensing Act 2003 Committee and [Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee](#).

She does plan to run monthly surgeries when residents will be invited to book appointments to discuss matters of concern. Anyone wishing to contact her can email her as follows: cllr.lauren.dsilva@powys.gov.uk

Cllr D'Silvas was invited to attend future Council meetings or provide a written report. The Chair, members and Clerk thanked Cty Cllr D'Silva for addressing the meeting

Resolved: to reinstate Standing Orders.

8. **Correspondence**

a) **Pride In Place Grant – Funding Award**

Notification that the Council has been successful in its application to this fund with an award of £83,000. This forms a public realm bid to improve the appearance of facilities within the town. The Clerk will project manage this, therefore no admin or back-office costs will be charged to maximise the benefit to the town and its residents. A community notice has been published relating to the projects to be funded via this grant.

The Clerk is now gathering in all relevant information, costings and quotes to fulfil the strict grant criteria for final approval by Powys County Council.

9. **Planning Applications**

None.

10. **Applications for Financial Assistance**

a) **Rugby Club**

Application towards the replacement of a fence.

Resolved: to award a grant of £250

11. **Finances**
 - a) **To approve the payments for May 2026**
Resolved: to approve the payments.
 - b) **Income/Expenditure to 31.05.26**
These were noted
12. **Town Council Reps on Organisations and Committees**
Members worked through the current list and some amendments were made.
All members and groups will be notified of any changes.
13. **Review Standing Orders**
The Council was asked to review the Standing Orders. There were no recommendation for amendments from the Clerk.
Resolved: to adopt the Standing Orders as is.
14. **Review Financial Regulations**
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Resolved: to adopt the Standing Orders as is.
15. **Craft Group (KN)**
Cllr Nicholls wished to start a monthly needlecraft group within Temple Chambers. This will be to support those who may not be part of any existing group and wish to come together for to craft, have a chat and a coffee. It was suggested that this could be part of the bid for “Warm Hub” funding. The Clerk is happy to look into this. Those attending will be asked to pay a small fee to fund the cost of room hire which is minimal.

All members fully supported this idea.
Resolved: Cllr Nicholls to proceed with this idea with the support of the Clerk on publicity materials and venue requirements.
16. **National Emergency Briefing Film**
This event will be taking place on Friday 14th August, 2026. The Mayor will be sponsoring the cost of the Pavilion for this event in support of Transnewid Llandrindod Transition. The Mayor has offered to fund the venue costs from his allowance and encouraged all members to attend and promote the event. The Clerk will share promotional materials once they have been produced.
17. **Members Reports**
None.
18. **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, legal and personnel content.

Meetings are open to the general public with the exception of Confidential Matters. If you would like to view the meeting, follow the link below:
19. **Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

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a) Town Caretaker

The Clerk asked for approval to increase the Town Caretaker's hours to tackle some of the issues raised in the Residents Drop in Sessions as a one-off in support of PCC.

Resolved: Clerk to use her discretion as Clerk and RFO to allocate hours as and when necessary. The Clerk thanked members for their support.