

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on Tuesday 20th February, 2024 via Zoom

Present: Cllr M Morgan, W Curzon, Jamie Jones, K Nicholls, Jonathan Jones, S Deeks-D’Silva, S Sims, S Meredudd, L Weerdmeester-Price, P Smith.

Apologies: Cllr N Bastow

TC 29/24 Declaration of Interest
None.

TC 30/24 Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January, 2024 were approved and signed.

TC 31/24 Clerks Report
Tremont Park Play Area
The play area of the park is now completed and open for use. The biodiversity element is now being planned and implemented by Powys County Council’s Nature Recovery Officer scheduled for completion by 31st March 2024.

The land has now been transferred to Town Council ownership from the Duchy of Lancaster and now forms part of the Town Council asset register.

Further updates will follow when received.

New Skate Park
Plans for this project are moving on and an application for a Revenue Grant for preparatory works has been submitted. If successful, this will fund the studies and reports required to support the planning application.

Further updates will follow when received.

War Memorial
The War Memorial falls under the ownership of Powys County Council, however, the Town Council will discuss a professional clean at its meeting on 22nd February 2024.

Football Club – Storage Container
The new container purchased for the use of the Football Club on the Oxford Road field is now in place.

Town Regeneration Investment Plan
The Town Council recently identified over 30 projects for inclusion in the above plan and subsequent meeting was held with PCC Regeneration Officers attended by our Chair, Cllr Jamie Jones and the Clerk.

This was an extremely useful meeting and enabled the grouping of the projects into related packages for the purpose of funding applications. PCC will now look to identify relevant funding opportunities for access by the Town Council with the assistance of PCC Regeneration officers.

The Town Council will be asked to discuss this plan in more detail at the next Business Development meeting.

The Clerk reported that Arwyn Walby had been selected to represent Wales in the Welsh Schools U18 Football Team at the 2024 Roma Caput Mundi Tournament in Italy from Wednesday 21st February – Friday 1st March 2024. Our Vice Chair, Cllr Curzon had contributed to the cost of his journey from his allowance. Everyone wished Arwyn good luck.

TC 32/24

Chairs Report

17/1/24 – Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor Cllr Wade Curzon and myself attended the Twinning Association belated Christmas lunch at the Golf Club. It was lovely to chat with the many members both past and present who have supported the Twinning Association over the years and hear about their memories of home-hosting, foreign travel and special events.

New members are always very welcome.

18/1/24 – It was an honour, privilege and absolute pleasure to be invited to the Licensing of the Reverend Pete Letson to the West Radnor Ministry Area. The church service was held at the Holy Trinity Church and on behalf of our local community and the Town Council, I welcomed Reverend Pete to his new role and presented him with a gift of a fountain pen made by a local craftsman.

5/2/24 – Our local PCSO's Josh and Liz invited me to attend one of the Dementia Matters in Powys meetings as part of their community engagement work. I had a chance to chat with service users, their families and volunteers about the issues that they are currently facing. Future funding concerns were highlighted and discussed at a recent Town Council meeting

Donations have been given to :-

Dementia Matters in Powys
Incredible Edible

It's already been a month to celebrate with residents of Tremont Park enjoying the new play area and some lucky residents winning the Post Code Lottery.

There are lots of fund-raising events happening over the next few months so keep a look out for posters around town and social media to support our very many wonderful local volunteer groups.

Many thanks to our Town Clerk, Jane Johnston for all her hard work during another busy month.

TC 33/24

Public Speaking

None.

TC 34/24

Correspondence

a) James Evans MS/AS - Green Gen Development

The following email as received:

"I am opposed to large scale Wind Farms & Pylons being installed here in Mid Wales. Many believed Nant Mithel was just the first stage of many possible wind farm developments in this area and this has been proven correct with the plans now launched for Aberedw and Bryn Gilwern. I have, and will continue, to support small scale applications e.g. by family farms if they wish to erect a wind turbine for their own needs or specifically for a community use, but **not** these large-scale industrial wind farms across Mid Wales that will decimate our beautiful area, hit our rural economy and hurt our communities.

If these Energy Parks developments get the go ahead, I will be calling for the power to be exported out via underground cabling. A 60mile swath of pylons to Pont Abraham will radically change our landscape and have a hugely detrimental effect on tourism and hospitality businesses, on farming and our landscape and the wider rural economy. I have questioned the Minister Julie James MS on several occasions, to seek assurances that the cables will go underground as is the preferred option in Planning Policy Wales. She did not give me any reassurance and said 'she could not comment on individual cases'! The Nant Mithel development by Bute Energy and the export of electricity out by Green GEN Cymru both seem to ride roughshod over environmental concerns, with SSSIs and mature trees seemingly irrelevant. Lessons need to be learned from Hendy wind farm and any development granted must have strict timescales for becoming operational and for generating electricity. At Hendy, they are yet to be operational!

I believe as a nation, we should be focusing more on off-shore wind, and also on hydro and tidal power. With our expanse of coastline, it seems crazy that we are not pursuing this more.

Since the announcement of Nant Mithel Energy park, I have been consistently raising concerns at every opportunity in the Senedd and I will continue doing so, shouting loudly for local communities to get their voices heard. I will continue with calls for transparency and declarations of interest be made to highlight the connections between Welsh Government members and Bute Energy/Green GEN Cymru. The scale of these developments is enormous. Brecon & Radnorshire is my home and I will do all I can to stop there industrial-scale developments from destroying our communities."

Cllr Jamie Jones was impressed with the response and the time, thought and energy he has put into this project.

b) Cefin Campbell AS/MS – Green Gen Development

The following email as received:

" I do hope this e-mail finds you well. Thank you very much for your recent e-mail requesting clarity on my stance on Bute Energy's proposals to install an overhead electricity distribution network between the proposed energy park at Nant Mithil, Powys and the national grid in Carmarthenshire, and the several energy parks proposed for Mid Wales. In the first instance, may I assure you that I share your grave concerns regarding these proposals. I fear these proposed pylons will have a detrimental impact on the area including the scarring of the beautiful Tywi Valley and Powys landscapes, and its subsequent impact on tourism, the local economy and environment. I also have grave concerns about how the situation has arisen – particularly the issuing of licences and the pressure placed on landowners and residents by Bute Energy.

Alongside Adam Price - Plaid Cymru Member of the Senedd for Carmarthen East & Dinefwr - and local Plaid Cymru politicians, I have been working hard over the past year to engage with Bute Energy, in order to learn more about the proposals, and familiarise ourselves further with the Welsh Government's policy and guidance on energy developments. I, and representatives from my office, have attended public meetings organised by the Countryside Alliance over the past year in Llandeilo, Llandovery and Llanellwedd. All these public meetings have been very well attended, displaying the strength of feeling locally within communities, with almost everyone present opposing the proposals.

I have also raised my concerns directly in the Senedd on several occasions, challenging the Welsh Government's Climate Change Minister, Julie James MS, **who previously confirmed to me that the Welsh Government's policy is that electricity transmission cables should be placed underground where possible.** My colleague, Adam Price MS has also tabled a series of Written Questions requesting further clarity on the proposals and Welsh Government's undergrounding policy, and the relationship between Welsh Government and Bute Energy.

My office remains in contact with representatives from many of the local groups that have been formed in opposition to the proposed pylon route, and have also submitted documentation regarding Bute Energy's application for an IDNO licence last year – which we continue to await OFGEM's decision.

Whilst Plaid Cymru fully acknowledge the need for green, renewable energy we believe this proposed pylon route should be undergrounded – learning from experiences seen elsewhere in the UK and across Europe. Last year, we also launched a petition calling for the undergrounding of these cables – which has since gained over 3,400 signatures. We have used the strength of this evidence in our initial consultation response to Bute Energy proposals regarding the TywiUsk network.

More recently, we also met with the Welsh Government's Climate Change Minister, pressing for an **independent review into the costs of overhead pylons versus undergrounding** – this would allow Welsh Government and stakeholders to better identify the policy framework that will form the basis of future decision making, as well as incorporating new technologies such as cable ploughing.

During the Plaid Cymru party conference last October, the Carmarthenshire constituency also tabled a motion which called on the Welsh Government to ensure future connections to the national grid are created without compromise to the natural beauty of Wales, in a manner which supports sustainability and benefit for future generations, by committing to underground cabling as opposed to the erection of pylons. I spoke in favour of the motion, and was pleased to see it overwhelmingly approved as Plaid Cymru policy.

Turning to the proposed wind farm developments, I am aware of concerns locally regarding the disproportionate size of the wind turbines proposed for the Nant Mithil site, and other developments including Bryn Gilwern and Aberedw, as well as their impact on the environment and local economy. I have relayed this concerns regarding the proposed size and scale directly to Bute Energy in meetings and as part of the wider consultation process.

Whilst Plaid Cymru fully supports the need for a substantial increase in wind generation and the strengthening of the National Grid to support green energy alternatives for rural businesses and homes – we would like to see much more investment in offshore wind projects to satisfy the energy needs of Wales. As Member of the Senedd for Mid & West Wales, which includes Pembrokeshire, and it's huge offshore potential, I have been in regular discussions with several energy companies about this vast offshore potential, together with the Milford Haven Port Authority, and the opportunities the Celtic Sea Freeport announcement offers Wales in regards to fulfilling this huge offshore potential.

On the specific point of onshore wind developments, I am increasingly concerned we are seeing a repeat of the extractive economy that has characterised Wales' natural resources for centuries – from our water, to coal, to current situation with electricity.

Whilst I acknowledge significant emphasis has been placed by Bute Energy on the community benefits associated with these projects, I remain concerned that many communities will merely see a financial tip of the iceberg - with the majority of profits flowing along the line, out of our communities and to the pockets of absentee stakeholders. If we are serious about developing our onshore wind capacity, I would much rather see a range of smaller-scale, community-owned windfarms developed – which will allow communities to directly benefit from the projects, either directly from the profits generated by the electricity, or in discounted energy and electricity bills. I have previously discussed such proposals at length with organisations such as Community Energy Wales, and the Welsh Government, and will continue to make the case for furthering community owned programmes.

I do hope that the above will provide some clarity on my stance on this issue. Please do forgive me for a lengthy response, however as hopefully is reflected in the above, it is certainly an issue that both myself and party colleagues have taken a greater deal of time considering and investigating over the previous 12 months. Rest assured we will continue to engage with both Welsh Government, Bute Energy and associated bodies over the coming weeks and months.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you wish to further discuss the above, or any other matter.”

This was a detailed and full response and was noted.

c) Cty Cllr Jake Berriman – Green Gen Development

The following email as received:

“As Planning Portfolio Holder, I am actively following all applications of National Significance across Powys, but will not be expressing an opinion on such proposals unless or until a detailed planning submission is forthcoming.”

Cllr Markinson was disappointed and felt that a more detailed response could have been provided. This was noted.

d) Jane Dodds – Green Gen Development

This was noted.

7d2 – Eluned Morgan – Green Gen

The following email as received:

“Thank you for emailing Eluned Morgan's regional office to lay out your concerns about the possible development of a windfarms across the area where you live. I understand the strength of feeling that can arise around this kind of scheme, especially where developments are in rural areas.

As you may know, as well as being a Member of the Senedd Eluned is a Minister in Welsh Government. I understand that the eventual decision on the application for these developments will be made by Welsh Government Ministers. As one of those responsible for deciding on the application Eluned cannot be involved in campaigning or comment for or against the proposals.

If you have further concerns which you would like to raise with Welsh Government about this matter you might like to approach Eluned's colleague Joyce Watson to ask her to act for you. Her contact details are available here.

<https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1raYD6-0009FY-3T&d=4%7Cmail%2F90%2F1707989400%2F1raYD6-0009FY-3T%7Cin6p%7C57e1b682%7C28585958%7C14276588%7C65CDDBC459456F4A6ADF617E7122COA5&o=%2Fphite%3A%2Fstslldneswaed.%2Fo%2Fpolejeys-ycnatoew%2Fsm-&s=YSsLWPM-JPPpTVwMcauWlg-Tys4>

This was noted.

e) Llandrindod Wells Medical Practice

The following email as received:

"The best thing you could do as a Town Council is to put the pressure on the MSs. That would be really helpful to us.

I will have a think if I can gather any statistics for you. The main problem is the extreme demand for our services at the moment and we have no funding to employ more staff. We are trying to encourage patients to think about other services available that may be more suitable to them, such as the pharmacy. Or to call 111 first to seek advice on what is best for them. Thank you for your support."

Members were disappointed with the response provided and would have liked to see the key issues facing the practice and what the Town Council can do to assist.

Cllr Smith felt this was a bland approach and that statistics could provide significant information to the Town Council.

Cllr Curzon felt this is a huge issue for the town and its residents which is also affecting most of Wales. He suggested that a reply be sent to the Practice asking for specific areas of concern that the lack of funding may affect, which will necessitate them to undertake a review and also for statistical information as previously requested.

Cllr Nicholls stated that Jane Dodds MS had tabled a First Minister's question on this matter in January, the Council had not received an update on this matter.

Resolved: reply be sent to the Practice asking for specific areas of concern that the lack of funding may affect which will necessitate them to undertake a review and also for statistical information as previously requested.

f) James Evans MS/AS – Llandrindod Wells Medical Practice

The following email as received:

"Thank you for email. I am deeply concerned about the funding levels for General Practitioners (GPs) in Wales and the potential reduction of services some practices will be able to offer in our area. I am aware many of the surgeries are promoting an online petition to raise awareness of the support that GP practices need to continue and I am urging constituents to lend their support to GPs across Wales by signing it.

Many surgeries across Wales have reduced the non-core services they offer in order to ensure that they can continue with the core GP services. Some have changed working practices or reduced hours.

To my knowledge, Llandrindod Wells Medical Practice is thinking of reducing some of the services it offers and NOT to close the practice altogether. If the Doctors said they would no longer run a GP surgery, then the Health Board would have a duty to take over the running of that practice. With a sizeable population in Llandrindod Wells and surrounding areas, a GP practice would have to be maintained by the Health Board.

The healthcare system is currently facing huge challenges and pressures and I share your apprehension about any future withdrawal of services. Our GPs are responsible for the majority of healthcare contacts each and every day and they are the backbone of the NHS, often not getting the same recognition as the hospital-led services. An efficient and effective GP service saves the NHS thousands of pounds by avoiding unnecessary admissions and reducing pressures on our ambulance service and A&E departments. As such it must be adequately financed.

Healthcare in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Labour Government. Wales gets more money per head than England to spend on healthcare, yet we see higher waiting lists, poorer health outcomes.

I will continue my calls to them to ensure they give sufficient funding to continue operating this vital service. Rural surgeries have faced additional pressures with increased costs of providing services across a larger geographical area, to problems with recruiting in Mid Wales. The Health Minister Eluned Morgan MS must take these factors into account when prioritising the NHS budget as a whole.

I asked a question in the Senedd last week to the Health Minister to see what the Welsh Government will do to support the vital health services we rely on in Brecon and Radnorshire. To watch please click on the Link: <https://www.facebook.com/JamesEvansMS/videos/1368978920656810/>. Her answer did not give me the assurances I hoped for that they will be adequately funded going forward.

I along with my Welsh Conservatives colleagues are continually challenging the Welsh Labour Government on their record of healthcare. I have questioned the priorities of this Welsh Labour Government on many occasions. We should not be seeing £120m being spent on Senedd expansion and 36 more politicians, or more than £30million on changing the speed limit to 20mph. Healthcare and Education should be the two top priorities for Wales, not these vanity projects. “

Cllr Jamie Jones felt this was a good response and James Evans is currently campaigning on this matter. This was noted.

- g) Jane Dodds MS – Llandrindod Wells Medical Practice
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These were noted.

- h) Cty Cllr Josie Ewing – Llandrindod Wells Medical Practice**

The following email as received:

“Llandrindod medical practice offers a wide range of services for all and to lose any of them would indeed not just be a shame, but might cause widespread harm- In particular, to our ageing residents, that may not be able to travel to access out of area services.

On the 16th January, 2024 James Evans MS raised our concerns with the Health Minister. She explained that most GP practices work independently and seek funding from the Welsh Government, for contracted work. It was expressed the change in the practices will aid the responsibilities and active working of medical staff within Llandrindod- this being the apps and directing patients to the two pharmacies within the town.

Yet, we know, not all our residents have smart phones, the internet, or the wish to access the services via technology.

I will continue to express this concern with James. As we all need to be mindful how the changes are affecting every member of the public.

I have included Jane Dodds MS within this email, so that Jane can also continue to express all out issues and worries within the Senedd.”

It was felt that Cllr Ewing had raised a few key points regarding ability to access services.

Cllr Deeks-D’Silva felt that she had raised some good points. He stated that it was about time that Welsh Government stopped wasting money and put money into the National Health. More people are moving into Llandrindod Wells and more houses are being built and we do not have adequate services. The expected waiting time at Hereford A&E is 12 hours which is 13 for Llandrindod Wells residents due to travel requirements. He felt the lack of funding is an absolute disgrace.

i) Cty Cllr Jake Berriman – Llandrindod Wells Medical Practice

The following email as received:

“The recent Facebook post was indeed an eye opener for myself, and I suspect, other councillors.

I don’t have any additional role on the Powys Teaching Health Board, but am broadly aware of the financial constraints that the whole of the Health Sector faces, what I wasn’t aware of was just how unfairly GP Practices have been treated over time as their share of precious resources has diminished.

The public sector faces similar problems as government funding decreases and indeed proposed changes to council tax means that the Welsh Government is looking to transfer more burden for service provision onto local council tax payers as their grant is reduced.

The funding landscape is uncomfortable reading.

I have already encouraged others to complete the online survey and contacted the Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate seeking their support to campaign for a fairer deal for GP practices, this I have circulated to every resident in Llandrindod North ward in my Winter Focus Newsletter this last week.

I will continue to what I can to support this campaign and, more importantly, a strong and progressive GP practice here in Llandrindod. They do a fantastic job under increasingly difficult circumstances and they, and you, have my full commitment to continue to do so.

I am more than happy for us all to discuss what a collective campaign might look like and what role we might all best be able to play.”

The Council welcomed the idea of a collaborative approach to campaigning and it was agreed to contact Cty Cllr Berriman about this.

Cllr Smith will be attending a PCC “Have Your Say” event to represent the Town Council and will bring up the funding of the Practice up. He will report back to the Town Council following the meeting.

Resolved: to contact Cty Cllr Berriman with regards to a collaborative campaigning approach.

TC 35/24

Planning Applications

a) 24/0047/TRE

Grid Ref: E: 305469 N: 261104

Proposal: Works to trees within a conservation area. Location: 9 Rock House Court, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 6AX.

Resolved: no objection with the recommendation that the Ash tree should be taken right down due to the Ash Die back issue with open wounds.

b) Pre-Planning

Proposed Development at land off A483, Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Letter – Cty Cllr Jake Berriman with amended block plan

Resolved: The Town Council very much support affordable housing within its area, however, it was agreed that the Council could not support this site as the number of properties is inappropriate and there are concerns over the additional traffic onto the busy A483. The access and overnight parking of the wagon & drag vehicles accessing the site opposite the proposed development is also an issue. It was also felt that this development would require an extension to the new 20mph speed limit for a significant section past the entrance road.

c) 24/0039/HH

Grid Reference: E:305705 N: 261205

Proposal: Erection of Single Storey Extension and Removal of Boiler Room

Site Address: 8 Oxford Avenue, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6AL,

Resolved: no objection.

TC 36/24

Applications for Financial Assistance

a) Llandrindod Wells Football Club – Application for Coaching Fees

The Clerk reminded members of former Cllr Benjamin Williams' vision to provide coaching funding to local groups. The Clerk had signposted the Football Club to the Greene King fund for coaching. They await the outcome of this application.

Resolved: to defer this matter to await a response from the Club's external grant application. The Clerk will produce a draft application form for Coaching grant applications for discussion at the Business Development Meeting.

TC 37/24

Finances

a) To approve the payments for January 2024

Cllr Deeks-D'Silva referred to the Financial Regulations and had identified an issue

Resolved: Clerk to draft an amendment to the Financial Regulations for presentation to the Business Development Meeting.

Resolved: to defer payment approval to the next meeting.

b) Income/Expenditure to 31.01.24

Some questions were asked about the information provided.

This was noted.

TC 38/24

D-Day 80

Cllr Deeks-D'Silva suggested the Town Council may wish to consider doing something to commemorate this important date in June 2024.

The Clerk confirmed that the RBL will be looking into planning some form of service and possibly activities. The Clerk will keep the Council posted on their plans.

Resolved: Members were asked to forward ideas for a Council event to the Clerk by 4th March 2024 for inclusion with Business Development meeting papers.

TC 39/24

County Councillors Report

a) Cty Cllr Jake Berriman

Cty Cllr Berriman sent his apologies and sent the following written update:

PAC land adjacent to the A483

Following on from the “kitchen conversation” I organised between residents, planning agent and the developer/owner, amended plans have just been received this evening, which I shall now share with residents again and pick up any additional observations. Principally, there are now 11 dwellings proposed rather than 13, as agreed with the Planners subject to a policy justification.

Plots 1-3 are now Bungalows, (one 3-bed and two 2-bed) which was suggested by the Planners rather than the alternative discussed on site with the residents, of turning 2 houses and having a gable facing the road with no doors or windows. Ultimately it was felt that this would have gone against residential design guidance and been more imposing on the properties opposite in terms of height and right to light.

I am further advised that an application could follow in late spring or early summer, but not until a full wildlife survey has been carried out, as discussed with residents and Jo botting, who helpfully attended. The planning Agent has indicated a willingness to receive any additional observations between now and then.

Openreach masts on the Project

You may have seen that I have met with residents of Holcombe Drive/Avenue to hear their concerns about the large telegraph poles, the lack of consultation, project insensitivity and next steps. In addition to supporting residents in making specific objections, I have written a full letter of concern to senior managers in Openreach. This has been acknowledged and I have spoken to someone dealing with my “complaint” today received a second holding email advising that the matter is being actively investigated (with feedback due by the 23rd). Residents are asking for the cabling to be routed underground to replace the existing copper network, which is planned to be removed. The Powys Planning department advise that they have opened an enforcement file on the case as the regulation 24 Prior Notification process was not fully and completely followed, with some information sought still outstanding.

b) Cty Cllr Pete Roberts

Cty Cllr Roberts gave his apologies and submitted the following update:

Other than the meeting with yourselves it has been a relatively quiet month. The Autopalace work is nearing completion and the focus will soon shift to the other half of the project with the development of plans for the housing that will fill the gap alongside. The walkways around the dipping pond on the lake have been completed which is a welcome improvement to visitor safety. In portfolio work I am finalising plans in relation to secondary education in the area that I hope to share in the not too distant future and likewise my work with others on the Geopark concept is also nearing a key milestone.

The main focus though at the moment is the Council budget, where we have had to bridge a budget gap for the coming year that is double what it was forecast to be when we were elected due to the impact of the cost of living crisis on council costs and wages.

This has meant service changes and council tax rises that are deeper and higher than we would have liked but when compared to the issues facing Birmingham, Nottingham and others working under a 114 agreement are quite moderate.

Hopefully we will see the budget pass on Thursday so we can fully turn our attention to the wider Sustainable Powys transformation work and I would encourage anyone who has been invited to one of our focus groups in the coming weeks to get involved so we can have the maximum input and comments on the ideas that are on the table so far.

- c) **Cty Cllr Josie Ewing**
Cty Cllr Ewing sent her apologies

TC 40/24

Green Gen Project

a) Public Meeting

The Task & Finish Group had put forward a suggested date of 27th March 2024 along with other ideas. Members were asked to indicate to the group if they would be free to attend on that evening.

Resolved: to confirm the venue and provide refreshments, along with some copying and paint costs to be funded from the Community Engagement budget. The Clerk will contact the Task & Finish Group for further information and requirements.

b) Discussions on Proposal

Cllr Markinson presented the following information to the meeting

Cllr Markinson had two proposals that would engage the Chairman's point made at the meeting prior to yesterday when we discussed the proposed turbine and pylon development and opened the argument on future action.

His proposals are that firstly we as a Council must represent all sides of the argument. The only fair way forward on that would, in my opinion, be to ask the people who will be affected. To that end my view is that as a Council we should look to putting forward a letter to Powys County Council asking that they engage in a referendum with a simple yes/no question as to whether or not residents want to see the landscape industrialised with wind generators and pylons. This should be sent to the Leader of Powys Council and the Chief Executive and, as a matter of courtesy, copied to every elected County Councillor for Powys and those members of Parliament/AMs representing affected constituencies.

The assumption going forward being that as we operate a democracy it would be incumbent upon the County Council to ask the opinions of the residents it exists to serve about a decision that will affect not only those living here now but their children and future generations.

In this way we as a Town Council will be seen as proactive as we can be within our limits and we can use that request as a platform to approach the press and wider media with statements and use the same to put out important information that this Council believes has not been properly presented in a clear way to the widest audience. The Town Council website could also dedicate further pages to incoming information with links given to the local press each month with updates.

Giving this the oxygen of publicity in this way by putting this to Powys County Council will serve several aspects at the same time.

- It will allow time ahead of a possible referendum to put out statements and information that some Councillors believe the public are unaware of.
- It will place a burden of responsibility to a higher authority to be seen to honour the basic premise of democracy in action and give voice to people on a matter of great importance that affects the coming decades.
- It will demonstrate that the Town Council has done its level best to act in the public interest and apply the maximum pressure possible to give local people a fair say on a matter that is likely to be the biggest decision affecting the region in their lifetime.

Should Powys County Council deny residents their say and oppose this, which is a strong possibility, then it will allow the Town Council to approach the press and media in future explaining how it has done all it can to enable a democratic voice in the debate and the onus will be upon Powys Council to explain their reasoning why they have denied this and the individual County Councillors, who would be the ultimate final decision makers, to explain themselves as well as it will be those Councillors that would be in a position to raise this at Powys Council and request a vote on proceeding or not.

Secondly, He proposed that around two months following on from our approach to Powys Council, irrespective of their response, that our Town Council then makes contact by email letter to all Clerks and local Council Chairmen in the areas affected and explain what we have done and respectfully ask that they join with us to do the same at a later stage. This will act as a belt and braces to the former and assist greatly with the fuel of publicity ahead of a potential referendum and add pressure on Powys County Council to act.

In this way Llandrindod Wells Town Council will be seen to have acted in the communities best interests by asking for the unbiased view of those affected, whatever that may be, by the proposal to site several dozen wind generators and pylons across what is at present a beautiful place and the Town Council will also have been seen to have done its level best to engage with other Councils and elected representatives to achieve a democratic and fair minded approach.

Resolved: Unanimously to write to PCC Chief Executive and ask them to organise a Referendum for the residents of Powys with regards to the Turbine/Pylon projects currently being proposed. To send a copy of this request to the Cabinet Leader and all County Councillors.

On request from Cllr Deeks-D'Silva, Cllr Markinson agreed to join the Task & Finish Group working on this project. He accepted the offer.

c) Brief Update

No further updates.

Marion L Morgan 16/3/24

12/02/24

Date: 01/02/2024

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Cashbook 1

User: JCJ

Lloyds Current Bank A/C

For Month No: 10

Receipts for Month 10

Nominal Ledger Analysis

Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	£ Amnt Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
Balance Brought Fwd :		97,268.38					97,268.38	
PCC	Banked: 12/01/2024	950.00						
PCC	Powys County Council	950.00			1565	180	950.00	Refund of Legal Fees Tremont P
PCC	Banked: 15/01/2024	115.00						
PCC	Powys County Council	115.00			1090	220	115.00	Bunting Licence Refund
SLCC Refun	Banked: 30/01/2024	36.00						
SLCC Refun	SLCC	36.00		6.00	1100	110	30.00	Training Refund Clerk
Total Receipts for Month		1,101.00	0.00	6.00			1,095.00	
Cashbook Totals		98,369.38	0.00	6.00			98,363.38	

Marcus A Morgan
 19/3/24

Payments for Month 10

Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
02/01/2024	M Morgan Lloyd	364	541.66			4150	130	541.66	Rent
02/01/2024	Tesco Mobile	365	8.58			4820	111	8.58	Telephone
02/01/2024	Border Office Supplies	366	34.82		5.80	4050	112	29.02	Copying
02/01/2024	British Telecom	367	389.02		64.84	4820	111	324.18	Phone/Internet
02/01/2024	Pavo	368	10.00			4030	100	10.00	Canva Training
02/01/2024	Office Solutions	369	90.22			4810	110	90.22	Stationery
03/01/2024	ICO	370	35.00			4825	110	35.00	Information Commissioner
04/01/2024	Vinsani Ltd	371	12.99		2.16	4670	220	10.83	Xmas Tree Bag
04/01/2024	Christmas Direct	372	340.00		56.67	4670	220	283.33	Xmas Wall Trees 6
04/01/2024	UK Christmas World	373	427.31		71.22	4670	220	356.09	Festive Lights
05/01/2024	Powys County Council	374	294.00			4155	130	294.00	Rates
05/01/2024	30 Day Notice A/C	Trans	30,000.00				215	30,000.00	Trans from Current to Deposit
08/01/2024	Zoom	375	155.88		25.98	4115	120	129.90	Zoom
10/01/2024	Collister Construction	376	2,880.00		480.00	4225	180	2,400.00	Damp Work/Paviors -Hive
10/01/2024	Powys County Council	377	552.00		92.00	4730	230	460.00	S Posts - Defibs
10/01/2024	SLCC	378	18.00		3.00	4030	110	15.00	Training Clerk
11/01/2024	R Williams	379	60.00			4250	150	60.00	Gift for Minister - Chair
17/01/2024	Adam Piekarski	380	180.00			4565	180	180.00	Goals - Tremont Park
17/01/2024	Grand Pavilion Events Ltd	381	90.00			4115	120	90.00	Meeting Room Hire
17/01/2024	Boyes & Boden	382	868.31		144.72	4225	180	723.59	Hive - Patio/Basement Material
18/01/2024	Wales Air Ambulance	384	250.00			4380	175	250.00	Grant - Wales Air Ambulance
19/01/2024	British Gas	385	128.46		6.12	4625	205	122.34	SC Toilet Elec
19/01/2024	TLT - Incredible Edible	386	96.67			4251	115	96.67	Chairs Grant - Incredible Edib
22/01/2024	M Morgan Lloyd	387	1,339.41			4160	130	1,339.41	Office Services
25/01/2024	Powys County Council	388	995.47			4015	100	777.61	Superannuation
						4000	101	217.86	Deductions
26/01/2024	Prudential - AVC	389	250.00			4000	101	250.00	AVC
26/01/2024	HMRC	390	955.51			4010	100	357.94	NI
						4000	101	597.57	Deductions
26/01/2024	Jane Johnston	391	2,286.32			4000	101	2,286.32	Salary
26/01/2024	Lloyds Bank	392	7.00			4205	130	7.00	Bank Charges
29/01/2024	Highline Electrical	393	1,512.00		252.00	4670	220	1,260.00	FL Removal
29/01/2024	Ebay	394	27.42			4185	130	27.42	Extension Blocks
Total Payments for Month			44,836.05	0.00	1,204.51			43,631.54	
Balance Carried Fwd			53,533.33						
Cashbook Totals			98,369.38	0.00	1,204.51			97,164.87	

Receipts for Month 10**Nominal Ledger Analysis**

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
Balance Brought Fwd :		319,150.06					319,150.06	
	Banked: 05/01/2024	30,000.00						
Trans	Lloyds Current Bank A/C	30,000.00			200		30,000.00	Trans from Current to Deposit
Interest	Banked: 09/01/2024	334.99						
Interest	Lloyds Bank	334.99			1080	100	334.99	Interest
Total Receipts for Month		30,334.99	0.00	0.00			30,334.99	
Cashbook Totals		349,485.05	0.00	0.00			349,485.05	

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Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	£ Amnt Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
Balance Brought Fwd :		53,533.33					53,533.33	
411	Banked: 16/02/2024	88.00						
411	Nantmel CC	88.00			1115	112	88.00	Copying - Nantmel CC
Total Receipts for Month		88.00	0.00	0.00			88.00	
Cashbook Totals		53,621.33	0.00	0.00			53,621.33	

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Payments for Month 11

Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
01/02/2024	M Morgan Lloyd	395	541.66			4150	130	541.66	Rent
01/02/2024	Tesco Mobile	396	8.58			4820	111	8.58	Mobile
01/02/2024	Bradleys	-5453	-50.00			4670	220	-50.00	Cancel Window Comp Cheque Lost
05/02/2024	Border Office Supplies	397	34.51		5.75	4050	112	28.76	Copying
05/02/2024	Lyreco	398	71.51		11.92	4810	110	59.59	Stationery & Consumables
05/02/2024	Microshade VSM	399	208.26		34.71	4080	110	173.55	IT Backup
05/02/2024	Powys County Council	400	294.00			4155	130	294.00	Rates
05/02/2024	Gallagher Insurance	401	91.75			4565	180	91.75	Tremont Park Insurance
05/02/2024	Powys County Council	402	1,568.14			4555	206	1,568.14	Lake Toilets Services
05/02/2024	Dementia Matters in Powys	5457	100.00			4251	115	100.00	DMIP - Chair
05/02/2024	Carnival Committee	5458	100.00			4251	115	100.00	Carnival - Chair Donation
08/02/2024	Highline Electrical	403	6,252.00		1,042.00	4670	220	5,210.00	Install Xmas Lights
08/02/2024	Mark Eggerton	404	2,340.00		390.00	4888	160	1,950.00	Container 4 - Football Club
08/02/2024	Tindle News	405	358.80		59.80	4020	100	299.00	Admin Asst Advert
08/02/2024	Amazon	406	20.97		3.50	4810	110	17.47	Phone Cover - Charger
12/02/2024	Ebay	407	9.47			4810	110	9.47	Laptop Bag
12/02/2024	Ebay	408	17.85			4065	110	17.85	Keyboard Mouse
13/02/2024	Alwyn Walby	5459	100.00			4256	115	100.00	Vice - Sponsorship
16/02/2024	British Gas	409	123.45		5.88	4625	205	117.57	SC Electricity
16/02/2024	AKS Systems	412	240.00			4165	130	240.00	Intruder Alarm
16/02/2024	National Association of Local	413	165.00		27.50	4030	120	137.50	Ass Local Councillors Subs
23/02/2024	Ebay	414	22.99			4315	160	22.99	Insect/Bug Hotel - Prize
23/02/2024	BNP Paribas	415	226.95		37.82	4050	112	189.13	Copier Lease
26/02/2024	Amazon	416	18.98		3.16	4185	130	15.82	Hi Vis Jacket - Clerk
27/02/2024	Amazon	417	69.99		11.66	4185	130	58.33	Body Cam - Clerk
27/02/2024	Powys County Council	418	3,061.02			4555	206	3,061.02	Lake Toilets Services
27/02/2024	Jonathan Sims Carpentry	419	2,576.00			4225	180	2,576.00	Temple Chambers Basement Fire
27/02/2024	Verzon Gallery	420	8.15		1.36	4295	160	6.79	Poster Paints - Public Meeting
27/02/2024	Clerks Salary	421	2,286.52			4000	101	2,286.52	Salary
27/02/2024	Powys County Council	422	995.47			4015	100	777.61	Superannuation
						4000	101	217.86	Deductions
27/02/2024	Prudential - AVC	423	250.00			4000	101	250.00	AVC
27/02/2024	Lloyds Bank	424	9.55			4205	130	9.55	Charges
27/02/2024	Planning Aid Wales	425	50.00			4030	120	50.00	Conf Fees - S Meredudd
27/02/2024	Survey Monkey	426	384.00		64.00	4295	160	320.00	Survey Monkey - Annual Fee
27/02/2024	JRB Enterprises	427	353.28		58.88	4195	130	294.40	Dog Bags
Total Payments for Month			22,908.85	0.00	1,757.94			21,150.91	
Balance Carried Fwd			30,712.48						
Cashbook Totals			53,621.33	0.00	1,757.94			51,863.39	

Receipts for Month 11**Nominal Ledger Analysis**

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
Balance Brought Fwd :		349,485.05					349,485.05	
Interest Banked: 09/02/2024		385.87						
Interest Lloyds Bank		385.87			1080	100	385.87	Interest
Total Receipts for Month		385.87	0.00	0.00			385.87	
Cashbook Totals		349,870.92	0.00	0.00			349,870.92	

Payments for Month 11

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total Amnt</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
			0.00						
Total Payments for Month			0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	
Balance Carried Fwd			349,870.92						
Cashbook Totals			<u>349,870.92</u>	0.00	0.00			<u>349,870.92</u>	