

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on Tuesday 16th December, 2025 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr S Deeks-D'Silva, K Nicholls, R Thomas, C Owen, S Sims, S Meredudd

Apologies: Cllr J Jones, P Smith, N Bastow

TC 170/25 **Declarations**

None.

TC 171/25 **Minutes**

a) To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October, 2025

Resolved: the minutes were confirmed and signed

b) To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November, 2025

Resolved: as the meeting was not quorate for this item this will be referred to the January 2026 meeting.

TC 172/25 **Clerk's Report**

Christmas Lights Switch On

A very successful Parade and Switch On took place with limited volunteers. The Chair will be mentioning this in his report.

However, thanks go to Zoe Matthews of Celf o Gwmpas for facilitating the Lantern Workshops. Llandrindod Wells Silver Band for entertaining everyone with Carols. The Round Table for bringing Santa along and the Friends of Hope House for providing Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and hot drinks prior to the event. This was extremely well received by everyone who attended.

A big thank you to Andrew Davies of SPAR who donated a full box of Mince Pies for this event to go along with the ones already purchased by the Town Council.

There were some boxed Mince Pies left over which have been donated to the Foodbank.

Shop Window Competition

Our Mayor and Mayoress were accompanied by the Mayor of Builth Wells and his wife to judge the shop windows. Thanks to everyone who participated.

- First place was awarded to Haydn Lewis Financial Services
- Second place was awarded to Simply Cuts
- Third place was awarded to Bracken Trust Shop

Christmas Toy Appeal

Our Chair and Vice donated toys to this appeal being operated by the Llandrindod Community Fridge. Thanks also to everyone who has donated new toys for this appeal. 84 bags of parcels have now been distributed ready for Christmas Day.

Community Hampers

The Town Council has donated a grant of £660 to purchase items for hampers being operated by Jen Craven in liaison with the Community Fridge. There has been some social media publicity denoting the Town Council's support once again this year to this worthy initiative. 90 hampers were given out.

Sustainable Powys Meeting

I attended the Sustainable Powys Meeting and made a presentation of our initiative relating to the Town Caretaker. This was received very well and PCC is hoping that this will spur on other councils to trial this role.

Station Crescent Toilet Refurbishment

Works are now well underway and definite progress is being made internally. On a negative point the portaloos were tipped over on the weekend but these were put back in place by our contractors.

The Clerk wished all members of the Town Council and local residents a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.

TC 173/25

Chair's Report

The Chair reported the following:

The Chair was very sad to learn of the passing of Dame Shân Legge-Bourke. She dedicated her life to public service and to the people of Powys, serving for many years as Lord Lieutenant and supporting countless local charities and organisations. She carried out her duties with great dignity, kindness, and commitment

a) 579 Air Cadets Squadron

The Chair had been delighted to attend the recent event held by the squadron

b) Christmas Market

The Chair had attended the recent Christmas Market held in the Metropole and had been delighted to see so many local stall holders, residents and visitors present.

c) Nant Mithil Energy Park Meeting

The Chair attended this meeting hosted by James Evans MS at the Metropole

d) Christmas Shop Window Competition

The Chair, his wife and the Mayor of Builth Wells were delighted to judge the Shop Windows with their Christmas Displays with the following results:

1 st Place	Haydn Lewis Financial Services
2 nd Place	Simply Cuts
3 rd Place	Bracken Trust

The Chair was particularly delighted to see a working fireplace in the Haydn Lewis window. He thanked everyone who has participated in this competition and made the town look full of Christmas spirit.

e) Spa Town Trust

The Chair attended the Spa Town Trust Annual General Meeting which was very interesting.

In conclusion the Chair wished all the residents of Llandrindod Wells and those present a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TC 174/25 Correspondence

a) Bute Energy – Nant Mithil Energy Park

The Chair had attended the recent meeting hosted by James Evans MS, there were approximately 300 in attendance. There appeared to be no supporters of the application present within the audience.

The Chair was disappointed that there did not seem to be many young people present bearing in mind that this scheme, if approved, could be in place for 20 – 25 years impacting on future generations.

The Clerk reminded members that although the Council had made submissions to pre-planning consultations no submission had been agreed to the planning application.

Resolved: to object to this application and respond to PEDW with detailed comments gathered from previous Council comments, Rethink and Cty Cllr Berriman comments. This will be submitted prior to the short deadline.

b) Powys County Council – Lake Traffic Direction

The Clerk had chased an update on this matter and the following was received:

A Delegated Decision report had been submitted by PCC Highways a short while ago and it is still going through the approval process from Senior Manager and Cty Cllrs. This will chase as we need to progress.

TC 175/25 Planning Applications

(Applications may be received after the agenda has been published and due to the 21-day response time may be considered at this meeting.)

None.

TC 176/25 Applications for Financial Assistance

None.

TC 177/25 Finances

a) To approve the payments for November, 2025

Resolved: to approve the payments as listed.

b) Income/Expenditure to 30.11.25

Noted.

c) Approve Budget/Precept for 2026/27

Resolved: Budget set for year is £257,504, based on a Band D precept of £2593.92 which equates to a levy per household of £99.27.

This an increase of £2.18 per annum per household. The Clerk has prepared a press release relating to this matter to be released following the meeting.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for making the budget setting a very easy to deal with this year.

The Clerk was sure that the Council has set a robust and effective budget for 2025/26.

TC 178/25 Council Meeting Start Times

The Chair recommended to the Council that full Council meetings held in person in the Conference Room should commence at 7pm to give working members a little additional time to arrive at the meeting. All Zoom meetings will commence at 6.30pm.

Resolved: To start all in person full council meetings at 7pm with Zoom meetings to start at 6.30pm. Meetings will run for a maximum of 2.5 hours in line with Standing Orders.

TC 179/25 Members Information & Reports

a) PAVO – Llanwrtyd Community Transport

Cllr Meredudd had attended the recent launch of the Community Transport mini bus and had been really welcomed by the organisers.

b) MorsbagTalk

Cllr Meredudd will be doing a talk on Morsbags at 7pm in Hotel Commodore. These are bags designed to reduce the level of material going to landfill. [morsbags.com](https://www.morsbags.com)

c) Third Sector Organisations

Cllr Owen had been particularly impressed with the number of third sector organisations within the town which had been identified recently.

He had recently attended the Mid Powys Mind Open Day and the Dance Studio which had highlighted these groups importance.

This had also been made evident at the Sustainable Powys meetings he had attended.

The Clerk suggested that Cllr Owen may wish to attend the PAVO Local Network meetings which she attends time permitting and she will forward Cllr Blue the information.

The Chair thanked Cllr Meredudd and Cllr Owen for their reports and information provided.

The Chair thanked all members for attending and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.