

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Remote meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 6.30pm via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr S Deeks-D'Silva, P Smith, S Sims, C Owen, R Thomas, N Bastow

**Apologies:** Cllr K Nicholls, S Meredudd

The Council observed a Minute's silence in memory of for Cllr Steve Thomas.

**TC 16/26**      **Declarations**  
None.

**TC 17/26**      **Minutes**

a) **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**

**Resolved:** to defer this matter to the next meeting as the meeting was in quorate for this item.

b) **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Resolved:** to defer this matter to the next meeting as the meeting was in quorate for this item.

c) **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Resolved:** the minutes were approved and signed.

**TC 18/26**      **Clerk's Report**

**Former Member Cllr Will Francis**

Our Chair and Vice Chair attended Will's funeral on behalf of the Town Council and our Chair gave a wonderful tribute to Will.

**Former Member Cllr Steve Thomas**

The Clerk reported with sadness the passing of Steve Thomas who was a former member of the Town Council. He passed away recently. The Council's thoughts go to his wife and family.

**Station Crescent Toilet Refurbishment**

This project will be completed by end February 2026 and will bring a fully refurbished block with new facilities in under the budget allocated. The refurbishment is to an extremely high standard and has been undertaken by builders from Knighton.

**Princes Avenue Leisure Park**

The installation of Musical Sensory area and Outdoor Fitness area is now completed and the tank fencing will be removed shortly. This is a wonderful addition to the area and forms two further elements to the Town Council's commitment to providing free activities to all, whilst promoting health and fitness. The Clerk is now exploring the cost of Wet Pour surfacing which was not possible under the grant cover.

**Youth Justice Team**

As Clerk I am in discussions with this team to undertake works within the town which

will include painting benches up the lake, minor grounds maintenance in and around the housing estates in the town and other areas to be agreed.

**Probation Service**

The Clerk has made links with the Adult Reparation Team to provide additional support for services.

**Pride in Place Funding – Welsh Government**

The Chair and Clerk have met with Cty Cllr Pete Roberts to discuss the £1.7m funding awarded to Powys County Council in support of 17 towns. The project focus is:

- Develop shared spaces
- Revitalise local high streets
- Improve public spaces

The Town Council's Regeneration project list has been updated by the Clerk and sent to PCC with highlighted relevant projects for inclusion in the scheme.

**Resignation**

The Clerk reported the resignation of Cllr Jamie Jones on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026. This has been acknowledged and the Casual Vacancy Notices have now been published as a legal requirement.

**TC 19/26**

**Chair's Report**

The Chair had attended Will Francis funeral and paid tribute to Will.

He recently appointed Sgt Ellis Yeo as the Mayor's Cadet from 579 Squadron. There had been 7 applicants to an extremely high standard and Ellis was selected and appointed at a recent anniversary service for the Squadron in the Holy Trinity Church. The Chair hoped this would be a tradition for future Mayors.

The Chair along with other members had attended the recent Powys Teaching Healthboard Consultation event in the Pavilion and he had spoken with a senior officer from PTHB who had been surprised about the strength of feeling demonstrated at that event.

He had attended the recent event at the Senedd to demonstrate against the proposed Wind Turbines along with his wife, which had been well attended.

The Chair had attended several meetings along with the Clerk including discussions with the Football Club and Celf O Gwmpas. Updates will follow shortly.

**TC 20/26**

**Correspondence**

**None.**

**TC 21/26**

**Planning Applications**

**a) 26/0091/FUL**

Grid Reference: **E: 306555 N: 262600**

Proposal: Change of use from Class B1 (light industrial), B2 (general industrial), B8 (storage and distribution) to Use Class B1, B2 & B8 including Sui Generis Use

Site Address: Units 4 & 5, Heart Of Wales Business Park, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5AB – **Resolved:** to support his application.

**b) 26/0125/FUL**

Grid Reference: E:306035 N: 261201

Proposal: Siting of a shipping container for office storage to the rear

Site Address: Brighton House, Temple Street, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 5DL

**Resolved:** no objection.

**TC 22/26 Applications for Financial Assistance**  
**None.**

**TC 23/26 Finances**

**a) To approve the payments for January, 2026**

**Resolved:** to approve the payments listed.

**b) Income/Expenditure to 31.01.26**

**Noted.**

**TC 25/26 Cross Border Healthcare**

David Chadwick MP had forwarded the following press release to the Council:

“Patients in Powys are being left in pain and facing soaring waiting times after Labour’s flagship promise on cross-border NHS cooperation has unravelled, the Welsh Liberal Democrats have said.

At the start of this Parliament, Labour Ministers repeatedly [pledged](#) that “two Labour governments working together” would cut waiting lists by using spare capacity in NHS England to treat Welsh patients more quickly. In September 2024, the Secretary of State for Wales publicly committed to expanding cross-border arrangements so that patients could access earlier surgical treatment where capacity existed.

But more than a year on, Powys is seeing the exact reverse.

Spare capacity in hospitals in Herefordshire and Shropshire is no longer being used as it once was, and waiting times for many procedures have doubled almost overnight. Patients who could previously cross the border for hip and knee operations are now being forced to wait in pain, with some at risk of losing work or developing serious complications.

A [petition](#) started by the Liberal Democrats to reverse the new policy of extended waits has so far gathered over 1,500 signatures and is available to sign here:

<https://www.brilibdems.uk/health-cuts>

During a heated exchange at the Welsh Affairs Committee, Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe MP David Chadwick challenged Labour Wales Office Minister Anna McMorrin on why the promised reforms have failed to materialise.

The Minister was unable to provide any clear plan, deadline or timeline for delivering

the cross-border expansion that had been announced. Instead, she pointed to ongoing discussions and general “statements of values” between governments.

When pressed directly on the fact that waiting lists in Powys have grown despite available capacity in neighbouring English hospitals, the Minister disputed the characterisation but offered no concrete action to address it.

Local doctors have warned that delaying treatment for financial reasons rather than clinical need is dangerous, inefficient and ultimately more costly. There is also growing frustration that decisions taken behind closed doors are placing additional strain on English hospital trusts serving border communities.

Chadwick also criticised Welsh Labour Health Minister Jeremy Miles for refusing to meet or engage on the issue, accusing Labour of avoiding accountability while patients suffer.

**David Chadwick MP, Welsh Liberal Democrat MP for Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe, said:**

“Labour stood up at the start of this Parliament and promised that two Labour governments working together would cut waiting lists. In Powys, waiting lists are going up, not down.

“Capacity exists in hospitals in Herefordshire and Shropshire. It was being used. Now it isn’t because of funding disputes and political buck-passing.

“During Committee, I asked for a clear plan. There wasn’t one. I asked for a timeline. There wasn’t one. What patients got instead were vague reassurances while their operations are pushed further and further back.

“People in Powys are angry and rightly so. They were promised faster treatment. Instead, they are being left in pain, left out of work and left wondering who is actually in charge.”

“This is Labour backtracking on a clear commitment to border communities. Patients deserve treatment based on clinical need, not political convenience. The Government must urgently get a grip and restore cross-border access before more damage is done.

Following emails to all Town & Community Councils in Powys. 20 Councils have lent their support to the Town Council in its campaign to improve cross border health. The first meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6.30pm via Zoom. David Chadwick MP has also agreed to attend.

Cllr Owen will be arranging a session with Cllr Sian Cox, the Clerk and Chair to discuss the delivery method for this meeting. He hopes that this meeting will be a place for common ground and developing a strategy for a solution to the current issues in a non-political format.

**Resolved:** Cllr Owen to arrange a pre-meeting to discuss the agenda and delivery method for this meeting. Chair, Clerk, Cllr Smith and Cllr Owen to attend the pre-meeting along with Cllr Sian Cox.

**TC 26/26 Members Information & Reports**

**a) Active Travel Phase 3**

The Chair reported that Phase 3 is due to start next week. As a resident and despite a commitment from the Minister no consultation or notification had been offered to the residents of the area. The Clerk will report this to Welsh Government.

**b) Resilient Powys Event**

Cllr Owen recently attended this event in Knighton which had been extremely well attended and informative. He managed to make links with lots of groups and felt it was positive. He will issue a written report for members to the Clerk. He also agreed for this to be sent to Karen Compton.

**c) TLT Meeting**

Cllr Owen attended the recent meeting which was held to reinvigorate Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition and re-brand the group. TLT acts as an umbrella organisation for so many different initiatives. This was a positive meeting.

**TC 27/26 Resolution – Confidential Matters** - “to resolve 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**

**TC 28/26 Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

**a) Public Toilet Cleaning Tenders**

Two submissions were received.

**Resolved:** to appoint Danfo UK Ltd as cleaning contractors for both sets of toilets in Llandrindod Wells from 01.04.26 – 31.03.29. The Clerk to clarify one or two details.

**b) Legal Matters – Persistent Complainant**

The Chair updated members on the progress with the complaint with information he was legally permitted to share.

**Resolved:** In view of the nature of this complaint and despite responding regularly to the complainant, the Council agreed to implement the Abusive, Persistent, Vexatious or Frivolous Complaints Policy relating to this complainant. The Clerk will take legal advice on this matter.