

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr W Curzon (Chair), S Sims, S Deeks-D'Silva, K Brelstaff, K Nicholls, K Evans, S Meredudd, M Morgan, S Thomas, J Jones, J Shaw, B Williams.

Apologies: Cllr L Weerdmeester-Price,

Absent: None.

TC 130/21 **Declaration of Interest**
TC 137/21a Cllr S Meredudd

TC 131/21 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2021 were approved subject to amendment.

Following recent negative and inaccurate reporting the Clerk was asked to look into the process for the Press Complaints Commission.

TC 132/21 **Clerks' Report**
It's been a busy summer recess which included the Town Council holding a meeting in August 2021.

Princes Avenue Leisure Park

The Leisure Park was let out to groups for weekends in June and July and throughout the summer holidays, this enabled groups to promote their work and raise much needed funds to support them. Some groups raised in excess of £1000 a week which is wonderful. Thanks go to the groups who hired the leisure park and to everyone who visited and enjoyed the facilities. The PALP Committee will be meeting on 28th September to discuss future plans and maintenance of the site prior to the council's budget setting in November/December.

Nurture Our Nature Garden

The plants have continued to bloom and develop and this a very popular place for residents and visitors. I have received lots of lovely comments whilst visiting the garden. The Chair and I also hosted a visit from the Local Places for Nature Officer from One Voice Wales who wishes to use our garden as a case study.

Flowerbeds, Planters & Hanging Baskets

Thanks to Steve Smith and Neil Williams for keeping the flowerbeds and planters blooming and to Paul McKechnie for watering the hanging baskets, filling the planter reservoirs and watering the Nature Garden.

Festive Lighting

The Festive Lighting Committee have met 3 times to plan for Christmas 2021. We hope to publish the plans early October 2021, so watch this space! Thanks to everyone for their work on this project.

Skate Park

The Skate Park Committee will meet on 15th September to commence the work on the new Skate Park. This will involve the raising of considerable funds which will be no mean feat, and inviting contractors to the site to provide plans for the park. Further updates will follow from the Committee.

The Hive

Following a recent meeting with Becky Webb the Clerk reported the following:

- a) The Hive has been shortlisted for the Powys Business Awards
- b) The Repair Café is hosting an event on Thursday
- c) Barclays Bank and Pobl are operating a service from the Hive
- d) There is a confirmed new tenant moving in shortly
- e) £11,500 of baby goods have been distributed
- f) 400 families have accessed the uniform exchange.

TC 133/21 Chairs Report

None

TC 134/21 Public Speaking

None.

TC 135/21 Correspondence

a) Llandrindod Wells Silver Band – Rehearsal and Storage Space

Request from band for assistance to identify rehearsal and equipment storage space.

Members suggested The Pavilion, MRC, Play Radnor, Celf o Gwmpas and Albert Hall. The Clerk will feed these ideas back to the band.

b) One Voice Wales – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Meredudd commented that the Scouts had hosted a beacon on Beacon Hill around 20 years ago. It was agreed to forward this email to the 1st Llandrindod Scout Group. Cllr Brelstaff abstained from this vote.

The Clerk asked members to consider this anniversary and bring ideas forward to the next Business meeting.

Resolved: to bring ideas forward to the next Business meeting.

c) Cty Cllr Pete Roberts – Lake Park Issues

Response to the Council’s letter as follows:

“Many thanks for these observations many of which chime with the conversations I have been having with residents. Indeed I would add to them recollections that there may still be a by law that prohibits overnight camping around the Lake from the 1960s. I am currently preparing an online survey similar to the one used for the recent Barclays campaign and I hope to have this live within the next week which hopefully will capture a comprehensive set of views from the wider community about how to move forward with the environment around the Lake in the longer term as we look to prepare a wider plan for future use.”

The Clerk reported that the Portfolio Holder, Cty Cllr Heulwen Hulme had responded as follows:

“I will discuss this further with the Head of Service and senior officers in due course and come back to you as soon as possible.”

Resolved: Clerk to chase this up as soon as possible.

d) Welsh Government – Welsh Public Sector Route-map

“The Welsh Public Sector Route-map is being used to support your journey to decarbonise. Link to share the formal publication of Welsh Public Sector Route-map, (<https://gov.wales/net-zero-carbon-status-2030-public-sector-route-map>) which is now available on the Welsh Government website.

One of the key components of measuring progress against the Route-map is the Welsh Public Sector Reporting Guide (<https://gov.wales/public-sector-net-zero-reporting-guide>) The guide was published in May this year, and reporting would normally be in June, 3 months following the end of the financial year. However, this is not realistic in the first year. Following comments and engagement with several public bodies, including CLAW we have set the 31 October 2021 as the deadline for reporting for the baseline and 2020/2021 position, returning to June for the reporting in 2021/2022.

As part of the early support we propose to establish an external organisation to offer helpline advice where required and to provide updated emission factors where applicable as soon as possible for the 2020/21 reporting period. Details of the support will be provided as soon as available.

We would welcome any comments you might have on the process and guidance. The lessons and feedback from this first year of reporting will help inform any changes needed to ensure best practice becomes embedded for future years. We will collate any comments and findings from this first year to report back to everyone at the earliest opportunity in the New Year.”

Resolved: Members were asked to look at this and feed comments back to Cllr Brelstaff for inclusion at the next meeting.

e) Victorian Festival Committee – Thanks

Thanks for the grant funding and assistance with the Victorian Festival. This was noted. It was hoped that if future grant funding is made, the Victorian Festival would give this a higher profile.

f) Welsh Government – County Council Boundary Changes

Notification of the County Council Boundary Changes to be implemented in May 2022. These were noted.

TC 136/21

Planning Applications

a) 21/1026/FUL

Grid Reference: **E:** 307672 **N:** 260784

Proposal: Erection of Log cabin, access track and installation of treatment plant and drainage field. - Site Address: Pantpurlais, Cefnlllys Lane, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5PD. Additional Information.

Resolved: No objection to amendments

b) 21/1049/FUL

Grid Reference: E:306035 N: 261201

Proposal: Replacement windows to the front elevation (part retrospective)

Site Address: Brighton House, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5DL.

Resolved: no objection. Members were pleased to see the applicant had taken into consideration the requirements within the conservation area.

TC 137/21 Applications for Financial Assistance

a) 1st Llandrindod Scouts

Cllr S Meredudd declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Resolved: A grant of £350 awarded to support the trip to St Fagan's.

b) Llandrindod Wells Rugby & Football Club – Defibrillator - £500

Joint project between the 2 clubs to provide a public access defibrillator and case. The defibrillator is already in place.

Resolved: to award a grant of £500 towards the purchase of a case.

c) Lon Cwm Green - £250

The Clerk reported that unfortunately this is not a constituted group.

Resolved: Unable to award a grant as this group is un-constituted. Group offered the opportunity to re-apply if they become constituted. Cllr Jones abstained from the vote.

TC 138/21 Finances

a) To approve the payments for July 2021

Resolved: accounts were approved.

b) To approve the payments for August 2021

Resolved: accounts were approved

c) Expenses/Budget to 31.08.21 (for information)

Cllr Thomas left the meeting.

TC 139/21 East Ward Vacancy

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received.

Resolved: to re-advertise the position.

TC 140/21 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – Meeting Outcomes & Requirements

The Clerk reported the new legal requirements contained within the above Act.

a) Councils must provide the following information within 7 days of a meeting:

- List of Attendees
- Apologies
- Declarations of Interest
- Resolutions Made

Resolved: to publish summary of meeting outcomes and other requirements within 7 days of the meeting.

b) The Act enables Councils to held remote, in-person and Hybrid meetings. However, Councils must provide the facility for members of public to join in person meetings remotely. This would require internet access and all associated equipment in meeting rooms.

Resolved: to continue with remote meetings for the time being. Write to Welsh Government to ask if any grant funding for equipment purchase will be offered. To write to Powys town and community councils to ask them to also contact Welsh Government

TC 141/21

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 and personnel content.

TC 142/21

Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)

a) **Lake Park – Water Beast**

The Clerk reported on her conversation with Steve Gealy.

Resolved: To arrange an informal meeting with Steve Gealy and Cty Cllr Pete Roberts

b) **Skate Park Committee – Hosting Costs and Update**

Cllr Deeks-D’Silva had been appointed as Chair of the Skate Park Committee at the first meeting. The group consists of members from the Town Council, Llandrindod’s Ready to Roll, former Dod Town Xtreme, Cty Cllr Pete Roberts and Rachel Maflin of Play Radnor. Roles have now been allocated for members to pursue.

Resolved: to allocate up to £1000 to support contractor visits.