

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on Tuesday 17th March, 2026 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr S Deeks-D’Silva, K Nicholls, P Smith, R Thomas, N Bastow, S Meredudd, C Owen, S Sims

Apologies: None

TC 29/26 **Declarations**
None.

TC 30/26 **Minutes**

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

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting.

b) To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December, 2025

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting.

c) To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February, 2026

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting.

TC 31/26 **Clerk’s Report**

Station Crescent Toilet Refurbishment

These works are now completed to a very high standard and the introduction of the Changing Places Unit – the first within a Council operated block in Powys – is a huge benefit to those residents and visitors with specific needs. These will be opened from 1st April, 2026 with a new cleaning contractor in place

KDM Newsagents has kindly offered to be custodian of the key for the Changing Places Unit and an appropriate notice is now displayed on the door to the unit.

Sadly the portaloos provided were vandalised and burnt out over the weekend.

We hope that these toilets will be fully respected by those using them and residents are asked to report any issues to the police which may relate to anti-social behaviour.

Princes Avenue Leisure Park

A contractor has been engaged to lay the sub base and wet pour surface to make this Outdoor Fitness Area fully accessible. Works will commence at the end of March, 2026.

Planter Watering

These works were put out to tender and P McKechnie has now been appointed to carry out this service for 2026.

New Skate Park

Works are planned to commence on 30th March, 2026 with an 18-week timeframe. This will be an exciting new facility for the town, its residents and visitors.

End of Financial Year

This is a particularly busy time of year for the Clerk and plans are now in place for the Financial End of Year and Internal Audit. This involves considerable preparation time and members are asked to contact the Clerk via email unless absolutely necessary for the next 3 weeks.

Public Services Ombudsman

The Clerk has been informed that a complaint has been submitted to the Public Services Ombudsman in relation to a member of the Council.

TC 32/26

Chair's Report

The Chair had attended the following:

- Wylesfield 60th Anniversary and was accompanied by the Mayor's Cadet.
- Play Radnor launch of Sensory Room designed to calm down nervous anxiety.
- Attended meetings with Vice Chair and Clerk at Celf o Gwmpas relating to the Town of Culture 2028 bid.
- Facilitated 2 member recruitment sessions which may lead to applications for new members. He plans to run a further session shortly.
- Attended a Carnival fundraiser concert at the Royal British Legion along with Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Bastow. This was a great evening and Cllr Nicholls presented a cheque for £250 from the Vice Chairs Allowance.

TC 33/26

Correspondence

a) Powys County Council – Active Travel Path Phase III

Email from PCC:

"I am writing to inform you of the next phase of construction on the Llandrindod to Howey Active Travel route. I appreciate that this notification comes at relatively short notice, and I would like to apologise for the limited lead-in time.

This forthcoming phase will extend the route from The Ridgebourne estate junction to the large layby. The works will focus solely on adjustments to the path width. Although construction activity will take place within the highway boundary, the width of the highway itself will remain unchanged and will not be reduced.

In progressing this phase, we have been mindful of the concerns previously raised by the Town Council. These points have directly informed the design to ensure that the highway maintains its current width throughout this section.

Engagement undertaken for the earlier phase of the scheme demonstrated strong public support for this route. Additionally, usage data recorded by our automatic counter on the completed section between Fiveways and Grosvenor Road shows a significant number of daily pedestrian and cycle journeys. This provides clear evidence that improved infrastructure is already encouraging greater levels of active travel—something we expect to continue once the next phase is delivered.

For context, officers carried out a door-knock and letter-drop exercise in October 2025, speaking with a number of residents immediately adjacent to and south of the large layby on the A483 at the edge of the town.

Please note that any affected residents will receive a further letter drop approximately one week before works commence outside their property. This will ensure households are informed of timelines, access arrangements, and any temporary disruption.

We will continue to provide updates on any changes to the programme as the works progress.”

Members were again disappointed with this response and felt that much of its content was inaccurate and misleading.

The Chair stated that he had read a document which stated that £216,000,000 had been spent since 2018 on Active Travel infrastructure, however there is insufficient data available to evidence any percentage increase in active travel.

It was agreed that accurate information should be requested via a Freedom of Information request from PCC.

Resolved: to make an application under FOI for the following information:

- Accurate historic and current data on the usage of this facility prior to and since its development which relates to cycles, vehicles and pedestrians.
- Details of the engagement with residents and groups relating to Phase III of this scheme. Particularly in relation to the statement about “officers carried out a door-knock and letter-drop exercise in October 2025, speaking with a number of residents immediately adjacent to the South of the large layby on the A483 at the edge of town.

b) One Voice Wales – Subscription Renewal - £1393

Resolved: to renew the annual subscription.

c) Boundary Commission – Members Expenses

The following allowances have been designated to the Town & Community Council sector by the Boundaries Commission available to view on the following link:

[Annual Remuneration Report 2026-27 | DBCC](#)

This is an allowance of £156 per annum for all members and £52 per annum for consumables. All members are entitled to claim these allowances retrospectively and claim forms have been issued to all members for completion by April 2026. This was noted.

TC 34/26

Planning Applications

a) 26/0225/HH

Grid Reference: **E:305771 N: 259873**

Proposal: Demolition of carport and porch, erection of replacement porch and all associated works - Site Address: Maes Yr Awel, Pentrosfa Crescent, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5NW.

Resolved: no objection

b) 26/0193/FUL

Grid Reference: E:306020 N: 261007

Proposal: Erection of a rear external staircase - Site Address: Albion House , Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5DP

Resolved: no objection

TC 35/26

Applications for Financial Assistance

a) 579 (Llandrindod Wells) RAF Air Cadets

Resolved: to award a grant of £250.

b) Llandrindod Wells Children's Community Choir

Resolved: to award a grant of £250. Cllr Nicholls also agreed to donate £200 from the Vice Chair's Allowance.

TC 36/26

Finances

a) To approve the payments for February 2026

Resolved: to approve the payments listed.

b) Income/Expenditure to 28.02.26

Noted.

TC 37/26

Youth Council

The Chair had looked into this matter and asked the Council to consider one of two options relating to Youth Councils. Appointing 2 members to sit on the Council or developing a Youth Council of 12 – 17 year olds.

Members were overwhelmingly in support of this matter and the Clerk was asked to research the options for the April meeting. Members will then look at setting up a task and finish group to move this forward.

The Clerk reminded members that legislation differs in England and Wales.

TC 38/26

Members Information & Reports

a) Sustainable Powys Meeting

The Chair thanked Cllr Owen for providing his written report to members. He then asked Cllr Smith to provide a verbal report.

Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Owen for his report and for attending. Cllr Smith felt that the meeting was lacking in senior member representation and was disappointed that the Cabinet member for "a More Prosperous Powys" was not in attendance.

He felt that much of the data presented was out of data and which related to 2022 which was immediately post Covid.

GDP and GDA were discussed but much of the data was not relevant to this area. The strategy focussed on high tech and highly skilled roles which he felt are not the core business in Powys.

No data on new businesses was presented and discussions took place on the average living wage which is lower in rural areas.

Education of the workforce was stated that 68.5% of Powys falls in the highly educated category, which Cllr Smith challenged.

Youth retention is poor in Powys leading to a brain drain.

Cllr Smith felt there was very poor engagement and the meeting was not well attended, however Cllr Smith felt there were lively relevant discussions.

Cllr Smith stated that some of the information provided to those attending appeared unfinished and in draft format.

Cllr Owen felt that little discussions took place in the foundation category and felt that this was very much a talking shop and allowed for little engagement. He felt that all good points were being promoted but bad points were being ignored.

Cllr Owen felt that the heading – “Sustainable Powys – Let’s Talk” did not best describe the interactions. This meeting did not allow much time for talking.

It was reported that the next meeting would be looking for feedback on the meetings. Both Cllr Smith and Cllr Owen plan to attend.

The Chair thanked both members for their reports.

b) Impelo Dance Centre

Cllr Owen had been delighted to attend the opening of this centre and to be asked to cut the ribbon as a member of the Council.

TC 39/26

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

TC 40/26

Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)

a) Employment Matters

The Administrative Assistant two-year fixed contract will come to an end on 30.04.26. The Personnel Committee recommended that this was renewed on the same terms for a further two year period to 30.04.28.

Resolved: to offer this contract to the Administrative Assistant.

b) Legal Issues

Following the implementation of the Abusive, Persistent, Vexatious or Frivolous Complaints Policy in relation to one member of public at the last meeting. Further contact has been received from this person. This has and will not be responded to in line with this policy.

c) TTMW Shop Frontage Scheme

The Council discussed the option of being the lead organisation for this future project in Llandrindod Wells.

The Clerk explained the scheme and had offered to co-ordinate this scheme with the help of the Administrative Assistant. This is only on offer within a designated area by Powys County Council and does not include Park Crescent or High Street.

The Clerk explained that should the Council will to proceed with this scheme any owner would be informed that this is subject to future funding being put in place by this fund.

Members felt this was positive for the town and agreed to proceed with this scheme subject to funding streams being put in place.

Resolved: to move forward with this scheme as a lead body subject to funding availability. Cllr Meredudd voted against this.

d) Pride In Place Funding

Due to the short deadline for this fund the Clerk had asked members to discuss this.

It was agreed for the Clerk to forward details of the scheme to members along with a core plan of the town. Members will forward ideas to the Clerk as soon as possible.