

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Remote Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May, 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price, W Curzon, S Sims, K Brelstaff, K Evans, K Nicholls, S Meredudd, J Shaw, B Williams, Jamie Jones, Jonathan Jones, M Morgan

Apologies: None

The Clerk requested that the meeting be recorded. This was agreed.

TC 59/22 Election of Chair/Mayor

Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price was nominated for the office of Chair. This was put to a Zoom Poll. However, there were some issues and the Clerk was unable to amend the poll at the time. Members agreed by show of hands they were happy with the process.

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Weerdmeester-Price as Chair and Mayor for 2022/23.

The Chair thanked everyone for their support.

TC 60/22 Election of Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor

Cllr W Curzon was nominated for the office of Vice Chair.

Cllr K Nicholls was nominated for the office of Vice Chair.

This was put to a Zoom Poll. However, there were some issues and the Clerk was unable to amend the poll at the time. Members agreed by show of hands they were happy with the process.

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Curzon as Chair and Deputy Mayor for 2022/23

TC 61/22 General Power of Competence

Under the Local Government Act Wales 2021 Town and Community Councils in Wales are permitted to adopt the General Power of Competence provided they meet the following criteria:

- Hold previous 2 years unqualified audits
- Employ a Clerk qualified to CiLCA level
- Have two-thirds of its members elected (or elected uncontested.)

As the council meets these criteria, the Clerk recommended that Llandrindod Wells Town Council adopts the General Power of Competence from this date.

Resolved: To adopt the General of Power of Competence for Llandrindod Wells Town Council.

TC 62/22 Bank Signatories – Confirm Existing

Existing signatories are L Weerdmeester-Price, W Curzon, B Williams, S Sims, J Jones, S Meredudd and S Deeks-D'Silva.

Resolved: to remove S Deeks-D'Silva as a signatory

TC 63/22 Independent Remuneration Panel

a) The Council were asked to consider the following matter:

Determination 45 – Appointment of Senior Role/s Allowance (1 mandatory)

13.17 The Panel recognises that specific member roles especially within the larger community and town councils, for example a committee chair, will involve greater responsibility.

It is also likely that larger councils will have a greater number of committees, reflecting its level of activity. The Panel has therefore set out the determinations for senior roles in Table 11 above.

13.18 In all cases, a councillor can only have one payment of £500 regardless of how many senior roles they hold within their Council.

As Responsible Financial Officer the Clerk made a recommendation to offer the Senior Role payment to Cllr Brelstaff for his significant works on current projects.

Resolved: To award the Senior role payment to Cllr Brelstaff.

b) **Determination 49 – Attendance Allowance**

The Council were asked to consider the following matter:

13.23 Attendance allowance was raised in the consultation. The Panel acknowledges that in some cases this might be a valuable addition to support the work of a council. It is therefore included as an option for all councils. A number of queries were raised in respect of this proposal in responses to the Draft Report, including some opposition to its introduction. Whilst it is included in the framework, it is optional for councils and therefore those councils that do not consider it appropriate do not have to implement it. Councils can decide and set out the provisions of the scheme, paragraph 13.24 details what should be included.

Determination 49: Each council can decide to introduce an attendance allowance for members. The amount of each payment must not exceed £30.

A member in receipt of financial loss compensation will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.

The Clerk advised that the Council must consider introducing this allowance, however, must bear in mind that the introduction of this at a rate of £20 per meeting would equate to in the region of £9840

Several members expressed their wish not to introduce this allowance

Resolved: not to implement this allowance for the Town Council, this was a unanimous vote.

TC 64/22 Appointment of Town Council Representatives on Local Groups and Committees

The current list of representatives was reviewed and amended. The Clerk will notify local groups of any changes.