

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price, W Curzon, Jamie Jones, M Morgan, Jon Jones, K Nicholls, S Sims, S Deeks-D’Silva, K Brelstaff, S Meredudd, K Evans, J Shaw, B Williams

**Apologies:** Cllr S Thomas

**Absent:** None.

**TC 160/21** **Declaration of Interest**

There were none.

**TC 161/21** **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved.

**TC 163/21** **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved.

**TC 164/21** **Clerks’ Report**

**Public Access Defib – The Hive**

The 24-hour access public access defibrillator has now been installed on The Hive on South Crescent.

**Christmas Lights Parade and Switch On**

This will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Those members who are volunteering are asked to meet at the Bandstand at 3.45pm to collect hi vis jackets and be allocated tasks.

**Holy Trinity Tree Festival**

The Festival will be open for installation of the trees on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 10am – 4pm. There is no fee this year. However, our Chair will be making a donation on behalf of the Council and residents of Llandrindod Wells.

The Festival will be open until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 on the following times:

10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday  
2pm to 4pm Sundays

The tree will need to be dismantled and removed on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

**Police Presentation**

The Council had recently received a presentation from Supt Steve Davies, however, 3 members had been unable to access the meeting link. The Clerk will report this back to Supt Davies. The members who attended had asked for a 6 monthly update, which was agreed.

**TC 165/21**     **Chairs Report**

The Chair thanked those members who had hung the poppies on the Remembrance Day Parade route.

The Chair, with the support of the Clerk has arranged a Christmas Card design competition for both primary schools. He will report the outcome at the next meeting.

He has also arranged a Model Painting Competition with KDM Gaming Hub which has attracted the interest of one of the major gaming companies who have agreed to donate additional prizes. He will report the outcome at the next meeting.

The Chair had attended the Llandrindod's Ready to Roll Roller Disco fundraiser for the new Skate Park, however, he did not take part.

The Chair had the honour to represent the town as Chair and Mayor at the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday and thanked all those members who supported him on the day and to everyone who took part in the parade and event. It was an emotive day for him and he really appreciated the support from members who put him at ease. He said it was a very memorable day and he was full of pride to represent the town and was extremely proud of the residents of Llandrindod Wells.

**TC 166/21**     **Public Speaking**

None.

**TC 167/21**     **Correspondence**

**a) Mrs S Richards – Shop Window Competition.**

Mrs Sheila Richards had given a donation of £150 in memory of her late husband, former Mayor and Councillor Ken Richards. This is to pay the prizes for the Christmas Shop Window Competition.

Members thanked Mrs Richards for her kind contribution and for her generosity over many years to the town. The Clerk reported that Mrs Richards would soon be moving from Llandrindod Wells.

**Resolved:** to write to Mrs Richards to thank her for her generosity to the Town Council and town over many years. The Clerk will also publish the donation of £150 in conjunction with the Shop Window Competition information.

**b) One Voice Wales – New Meeting Guidance Requirements**

Following the Councils contact with Welsh Government with regard to new meeting requirements and requesting funding for all Town & Community Councils. Lyn Cadwallader responded as follows:

“I can confirm that you have One Voice Wales full support on this matter and that we will continue to lobby on this agenda on behalf of our members. Indeed, your Council will shortly be receiving a survey from One Voice Wales in regard to Section 47 and would encourage your council to engage with the consultation by OVW. We will then be using this to further make the case for support for the sector.”

The Council were pleased to receive this notification following its contact with One Voice Wales and all Town & Community Councils within Powys.

**c) One Voice Wales – Defibrillator Funding**

Welsh Government has launched a fund to provide 24-hour public access defibrillators meeting the following criteria:

- 1) identify, with rationale, the best place to site a defibrillator (there currently should not be a defibrillator within 500m of the proposed site)
- 2) have purchased or fundraised for a heated defibrillator cabinet and it has been installed on an external wall in an area which is accessible 24/7
- 3) have an electricity supply so that the defibrillator is maintained at the right temperature, to prevent the battery and pads from deteriorating
- 4) ensure the defibrillator will be available for public use 24/7
- 5) register the defibrillator on The Circuit database
- 6) appoint a defibrillator guardian (to ensure regular maintenance)
- 7) have a backup guardian to cover absence
- 8) ensure they hold CPR and defibrillation awareness sessions for individuals involved in the organisation/group

The Clerk pointed out the need for a Defibrillator along High Street to serve that area to include Ithon Road, Dyffryn Road and Oxford Road.

**Resolved:** to apply for a grant for a Defibrillator along High Street and to approach the Samaritans to see if they would be happy to house the defibrillator on their building. Cllr Nicholls abstained from the vote in view of her work involvement in this project.

**d) Llandrindod Pomarium – Green Flag Award**

Notification of the recent award.

Members were delighted to see the notification of this award for the second year. This really is a wonderful achievement. Members felt the Pomarium group should be congratulated on this achievement and thanked them for continuing to provide such a wonderful provision.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Pomarium group and publicise the award on the Town Council website and Facebook page.

**e) Radnorshire Wildlife Trust – Green Connections Powys**

Notification that Radnorshire Wildlife Trust Green Connections Powys will be launching a Swift Project and would really like to involve the Town Council and the local businesses of Llandrindod.

They will be encouraging the local businesses to get involved. For example, perhaps they would like to sponsor a Swift nest box or display a poster of support in their window? It is a good way of promoting both wildlife and businesses and can also highlight the importance of having still having Swifts in the town, as they continue to decline.

**Resolved:** to fully support this initiative and suggest the group apply to the Small Grant Fund for provision of Swift boxes.

**TC 168/21**     **Planning Applications**

**a) Statutory pre-application planning consultation - Fronheulog, Ithon Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6AS**

The Town Council discussed this matter and was pleased to see the details for this development and fully supported this, with the inclusion with as many eco-friendly measures as possible.

**Resolved:** to indicate support for this project.

**TC 169/21**     **Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Ysgol Trefonen C in W Primary – Food Hampers**

Application for £250 to provide food hampers to families of children from Ysgol Trefonnen.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £334 to enable the purchase of 4 additional hampers for this project.

**TC 170/21**     **Finances**

**a) To approve the payments for October 2021**

**Resolved:** accounts were approved.

**b) Expenses/Budget to 31.10.21 – for information.**

**Resolved:** received.

**TC 171/21**     **Council Projects**

**a) Climate Emergency – Update (KB)**

Cllr Brelstaff reported that he would be leaving the Town Council meeting at 7.30pm to attend the PACE meeting to represent this council.

Cllr Deeks D-Silva referred to the motion placed before PCC requesting the declaration of an Ecological Emergency which had fallen.

**Resolved:** Cllr Brelstaff to work on some information for the next meeting with regard to this.

Cllr Brelstaff left the meeting.

**TC 172/21**     **Princes Avenue Leisure Park**

The Clerk reported that the Tree Inspection Report had now been completed. It had highlighted works both within and outside of the Leisure Park boundary. She had been in contact with PCC regarding the trees outside of the boundary and had received confirmation that the works have now been programmed.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to PCC thanking them for taking action on this matter. The full report will be presented to the Business Development Meeting in January 2022.  
Cllr Jamie Jones abstained from the vote.

**TC 173/21**     **To Appoint Internal Auditor for 21/22**

The Clerk recommended that the Council appoint LRS Audit to carry out the internal audit for 2021/22.

**Resolved:** to appoint LRS Audit.

**TC 174/21**     **Model Local Protocol Resolution – Amendment**

The Council had previously adopted this protocol, notification had been received of a proposed amendment.

The Clerk was asked if she would be happy to work via this protocol if necessary, she agreed.

**Resolved:** to adopt the amended version.

**TC 175/21**     **Audit Wales Meeting – Meeting Recording**

Cllr Deeks-D’Silva felt that if the council had been permitted to publish the Audit Wales report prior to the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 more residents would have attended. Whilst the minutes have been approved some residents may wish to watch the recording.

Cllr Deeks-D’Silva proposed that the council publish the link to the recording of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This was seconded by Cllr Jamie Jones.

This matter was discussed at length and Cllr Williams and Cllr Morgan felt that the minutes were an accurate record and felt the publication of the meeting recording would not achieve anything and felt the council should take the higher ground.

Members voted on this matter with 8 members in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions (Cllr Meredudd and Cllr Jon Jones who were not in attendance at that meeting.)

**Resolved:** to publish the link to the recording on the Town Council website.

**TC 156/21**     **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 157/21**     **Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

**a) Town Council Allotments (Contractual)**

The Clerk had been looking into the financial position of the Crabtree Green allotments and had identified that the rentals had remained the same since 2013.

She recommended as Responsible Financial Officer that the Council consider increasing the rents as follows to cover the expenditure required to maintain the verges, hedges and trees.

Full Plot - £25

Half Plot - £15

**Resolved:** to implement the new charges from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

**b) Land Acquisition Approach**

The Town Council were approached about taking over the ownership in trust of some land within Llandrindod Wells.

**Resolved:** not to take over ownership of the land in question.

**c) Tremont Park Play Area**

Information from PCC that this land has now been declared bona vacantia and may be obtained from the Treasury for a nominal fee.

**Resolved:** to express an interest in taking over this land as a play area for a nominal fee with a request to PCC to handle and fund the transfer. Cllr Jamie Jones abstained from the vote.