

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council which took place on Tuesday 21st July, 2026 at 6.30pm at Temple Chambers, Llandrindod Wells.

MEETING OUTCOMES

- Present:** Cllr S Deeks-D'Silva, K Nicholls, S Meredudd, N Bastow, R Thomas
- TC 94/26 Apologies:** Cllr P Smith, S Sims, T Weale
- TC 95/26 Declarations**
None.
- TC 96/26 Minutes of Meeting on 16th June, 2026**
Resolved: the defer this matter to the next meeting as the meeting was not quorate for this item.
- TC 97/26 Clerk's Report**
- New Skate Park**
It's a very productive month with works progressing ahead of time on the Skate Park. Plans are now fully in place for the Official Opening and Skate Jam on Saturday 5th September, 2026. Posters and information will follow shortly.
- Pride In Place Fund**
It's been a busy month co-ordinating projects, quotes, contractors and plans for this project. Following a recent meeting with PCC Regeneration team we can now begin to carry out works on this project. Final claims must be in by 15th December, 2026, however the Clerk envisages that all projects will be completed by October 2026. Local contractors have been identified wherever possible in support of the "Powys Pound."
- Town of Culture 2028**
Unfortunately, Llandrindod Wells was not shortlisted in this competition. We must thank everyone who supported this application with particular thanks to Zoe Matthews of Celf o Gwmpas for spearheading this.
- Residents Drop In Session**
This session was reported on at the last meeting, and despite the majority of the issues raised falling under the responsibility several matters have now been addressed with pressure from the Town Council and County Councillors for the town.
- Tour de France 2027**
Our Chair and the Clerk have pleasure in representing the Town Council on a liaison group set up the PCC to plan for this event.
- Meetings are being held regularly to ensure that the best possible hosting can be prepared for this important event.

As part of this the Clerk has approached Welsh Government, once again, to request that the Town Council take over the management of the Tremont Road roundabout on the A483 Trunk Road. Discussions are now in place to make this possible following a very positive site meeting. We will also be looking at repairs/refurbishment of the Temple Street canopy over shops.

Fairtrade Status

Since the publication of the agenda we have been approached to re-affirm the Councils support of the re-registration of Fairtrade Status. In order to do the Clerk asked for a proposal at this point.

The Fairtrade Group is in the process of renewing its status and seeks the Council support for this and a commitment for the following:

- To serve and/or use Fairtrade products where possible
- To nominate at least one Town Councillor to attend the Fairtrade Group Steering Committee meetings.

The Town Council fully supports the work of this group.

Resolved: to make a commitment to serve/use Fairtrade products and appoint Cllr Meredudd to serve on the Steering Group. Also, to write a letter in support of the group to assist with its status application.

Public Services Ombudsman

The Council has been notified of the following:

“Had the Former Member remained a member of the Council, it is likely that a referral to the relevant Standards Committee would have been made. This decision will be held on record and, should the Former Member return to office, it will be taken into account in any future cases which the Ombudsman may consider, should any future complaints be received.”

Summer Recess

Although the Council would not normally meet in August, Council work will remain on-going and the office will remain open as normal. Some annual leave may be taken by officers through this time.

TC 98/26

Chairs Report

The Chair reported on the following:

- a) Welsh 2 Day Enduro – the Chair had pleasure in starting of the races in Lake Park and handed over the starting flag to the children who won the art competitions. He was unable to attend the presentation evening, however, Cllr Nicholls, Deputy Mayor attended on his behalf.
- b) Bracken Trust Summer Fair – the Mayor & Mayoress attended this event and presented a cheque in support of the Trust.
- c) Kington Armed Forces Day – the Mayor was accompanied by the Mayor’s Cadet, Sgt Ellis Yeo and met the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of Hereford.

- d) Defibrillator – Maes Y Nant – The Mayor officially launched the new defibrillator on the new estate which was jointly funded by the Town Council and Hale Housing.
- e) PCSO – The Mayor accompanied the local PCSOs on a patrol through the town meeting with residents and visitors.
- f) Here Be Dragons – The Mayor and Mayoress attended this Art Exhibition in the Celf Gallery, he commented on the wonderful art and encouraged everyone to attend. This event was sponsored by the Town Council.
- g) Carnival – The Mayor and Mayoress had a wonderful day at Llandrindod Wells Carnival and were delighted to see everyone enjoying themselves and the community spirit.
- h) Rhayader Carnival – The Mayor and Mayoress were pleased to be part of the judging panel for this event which had a wonderful turnout.
- i) MS Visits – the Mayor will be meeting with 3 Members of the Senedd to show them around Llandrindod Wells and promote our area.
- j) High School Council – The Mayor had pleasure in visiting the High School Council to discuss the possibility of setting up a Youth Council, This will be reported on later in the meeting.
- k) Football Club – The Mayor met with the 3 County Councillors for Llandrindod Wells and the Football Club to discuss a new pitch. This has been on-going for a considerable time.
- l) Social Media- The Chair reported on considerable negative social media posts as the Council seems to be under considerable attached from anonymous people or people using pseudonyms. He has all members commenting on posts not to suggest these people apply to join the Council.
- m) Katie Davies – The Mayor and Mayoress visited Katie Davies who has been chosen to represent Wales in Swimming at the Special Olympics in August. He presented her with a cheque in support of her trip. This is a wonderful achievement.

TC 99/26

Public Speaking

None.

TC 100/26

Correspondence

a) Welsh Fire Service Bowls Section – Thanks

Letter of thanks for the support of this event by the Council.

b) PCC Leader – Sustainable Powys

Email received from the Leader of the Council:

“I have been reflecting on the series of in-person meetings that we have hosted over the last 18 months or so, based on the 5 Core Towns and I am proposing that we stand these down.

The meetings have had mixed success and are probably not providing the value we had hoped in terms of meaningful engagement.

Powys Council is committed to ongoing consultation, constructive dialogue, and collaborative approaches to shared issues faced by our residents and communities, and has adopted place-based planning and locality working as part of its Sustainable Powys approach.

We will continue to seek the views of Town and Community Councils on a range of topics and issues as they emerge and are looking to strengthen the role of our 68 Councillors to support them to be active advocates for Powys in their communities whilst also championing community interests and concerns.

I am arranging a workshop for Members to reflect on their experiences and to strengthen the Community facing aspects of their roles ahead of the 2027 intake of new County Councillors. I am also reaching out to One Voice Wales to explore how we can work more closely together to strengthen our dialogue with Town and Community Councils and I would ask that you will engage positively with this where you are able to do so.”

TC 101/26 Planning Applications

a) P/26/0568/FUL

Construction of 7 No. single storey self-contained modular dwelling units - Site - POWYS COUNTY HALL, SPA ROAD EAST, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, LD1 5LG

Cllr Meredudd had experienced difficulties in accessing the Planning Portal and therefore the Council was not quorate which prevented voting on this application.

Members were disappointed at the level of detailed information provided in support of the application.

Cllr Bastow stated that there is concern from Ysgol Cefnlllys at the proximity to a primary school. Cllr Roberts has been contacted by the school.

In view of comments received from the local school and residents, that this application is “called into Committee” by the local member.

TC 102/26 Applications for Financial Assistance

a) Incredible Edible

Application to purchase water butts for the area.

Resolved: to award a grant of £250. The Chair also awarded a grant of £50 from his allowance.

b) Celf o Gwmpas

Application to run workshops for 11 – 16 year olds.

Resolved: to award a grant of £250.

TC 103/26

Finances

a) To approve the payments for June 2026

Resolved: to approve the payments.

b) Income/Expenditure to 30.06.26

These were noted

TC 104/26

Co-option to Vacancy

One application was received for the vacancy in South 2 Ward. The candidate addressed the Council in support of their application.

Resolved: to appoint Hayley Seyffert as Councillor for South 2.

TC 105/26

Youth Council

The Chair reported that the Task & Finish Group have been working on this project and will be meeting with youth groups in the near future to begin the process. The Youth Council is likely to be made up of 11 or 12 members aged from 11 – 16. When the Chair visited the High School Council he was encouraged by their passion and enthusiasm and the future visits to youth groups will ensure that all youths, including those who may be home educated have the opportunity to apply. The group will report to the September meeting on progress.

TC 106/26

Economic Growth of Llandrindod

The Chair referred to a newspaper article referring to him not having a magic wand to solve all problems. This related to shops within the town and regenerating the area. Several matters were discussed. Unfortunately there is very little Government money for this project.

Cllr Nicholls liked the idea of setting up a Chamber of Trade to work on promoting the businesses in town. The Clerk suggested that the Council may wish to float this idea amongst businesses.

Resolved: Clerk to float the idea of setting up a Chamber of Trade in town.

TC 107/26

Members Reports

a) Biodiversity Film – People’s Emergency Briefing

Cllr Meredudd reminded members of this film being shown at the Pavilion on 14th August 2026, 7pm for 7.30pm Everyone is welcome. She thanked the Chair for providing some funds towards this event.

b) CPRW

Cllr Meredudd reported that the Campaign for Rural Wales (CPRW) continue to Campaign against Pylons and Turbines.

TC 108/26

County Councillors Report

a) Councillor Surgery

Her first surgery was held recently in conjunction with Cty Cllr Pete Roberts. This had been a positive surgery with 2 matters relating to the Town Council highlighted.

- Residents would like to have benches along Middleton Street and the inclusion of a Friendship Bench.
- A member of Tremont Wombles was concerned about the poor standard of grass cutting on Tremont Park and the infrequency.

2 safety cuts and 1 full cut are carried out annually funded by PCC. The Town Council may wish to consider funding further cuts and sweeps. Cllr D'Silva reported that the Street Sweeper is currently awaiting a part so it out of action.

- Issues with overgrown hedges was also raised, however, it is not possible to carry these out until after the nesting season.
- Wildflower verges was also mentioned, it was reported that some of these have been cut back for visibility and safety issues.

b) Oxford Road Access/Egress

This had been raised by several residents and Cty Cllr Pete Roberts has now taken this matter up with PCC Highways.

c) Lake Park

The Lake Park has become quite overgrown, particularly the Reed Bed. Cllr D'Silva has asked for the schedule of works to be provided.

d) Pylons & Wind Turbines

Cty Cllr D'Silva had addressed full Council at the recent meeting regarding pylons and wind turbines.

e) Planning Application - P/26/0568/FUL

Insufficient information was provided with this application and Cty Cllr Roberts has asked for this. He has been contacted by Ysgol Cefnlllys and will be looking into this matter.

f) Empty Shops

Cllr D'Silva wished to encourage residents to shop locally and value the shops. She supported the idea of re-establishing a Chamber of Trade and felt that the town could be marketed as "Art of Wellness."

g) Hospital

Cllr D'Silva reported that there has been alarm at the reports of hospital beds being closed down. This was one of several options being discussed and she would continue to support the residents against this. There is an online petition for residents to sign - <https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.brlibdems.uk%2Fsaveourhospitals%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZWOCMTAAynJpZBEw>

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h) T20 Bus

Cllr D'Silva will continue to support residents to get the return of a bus directly to Cardiff.

TC 109/26 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 110/26 Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)

a) Pride in Place Funding (Contractual)

The Clerk outlined the financial position of this fund and provide some quotation information in support of this.

Resolved: Clerk to be given delegated powers to make relevant and appropriate virements to meet any grant overspend on the agreed project.