

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price, W Curzon, Jamie Jones, Jon Jones, K Nicolls, J Shaw, M Morgan, K Nicholls, S Deeks-D’Silva, S Meredudd

**Apologies:** None

**Absent:** Cllr B Williams

In view of the Clerk’s current vision issues, Cllr Deeks-D’Silva proposed that the meeting be recorded.

**Resolved:** to record the meeting.

**TC 20/23 Declaration of Interest**  
TC 23/0189 Cllr K Nicholls  
TC 23/0189 Cllr S Meredudd

**TC 21/23 Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved.

**TC 22/23 Clerks’ Report**  
None.

**TC 23/23 Chairs Report**  
The Chair had made presentations on behalf of the Town Council to 1<sup>st</sup> Llandrindod Scouts, purchased a bench for the Rock Park Eye Well area for Friends of the Rock Park, and purchased a washing machine for the Foodbank.

He also wished the Ysgol Calon Cymru Rugby Team well for their match at the Principality Stadium in the final of the Welsh Schools Rugby Union Vase. Members wished them well.

The Chair is planning a Coronation Pop-Up Picnic on behalf of the Council on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May on Temple Gardens. Further information will follow shortly. Any members wishing to assist would be welcomed.

**TC 24/23 Public Speaking**  
None.

**TC 25/23 Correspondence**

**a) Powys Local Service Board Well Being Plan – Consultation**  
This had been circulated to members for completion and sharing within the community. The Clerk encouraged all members to complete this.

**b) Powys Teaching Healthboard – NHS Dental Provision**  
The following response was received:

“I can confirm the new owner is delivering NHS dental services and to help address demand the practice is currently open from 8am -7pm Monday to Friday and from 9-5am on a Saturday.

Since the new contract has been in place one of the dentists who was initially on sick leave has just resigned, however there continues to be 2 dentists working at the practice. We are currently linking in with the owner regarding future recruitment plans.”

Cllr Jamie Jones welcomed this news, however, he felt that this has not increased the service to the residents and asked the Council to keep an eye on the provision and continue to put pressure of Powys Teaching Health Board on this matter.

**c) Lee Waters AS/MS – Active Travel Scheme, Llandrindod**

Reply received as follows:

“We are committed to delivering safe and convenient active travel routes across Wales that enable more people to make short everyday journeys by walking and cycling. The route between Llandrindod Wells and Howey was identified and agreed following previous consultations on Powys County Council’s Active Travel Network Maps and was out for consultation online for 12 months.

The scheme is Welsh Government’s highest priority scheme within Mid Wales and we have worked closely with Powys County Council on the design for this active travel route. The initial consultation did not raise any concerns over the road width, and officials met with local councillors prior to implementation of the scheme to explain the proposals. However, the comments that have now been made public will be considered carefully before moving ahead with the next phase of the scheme. A year ago we published Llwybr Newydd, the Wales Transport Strategy which sets out our ambitions for the next 20 years, our priorities for the next 5 years, and puts modal shift at the heart of our policies for the first time.

The main reason for prioritising this scheme is promoting the ambitions highlighted in Llwybr Newydd: the Wales Transport Strategy 2021 by giving priority to walking and cycling. Providing an active travel route from Howey into the centre of Llandrindod for everyday trips to schools, businesses and local amenities. The reallocation of road space to provide a widened footway enables pedestrians and cyclists to walk and cycle safely. The remaining carriageway width remains to standard, but large vehicles will have to give way at sections where there are parked cars. This is usual in town centres and there are sufficient areas between sections of parked cars to enable drivers to have a clear view of oncoming vehicles and wait accordingly. There is no reason for vehicles to mount the pavement in such circumstances. By providing this active travel route our aim is to reduce the short distance vehicle trips and thereby reduce congestion on this route into Llandrindod.”

Members were extremely disappointed by this response, particularly at the lack of care for health and safety.

Cllr Jamie Jones and Cllr Deeks-D’Silva had been out and taken measurements of the road with the following outcome:

Temple Street Pavement Widening Measurements undertaken on 13.02.23 – Measurements taken by Cllr Steve Deeks-D’Silva and Cllr Jamie Jones. for Llandrindod Wells Town Council. A series of measurements have been taken along the Temple Street pavement widening project (Phase 3) from the North end, heading towards the South end. This has been done after lorries have had issues passing each other and have had to mount the pavement. With the pavement now widened this has created a pinch point on the trunk road in the areas where cars are parked. It should be noted that a large class 1 articulated lorry is approximately 2.5m wide across the cab, before you factor in the mirrors sticking out beyond the cab width. We would estimate that this would extend the mirror width to almost 3m wide. Trunk roads tend to range between 7-8m in width. Although, from looking into this there are guidelines. But the reality is many roads do not comply to those guidelines due to the very nature that the roads are or have been installed in to existing infrastructure or they have been adapted from existing roads. However, new trunk roads being built should comply to the guide lines. In relation to parking on trunk roads, there are some conflicting views as to guidelines that there should not be any parking. It could and should be argued that where parking already exists it has set a precedent and there are thousands of precedents all over the country where there is parking on a trunk road. There has also not been any consultation on the removal of any parking spaces prior to the installation of this phase of the Active Travel Scheme.

<b>Location: (Temple Street) - (Measured in Metres - m)</b>	<b>Widened Pavement:</b>	<b>South Lane:</b>	<b>North Lane:</b>	<b>Parking:</b>	<b>North &amp; Parking:</b>	<b>Overall Road Width:</b>
By Spa OAP Home:	3.17	3.3	2.7	2	4.7	8
				2.6m (Disabled Bay		
Opposite Brookmill:	3.45				0	0
Opposite Montpellier	3.3	3	2.5	2	4.5	7.5
By The Tree In the Lorry Passing Issue Picture: (Van in	3.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	5.1	7.8

Parking)						
Temple Avenue Junction: (North Side)	3.6				0	0
Temple Avenue Junction: (South Side)	2.9	4	3.8	0	3.8	7.8
By Lamp Post PCC1310:	2.8	4	3.9	0	3.9	7.9
By Lamp Post PCC1309:	2.67	3.8	4.1	0	4.1	7.9
By the Bus Shelter:	2.8	3.9	4	0	4	7.9

## TC 26/23

## Planning Applications

## a) Pre-Application – Premier House

## b) 23/0189/FUL

Grid Reference: E:306330 N: 260820

Proposal: Erection of a storage facility screened by a living wall and the provision of a fire exit ramp - Site Address: County Hall, Spa Road East, Llandrindod Wells. Cllr Nicholls declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

The Council supported the plans as they stand and welcomed any improvements to local businesses who actively offer employment opportunities

**Resolved:** to support this pre-application as it stands.

Cllr Jamie Jones noticed that the works had already commenced and he was concerned that appropriate measures were being taken within the COSHH legislation with regards to storage of chemicals.

**Resolved:** not to object to this application provided that all legal requirements were being followed related to the storage of chemicals.

## c) 23/0179/TRE

Grid Ref: E: 305996 N: 260957

Proposal: Felling of a mature elder tree Location: Chatsworth, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5EY. Cllr Meredudd declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** to support this application.

**TC 27/23 Applications for Financial Assistance**

None.

**TC 28/23 Finances**

a) To approve the payments for January, 2023

**Resolved:** to approve payments

b) Income/Expenditure – 31.01.23

This was noted.

c) Annual Audit 2021/22

The Clerk reported an “Unqualified Audit” with no issues identified. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her hard work.

**TC 29/23 Co-option South 1 Ward**

One application was received. Mr David Markinson made a presentation to members via Zoom. A Zoom Ballot was undertaken.

**Resolved:** to appoint David Markinson as member for South 1 Ward. The Clerk will arrange an induction shortly.

The Chair and members congratulated Mr Markinson.

**TC 30/23 Fireworks**

Cllr Deeks-D’Silva asked the Council to consider funding the Victorian Festival Firework Display up to a value of £2500 as in previous years. This would be on the understanding that the Festival take over the responsibility for running and marshalling the event. This would be reviewed annually. The Clerk confirmed that £2500 had been placed within the budget for 2023/24.

**Resolved:** to offer to sponsor the Firework display on the terms above with publicity to include the Town Council sponsorship.

**TC 31/23 Lake – One Way System**

Cllr Jamie Jones asked if the Council could contact PCC about the one-way system and ask them to consider reversing this. The Clerk had been made aware that reversal was not an option due to the traffic volume on the Grosvenor Road junction with A483.

Cllr Nicholls mentioned she had made several approaches to Cty Cllr Pete Roberts to see the results of the survey he undertook some time ago, however, she had received no reply.

The Clerk suggested the extension of the existing one-way system down to the Doctor’s Surgery junction, this would alleviate issues with camper vans, caravans and buses having to reverse down Princes Avenue. Cllr Curzon felt this would need additional signage to prevent buses accessing Princess Avenue from the A483.

**Resolved:** to write to PCC to ask them to consider reversing the one way system, or alternatively extending the existing one way system to the junction with the Doctors Surgery junction with the inclusion of appropriate signage.

**TC 32/23 Wales Air Ambulance**

Nothing to report.

**TC 33/23 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.

**TC 34/23 Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

**a) Temple Chambers Repair Works (Contractual)**

The Clerk circulated the schedule of works required following the fire inspection

**Resolved:** to approve a quote from W Powell for the Fire Alarm works for £1972.

**Resolved:** to contact SWEA with regard to the building lease.

**b) Community Engagement Event - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Contractual)**

In view of the high volume of work currently and the Coronation Event on 8<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed to postpone the Community Engagement Event until spring 2024.

**Resolved:** to postpone this event until spring 2024, Clerk to notify the Pavilion Mid Wales.

**c) Town Website (Contractual)**

Cllr Curzon agreed to look at the existing town website and come back to the Council for the March meeting with ideas on a way forward.

**d) March Meeting**

**Resolved:** to hold the March meeting remotely.