

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Committee Room A, County Hall

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

**Apologies:** Cllr L Ward

**Absent:** Cllr R Evans

#### **Presentation**

The Chair presented the 6 embroidered jackets to the Community First Responders which had been funded by the Town Council small grants process. The recipients were thanked and congratulated for their hard work on behalf of the Council and community.

Peter Baker thanked the Town Council on behalf of the Community Responders.

#### **TC 121/19 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Jamie Jones to the Town Council.

#### **TC 122/19 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr S Meredudd 8c, 17a  
Cllr W Curzon 17a  
Cllr J Hawker 17a  
Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price 17a

#### **TC 123/19 Public Speaking**

None.

#### **TC 124/19 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were approved and signed subject to an amendment.

#### **TC 125/18 Clerks Report**

The Clerk had been given permission by the family of the late Mrs Barbara King to notify the Council and members of the public that the Defibrillator donated to the Town Council in June 2018 had been donated by Mrs King.

#### **TC 126/19 Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chair confirmed that he had attended many events and was delighted to see so many members attending also. He thanked members for their support and the effort they are putting into attending events. He referred particularly to Llandrindod Soup Fest, the Carnival and the opening of the Princes Avenue Leisure Park which had been a wonderful success.

The Chair stated that “he is so proud to be Chair of this Council.”

However, a slight shadow had been cast over this when he had been asked to meet with a parent of a victim of the recently publicised local abuse case. The parent had been concerned about grant monies being given out to groups without DBS checks being undertaken. The Chair had explained that this was not in the remit of the Town Council. However, he felt that he would wish to arrange a DBS check for himself as Chair of the Council.

Cllr Hawker felt the Council should be mindful of this and ensure that groups hiring the Princes Avenue Leisure Park should have statutory safeguarding policies.

**TC 127/19**

**Correspondence**

**a) Albert Hall Management Committee – Thanks**

Thank you for the grant of £4000 awarded for the replacement boiler.

**b) Carnival Committee – Thanks**

Thanks you for the grant of £1500 awarded towards the 2019 Carnival.

**c) Macmillan – Thanks**

Thank you for the grant of £250 awarded.

**d) Welsh Government – Non Domestic Rates Relief for Public Toilets**

Confirmation that rate relief would be given to the above in future.

The Clerk confirmed that Powys County Council currently issues full rate relief on public toilets on a year to year basis, however, this could have changed at any time. This ruling will now prevent rates being charged. Members welcomed this.

**Resolved:** to write to Welsh Government congratulating them on this decision.

**e) Network Rail – Station Canopy Replacement**

Notification of the schedule for replacement canopy works at the Railway Station, Llandrindod Wells from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July, concluding towards the end of September 2019.

Members felt that it would be good to have more detailed information on this project, particularly as the canopy has historical importance.

**Resolved:** to contact Network Rail and obtain more information.

**TC 128/19**

**Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Herb Garden Café – Alleyway**

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

Application for a grant of £250 towards the provision of wall art, landscaping and portable wheeled planters for the Co-op alleyway.

This application was discussed at length and there was some confusion as to which wall the group wished to have painted. The letter also referred to an application made to PCC Regeneration for funds.

**Resolved:** to defer this matter until the outcome of the groups application to PCC Regeneration is received.

**b) Brecon & Radnor Railway Club – Model Railway Refurbishment**

Application to extend and refurbish to working condition for exhibition use in Llandrindod and elsewhere, a “OO” scale model of Llandrindod Wells Railway Station circa 1904.

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

**c) Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition – Climate Change Event**

Grant towards sponsorship of event discussing “Climate Emergency.”

This application was discussed at length and there were questions concerning the request to sponsor tickets. Some members felt that this event should be self-funding. Cllr Hawker stated that no confirmed booking had been received for the Pavilion and therefore he did not feel he would be required to declare an interest in this matter.

**Resolved:** to contact the applicant and request more detailed information with regard to the event and the purpose of the grant. To defer this application. Cllr Hawker and Cllr Meredudd abstained from this vote.

**TC 129/19**

**Planning Applications**

- a) **19/0887/FUL** - Proposal: Change of use existing shop to residential care home and associated works - Site Address: The Manor, Lindens Walk, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5EA. **No objection.** Cllr Curzon abstained from the vote.
- b) **19/1005/REM**  
Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission P/2016/1055 to allow alterations to the approved plans -Site Address: The Play Hub, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5HW. **No objection.**
- c) **19/0962/FUL** - Proposal: Conversion of first floor two-bedroom flat into two one-bedroom flats - Site Address: 4 Granville, Park Terrace, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6AY. **No objection.**
- d) **19/1004/HH** - Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension and decking area - Site Address: 4 Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6PF. **No objection.**

**TC 130/19**

**Finances**

**a) To approve the payments for June 2019**

Cllr Hawker raised a question about a travel claim which was responded to by the Chair.

The Clerk confirmed that the Town Council refunds members travel, upon request, for any mileage carried out undertaking authorised business on behalf of the Council at a rate of 45p per mile plus an additional 5p per mile for taking an additional member. This covers all mileage irrespective of being inside or outside of the Council boundary. The payments were approved and signed.

**b) Expenditure – Budget/Actual 19/20 to date**

The Clerk presented a full expenditure against budget report for 2019/20 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. These were approved.

**TC 131/19 Community Chest – Allocation of Budget**

Cllr Hawker had asked for this item to be included on the agenda.

Some discussion took place with regard to the purpose of the Community Chest.

The Clerk reminded members that it had been agreed to introduce a Community Chest when budget setting took place at the end of 2018. It was suggested that monies remaining from the Chair and Vice Chairs Allowance should be transferred to this budget. Discussions should be focused on the allocation of a budget.

The Clerk also reminded members that the Local Government Act 1972 states that a Town Council is not permitted to fund any individual.

This would stand with regard to any Community Chest set up and directly funded by the Town Council.

As a Council we are able to allocate a budget for a “Community Chest,” however, the Council must establish a full procedure for this fund to include terms of reference, qualifying activities, level of support etc.

The Council has a Policies & Procedures Group which could work on this for presentation to Full Council for approval.

**Resolved:** to allocate a budget of £2500 from General Reserves to Community Chest, and for the Policies and Procedures Committee to draft full terms of reference for presentation to full Council prior to the budget being accessed. The Chair will call a Committee Meeting shortly.

**TC 132/19 Wellness & Sports Collective Mission for Llandrindod Wells**

Cllr Williams had requested that this item be included on the agenda to discuss the possibility of the Town Council getting all groups in the town involved in sports, health and wellness together to form a plan for the future and get them to work together towards it. This may be in the form of an event followed by a meeting.

Members discussed this and agreed to move with this under the leadership of Cllr Williams.

**Resolved:** Clerk to obtain a full list of sports clubs within Llandrindod Wells from Elin Wozencraft of PCC.

**TC 133/19 Meeting Speakers – Chief Executive of Powys County Council**

Cllr Meredudd had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda.

**Resolved:** to invite Dr Caroline Turner, Chief Executive of Powys County Council to address the September Town Council meeting on building relationships between PCC and Town and Community Council.

**TC 134/19 Place Planning – Update**

This item was deferred until the next full Council meeting.

**TC 135/19**

**Skate Ramp Update**

Cllr Hawker reported that works are going well, however some additional materials were required. The group will also approach a local trader to see if they would loan a generator for use on the site temporarily. He reported that the group had agreed that no further work is required on the drainage. The project is still well within budget.

**TC 136/19**

**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 137/19**

**Confidential Minutes**

**a) Job Evaluation**

The Clerk left the room whilst discussions took place.

Cllr Meredudd, Cllr Hawker, Cllr Curzon & Cllr Weerdmeester-Price declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** to upgrade the role of Clerk & RFO following receipt of the Job Evaluation from One Voice Wales to point 30 (29-32), with an annual increment in April, with back pay from November 2017.

**b) Cllr G Price**

Cllr Price had notified members verbally of his intention to resign from the Town Council in the near future due to relocation. As this may be Cllr Price's last meeting, the Chair presented Cllr Price with gifts from the Town Council members personally in thanks for his hard work for the Council and the Town.

The Chair commented that Cllr Price had been his mentor and he could only hope to do such a great job as he has done one day.

Cllr Price thanked members personally for their generosity and reflected on his time with the Town Council. He stated that his biggest honour in life was undoubtedly being Mayor of his town. This was his proudest moment and he hoped that if members were lucky enough to achieve this that they would enjoy it as much as he did.