

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 at 6.30pm at Temple Chambers and via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr S Deeks-D'Silva, K Nicholls, P Smith, N Bastow, S Meredudd, S Sims, C Owen

**TC 41/26 Apologies:** Cllr R Thomas

**TC 42/26 Declarations**  
None.

**TC 43/26 Presentation of Annual Grant Awards:**  
The Chair welcomed the guests to the meeting and presented the following grant cheques:

- a) Carnival Committee - £4000
- b) Twinning Association - £2500
- c) Eisteddfod Committee - £500
- d) Silver Band - £1400
- e) Junior Football Club - £2500
- f) Llandrindod Wells Bowling Club - £5000
- g) Llandrindod Community Events - £1000 - did not attend.
- h) Llandrindod Lakers Basket Ball Team - £2500
- i) Welsh Fire Service 4 Nations Bowls - £850

The recipients thanked the Council and spoke a little about the work of their groups and their events.

**TC 44/26 Minutes**  
**a) To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**  
**Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the meeting.

**TC 45/26 Clerk's Report**  
**Princes Avenue Leisure Park**  
The sub base and ground works are now completed at the Leisure Park and contractors or now on site laying the wet pour surface to make the outdoor fitness area fully accessible. The Clerk has applied for funding support towards this project phase II.

**New Skate Park**  
Works are planned to commence this Wednesday which is very exciting and a huge project for this Council and town. The old Ramp has been offered externally, but will be removed by a local contractor for recycling by the end of this week.

**Pride In Place Fund**  
The Clerk has submitted a bid to this fund for the limit of £83,000 to renew and replace public realm items within the town. An allocation of £83,000 has been offered to 18 councils within Powys. We await the outcome.

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#### **Transforming Towns Shop Frontage Scheme**

We are awaiting notification of funding will be in place for the next round of this project. If so, the Town Council will be approaching local business owners with regard to this fund.

#### **Cross Border Healthcare**

The second meeting has been held of this group and an official statement and questions have been sent to each political party and independent candidate for the Senedd elections. Representatives have also been invited to attend a Hustings meeting with the members of the group. It is planned to record this meeting via Zoom and transmit it on the Town Council Facebook page.

#### **Public Services Ombudsman**

The Clerk has been informed that 4 cases have now been completed and no action will be taken as the subjects are no longer members of the Town Council.

The Clerk has also been informed that 1 complaint submitted will not be investigated as it did not meet the two stage criteria.

### **TC 46/26**

#### **Chair's Report**

The Chair began by stating that it had been a busy 11 months whilst he has been in office for him as Chair and also for the Council who is working for the benefit of the residents and Llandrindod Wells.

He had hosted a visit from the High Sheriff, Sally Roberts and spent a day in town taking her around the key sites in the town and introducing her to key stakeholders, lots of businesses, groups and residents.

The Chair had been accompanied by Cadet Sgt Ellis Yeo to start off the participant of the recent Severn Valley Stage Rally.

The Chair and Vice Chair had attended an presentation event for Welsh Scouts who had recently visited Bavaria as part of their Explorers Belt. The Chair had been asked to give a shout out to anyone locally who would like to become a Scout Leader as they are in need of these in the local group.

The Chair had attended the AGM of the Geopark and had presented them with a cheque for £200.

Following the report from the Clerk regarding the Public Services Ombudsman. The Chair informed members that he had been the subject of a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman made by former Cllr David Markinson, who had reported the Chair for fulfilling his role as Chair. This did not meet the two stage test for an investigation to be undertaken.

He stated that David Markinson did not like the actions the Chair had taken in conjunction with the Council and had made a complaint. This is extremely time consuming and concerns petty business. These were 2 of several complaints made by David Markinson, all of which were not investigated.

Cllr Smith reported that he had been the subject of 2 complaints submitted by David Markinson, neither of which had met the two stage test.

Cllr Nicholls confirmed that she had also been the subject of 1 complaint submitted by David Markinson, which again had not met the two stage test.

**TC 47/26**

**Correspondence**

None.

**TC 48/26**

**Planning Applications**

**a) 26/0366/FUL**

Grid Reference: E:305986 N: 261051

Proposal: Formation of self-contained flat - Site Address: The Manor, Lindens Walk, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5EA.

**Resolved:** to support this application

**b) 26/0454/TRE**

Grid Ref: E: 305535 N: 261202

Proposal: Removal of x1 beech and x1 sycamore tree within a conservation area

Location: The Presbytery , Ithon Road, Llandrindod Wells LD1 6AS

**Resolved:** to support this application

**TC 49/26**

**Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Heart of Wales Line Trail**

Application for support for their Trail Passport Scheme. It was agreed to award a grant of £150 to fund for the website page design.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £150.

Cllr Owen joined the meeting.

**TC 50/26**

**Co-option South 1 Ward**

One candidate had applied for co-option to South 1 Ward. The candidate made a short verbal presentation to the Council. The Council then voted by show of hands.

**Resolved:** to appoint Toby Weale as member for South 1 Ward.

**TC 51/26**

**Finances**

**a) To approve the payments for March 2026**

**Resolved:** to approve these.

**b) Income/Expenditure to 31.03.26**

These were noted.

**c) Annual Accounts 2025-26**

The Annual Accounts were presented to full Council for discussion and approval. This included a detailed breakdown of the reserves held by budget line. The general reserves held were £82325 which equates to £13.72 per resident (5999.)

The Clerk reported that the Council must legally hold sufficient general reserves to operate the Council for a 4 month period.

**Resolved:** to approve the accounts for 2025-26 as stated.

The Chair congratulated the Clerk for doing such a thorough job on behalf of the Council.

**d) Internal Audit**

The Internal Audit report was presented to Council. No issues were raised.

**Resolved:** to approve the Internal Audit Report.

Cllr Smith suggested that this report be issued as part of any press release made as it identifies the high standard of accounting maintained by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. This was agreed.

**e) Annual Return 2025-26**

The completed Annual Return was presented to Council for discussion. The Council's income and expenditure had significantly increased this year due to grant awards and associated payments. The Clerk worked through the full return for the benefit of members and answered questions.

**Resolved:** to approve the Annual Return Form.

**TC 52/26**

**Youth Council**

The Clerk circulated information to all members provided by One Voice Wales for discussion.

The Chair explained that there are 2 method for setting up a Youth Council:

1. To appoint 2 Youth representatives to be part of the main Council
2. To appoint a separate Youth Council.

Members discussed the merits of both of these.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at this point to allow some discussion with a visitor to the meeting.

The Chair re-instated Standing Orders following a short discussion.

It was agreed to explore setting up a separate Youth Council made up on members from different groups aged 11 – 17. It was agreed to set up a Task & Finish Group to consist of Cllr Deeks-D'Silva, K Nicholls and the new member.

**Resolved:** to explore the idea of a Youth Council via a Task & Finish Group.

**TC 53/26 Members Information & Reports**

**a) Countryside Volunteer Project**

Cllr Sims reported on his meeting with Alan Austin to discuss the above project. They are planning a meeting with other interested parties and PCC officers.

**TC 54/26**

**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 55/26**

**Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

**a) Public Toilets – Lease**

**Resolved:** to request a meeting with Powys County Council regarding this matter.