

## LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 via Zoom at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr M Morgan, P Smith, K Nicholls, S Meredudd, S Sims, Jamie Jones, Jonathan Jones, W Curzon, N Bastow

**Apologies:** Cllr D Markinson, S Deeks-D'Silva, L Weerdmeester-Price

**TC 71/24 Declaration of Interest**

TC 77/24c	Cllr Jamie Jones
TC 78/24	Cllr Jonathan Jones
TC 78/24	Cllr Kim Nicholls
TC 79/24	Cllr Sian Meredudd

**TC 72/24 To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

This matter is deferred until the next meeting.

**TC 73/24 Clerk's Report**

None.

**TC 74/24 Chair's Report**

Firstly, many thanks to those who have sent me congratulatory messages on being re-elected as Chair/Mayor last Tuesday evening. Many congratulations to Cllr Paul Smith on being elected as Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor, I wish him every success in his new role.

This first week of the new municipal year has got off to a busy start and it's been a team effort.

**23/5/24** – I was invited to the Official Launch of Carad's Timescape Rhayader – a heritage and arts space which takes you on a creative journey through time to showcase mid Wales, its unique place in Welsh history and in the global economy. I would encourage everyone to visit this amazing new tourist attraction. Thank you to my consort for the evening, Mrs Jan Moulding, who does volunteer work for the Samaritans and the Bracken Trust.

**24/5/24** – I had an early start to wave off the Wacky Racers from the Rugby Club on their fundraising weekend drive around Wales, to include St. Davids and Bangor, with challenges during their travels. Fundraising this year is for The Bracken Trust and St Michael's Hospice.

**26/5/24** – Many thanks to our Town Crier, Jan Swindale, for helping on Sunday afternoon by welcoming the Wacky Racers back to Llandrindod Wells ringing their bell! Over £6k was raised for the charities – well done to the organisers and to everyone who took part.

**Other**

As we start the new municipal year, the Town Council will continue to work on behalf of its residents with on-going projects and the development of new projects for the benefit of Llandrindod Wells. As always, this will be with the support of the Council members, external agencies and hopefully grant funders.

Next weekend will be busy up at our lake with the Big Battle being organised by Fuelled by Cake and I am really looking forward to presenting the prizes. I wish them every success with the event and I hope that the sun shines!

**TC 75/24 Public Speaking**

None.

**TC 76/24**

**Correspondence**

**a) Fuelled by Cake – Big Battle – Town Council Team**

Notification of the event sponsored by the Town Council and offer to form a team. The Chair will be attending this event in her official capacity.

**b) Wales Air Ambulance – EMRTS Service (for info)**

Circulation of a document entitled “A New Future – Saving More Lives.” Link: <https://www.llandrindodwellstowncouncil.co.uk/wales-air-ambulance/>

Clr Curzon felt that it was not clear from this information what changes are to be made to the services for this area.

Clr Jamie Jones gave some information relating to the changes as reported previously and agreed with Clr Curzon that the information was sadly lacking.

**c) PCC – Street Naming**

Confirmation of acceptance of the Council’s suggestions for the naming of the 2 elements of the new housing development close to Lakeside Avenue as Bryn Gwylfa and Pen-bryn. However, it was agreed to reflect a preference for Pen y Bryn.

**Resolved:** to submit the preference to PCC.

**d) PCC – Lake Park, Traffic Direction and Road Layout**

The following response was received from Cty CLr Jackie Charlton, Portfolio Holder for a Greener Powys:

“Thank you for your email regarding the traffic management around the lake in Llandrindod Wells. I do understand your concerns.

I would like to provide you with some good news on this, but we are not in that place right now.

Until funding is confirmed we are not able to plan and set dates for any consultations and/or implementation of works. The consultation will aim to try and reach as wide an audience as possible to ensure people have the opportunity to comment.

I know that Llandrindod Town Council will enable that to happen, and we should work together for the best outcome.”

This was noted.

**TC 77/24**

**Planning Applications**

*(Applications may be received after the agenda has been published and due to the 21- day response time may be considered at this meeting.)*

**a) 24/0607/TRE**

Grid Ref: **E:** 306146 **N:** 260916

Proposal: Works to Three Leylandii trees, one Juniper bush and low-lying shrub Location: Mangalore, Flat 3, Spa Road East, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5ES

Clr Meredudd pointed out that Juniper bushes are extremely rare and should be protected.

**Resolved:** to have no objection to the removal of the Leylandii trees but no comment on the Juniper bush and low-lying shrub.

**b) 24/0622/HH**

Grid Reference: E:306584 N: 261218

Proposal: Widening of existing driveway. Site Address: Meadows End, 12 Brookfields, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LF

**Resolved:** no objection

**c) PAC - Fronheulog, Llandrindod Wells, Powys**

Cllr Jamie Jones declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place

The Clerk reminded members that a similar application had been submitted some time ago, which the Council had supported. This new pre-application is on behalf of another applicant.

Cllr Smith felt that he would have objected to this application if he had been a member of the Council at the time of the original application as there is a lack of social care premises within Llandrindod Wells. However, as the Council had agreed to the original application he would support this.

**Resolved:** no objection.

**TC 78/24 Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Junior Girls Football**

Cllr Jonathan Jones and Cllr Nicholls declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place

Application for a grant towards the provision of trophies and medals.

Cllr Curzon felt that as there was no specific details of the members who were residents of Llandrindod Wells, the Council should ask for more information which would normally be the case. In view of the short deadline, it was agreed to award a grant of £250 on this occasion only. Applicant to be notified that the number of residents within the Llandrindod Wells boundary would be required for future applications.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £250.

**TC 78/24 Finances**

**a) To approve the payments for April 2024**

**Resolved:** to approve the payments as listed.

**b) Income/Expenditure to 30.04.24**

**Noted.**

**TC 79/24 Co-option South 2 Ward**

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

One application was received.

The Chair invited the candidate to briefly address the Council in support of his application

**Resolved:** to appoint Mr Robert Thomas as member for South 2 Ward.

**TC 80/24 County Councillors Reports**

**a) Cty Cllr J Berriman**

None.

b) **Cty Cllr P Roberts**  
None.

c) **Cty Cllr J Ewing**  
None.

**TC 81/24**

**Llys Heulog Play Area**

Cllr Nicholls had been approached by a local resident about the former Llys Heulog Play Area, she had been asked to bring this to the attention of the Council.

The Clerk had contacted the Outdoor Recreation Officer for Powys County Council to establish some information on this matter and was informed that the equipment had reached its end of life status several years ago and due an issue with the land would not be replaced.

The Clerk suggested contacting the County Councillor for the area to pursue this matter on behalf of the residents and Town Council.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Cty Cllr Berriman with regard to this matter.

Cllr Smith mentioned Section 106 monies following a comment from the Clerk and suggested that the Council approach Powys County Council to obtain a list of outstanding Section 106 monies which remain unspent at this point in time.

**Resolved:** to contact PCC to obtain details on the remaining Section 106 monies.

**TC 82/24**

**Online Focus Group on Democratic health of Community and Town Councils**

This matter was not discussed as Cllr Deeks-D'Silva was not in attendance.

**TC 83/24**

**Green Gen Towy Usk**

**a) Explore Committee Status**

The Clerk reminded members of the decision at the Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 when a proposal was made by a member for the Council to form a Committee to replace the Task & Finish Group.

The outcome of this proposal resulted in a majority vote to abstain from making a decision to enable members to research and obtain more information relating to the Re -Think, Don't Break the Heart of Wales Group.

Although the Clerk had been challenged by some members prior to this meeting with regard to re-visiting this matter within 6 months, the Clerk clarified that no decision was made on the proposal; the decision was to obtain more information to enable the Council to make an informed decision.

Cllr Smith had checked out the Standing Orders and the Clerk is correct in her advice to the Council about re-visiting this matter despite some members non-acceptance of this.

Members discussed this matter at great length and explored how best for the Council to move this project on.

Cllr Smith had circulated inform on the Re-Think group to all members in line with decision to obtain further information prior to re-visiting this matter at tonight's meeting.

He had also contacted the leader of the Re-Think group to carry out further research and updated the Council on this. Cllr Smith had been disappointed by some emails received by members on this matter, particularly one which he was unhappy with. He now wishes to move on from this matter.

Cllr Smith felt that Re-Think is an impressive group with a very thought out process, a good level of knowledge and expertise with a large presence within the community. It has also been successful raising financial support and has suitable branding and resources. He felt would be difficult for a Town Council Committee, with its limitations, to be able to match this. He felt that the Town Council should consider Re-Think as a vehicle to join forces with.

Members agreed for the Council to approach Re-Think to ask if a member of the Town Council could sit on their Committee and other members join their group. Those interested members were asked to notify the Clerk by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024.

**Resolved:** to approach Re-Think to ask if a member of the Town Council could sit on their Committee and other members join their group

**TC 84/24** **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 85/24** **Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related.)**

**a) Personnel Committee Membership (Legal)**

This matter had been deferred from the Annual Meeting. This Committee must consist of up to five members which must include the Chair and Vice Chair.

Four members expressed an interest in being a member of this Committee, therefore a vote was taken on each individual Member.

Cllr Jamie Jones requested a Recorded Vote be taken.

<b>Candidate 1</b>	<b>Cllr Wade Curzon</b>		
<b>Member</b>	<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Bastow, N	In Favour		
Curzon, W	In Favour		
Jones, Jamie			Abstain
Jones, Jonathan	In Favour		
Meredudd, S	In Favour		
Morgan, M	In Favour		
Nicholls, K		Against	
Sims, S			Abstain
Smith, P	In Favour		
	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Candidate 2</b>	<b>Cllr Jamie Jones</b>		
<b>Member</b>	<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Bastow, N	In Favour		
Curzon, W		Against	
Jones, Jamie	In Favour		
Jones, Jonathan		Against	
Meredudd, S	In Favour		
Morgan, M		Against	
Nicholls, K			Abstain
Sims, S			Abstain
Smith, P		Against	
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Candidate 3</b>	<b>Cllr Jonathan Jones</b>		
<b>Member</b>	<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Bastow, N	In Favour		
Curzon, W	In Favour		
Jones, Jamie		Against	
Jones, Jonathan	In Favour		
Meredudd, S	In Favour		
Morgan, M	In Favour		
Nicholls, K	In Favour		
Sims, S			Abstain
Smith, P	In Favour		
	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Candidate 4</b>	<b>Cllr Kim Nicholls</b>		
<b>Member</b>	<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Bastow, N	In Favour		
Curzon, W	In Favour		
Jones, Jamie	In Favour		
Jones, Jonathan	In Favour		
Meredudd, S	In Favour		
Morgan, M	In Favour		
Nicholls, K	In Favour		
Sims, S			Abstain
Smith, P	In Favour		
	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Resolved:** to appoint Cllr W Curzon, Jonathan Jones and K Nicholls to the Personnel Committee.

**b) Temple Chambers (Contractual)**

This item was tabled by Cllr Markinson who was not in attendance. This matter was not discussed.

**c) MNP Mind- Co-Location & Development (Contractual)**

Letter informing members of the plans for co-location.

**Resolved:** to support this fully.