

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr C Rouse, J Williams, S Meredudd, E Worgan, W Francis, R Houghton, C Carmichael, S Millington, R Coleman

Apologies: Cllr G Price, S Dorkenoo, J Green, P Hill

Absent: Cllr A Bridgman

TC 35/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th March 2016 were confirmed and signed.

TC 36/16 **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

TC 14/16b **Alexandra Road Bridge**

Despite strong opposition from the Town Council and local residents, this bridge was demolished over Easter. During the meeting with Network Rail representatives they clarified that Network Rail does not own the bridge.

TC 14/16b **Level Crossing**

A meeting was held with Network Rail who that crossings have a 20-25 year life span. This crossing will in 2-3 years become 'life expired.' Network Rail are now undergoing an extensive Risk Assessment process which they are legally bound to do and then develop a joint long term strategy in partnership with the Local Authority. Network Rail committed to consult extensively with local residents and develop a way forward. They plan to have community consultation and will arrange an event to take place in Celf o Gwmpas to discuss plans with all local residents. No decision with regard to the future of the Level Crossing has been made yet and the officers present undertook to contact the Town Council immediately following the completion of the Risk Assessment to notify us of information with regard to the Community Consultation event.

TC 26/16 d **Dog Waste Bin**

A bin has now been placed on the junction with Ddole Road Enterprise Park and Tremont Road.

TC 31/16 **Queen's Birthday**

Commemorative Coins have now been ordered.

TC 33/16 **Facebook**

I have now set up a Town Council Facebook information page.

TC 34/16 **Lakeside Toilets**

The Town Council has now taken over the operation of the Lake toilets from 1st April 2016. Both I and members have been approached by grateful local residents who are delighted to see this service available once again. Our thanks go to Mrs M Hancock and Mr & Mrs Young for their support with this service.

The Clerk reported that on Saturday 9th April someone had set fire to one of the toilet roll holders in the men's toilets.

Resignation

The Clerk notified members of the resignation of Cllr Chris Bailey due to ill health effective from 12th April 2016. The Chairman said that Cllr Bailey would be greatly missed particularly for his expertise within planning. The Clerk has published the CV2 Vacancy Notices in the community, on the Town Council Facebook page and Website.

TC 37/16

Chairman's Announcements

- 10.03.16 Festive Lighting
Productive meeting with member of LED (Love Everything Dod) joining us.
- 18.03.16 Opera Cymru
A really special evening to mark the re-opening of the Grand Pavilion. Congratulations to everyone concerned.
- 19.03.16 50th Anniversary of Wylesfied
A delightful occasion. We were made so welcome and enjoyed talking to residents and their families.
- 23.03.16 Network Rail Meeting
Meeting with representatives of Network Rail and Tony Caine PCC Traffic Manager with regard to the Level Crossing.
- 31.03.16 Community Delivery
Meeting with Paul Griffiths, Lisa Griffiths and Brian Price with regard to Grounds Maintenance.
- 11.04.16 Business Development
Meeting of Full Council to discuss projects.

TC 38/16

Correspondence

a) Welsh Government – Temple Avenue Wall

Email from Minister as follows:

“Thank you for your email of 17 March to Powys County Council regarding the wall and footway along the A483 in Llandrindod Wells. I am responding in view of my portfolio responsibilities.

As advised in my previous response of 3 March my officials and the local authority are liaising with the owners of the wall regarding its repair. I have passed your email to my officials for information.”

The Clerk informed members that the barriers had been removed for a week, however no remedial works seem to have taken place.

b) Twinning Association – Invitation to Bad Rappenau

Letter as follows:

As you may be aware the Twinning Association has received an invitation to visit Bad Rappenau between 22 and 27 September to celebrate the 15th anniversary of twinning between Bad Rappenau and Llandrindod Wells. The visit will include a trip to Lake Constance, wine tasting, and a concert by the Grombach Band who visited Llandrindod last year. Would you please ensure that members of the Town Council, past and present, are aware of the invitation. The Bad Rappenau Committee would be particularly pleased if any of the members serving at the time that the twinning charter was signed could attend. Guests will be hosted in the homes of twinning supporters in Bad Rappenau and the surrounding villages.

Cllr Williams will be representing the Town Council on this trip and urged other members to take up the opportunity to forge further links with our twin towns.

c) Powys County Council – Tremont Road & Ridgebourne Car Parks

The second application for Community Asset Transfer of the two car parks has now been refused by Powys County Council. Members were disappointed with the outcome of this application.

d) Powys County Council – High School Consultation

Cllr Millington declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. Notification of the Consultation. The consultation commences today, the 6th April 2016, and will end on 23rd May 2016.

Cllr Williams had attended the recent meeting along with 4 other members of the Town Council, he asked all members to take part in the consultation and show their support for the school and its staff and pupils. The closure of the school would have a negative impact on the whole of the town. There will be a National Union of Teachers strike on Thursday 21st April in direct opposition to the proposed school closures, members of the school will be marching at 10am to County Hall to show their support. Members of the Town Council were asked to join in. The Chairman and other members indicated that they would be attending.

e) Roy Palmer – Lake Toilets

Letter as follows:

“Having been critical of the ridiculous decision by Powys CC to close the public toilets at The Lakeside, Llandrindod Wells and the effect it could have on visitor numbers to the town, I must express my delight that our local council have agreed to re-open the toilets. Indeed you had them operating in time for the Easter holidays, so no time was wasted in getting them ready. I believe that volunteers have come forward to support the maintenance and cleaning of the toilets and they too are to be applauded.

Well done to all members of the Llandrindod Town Council who supported this initiative.”

Members were pleased to receive this letter.

TC 39/16

Applications for Financial Assistance**a) Play Radnor – Release of Grant - £150**

Cllr Worgan declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. Approved.

b) Victorian Festival – Application for Grant - £650

Prior to discussions commencing Cllr Williams pointed out his intention to declare an interest in this matter. Although this was not necessary, he felt that in view of negative personal comments received from a member of the Victorian Festival Committee via social media he did not wish to take part in any discussions with regard to this application. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. Application to sponsor the Circus for 2 days Victorian week costing £650.

Resolved: to award £650 to solely sponsor this event.

TC 40/16

Representatives Reports

None

TC 41/16

Planning Applications

- a) **P/2016/0232** for Demolition of existing double garage and erection of new at The Old Workshop Park Crescent Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection provided that the garage is not used for commercial use.**
- b) **P/2016/0233** Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing double garage at The Old Workshop Park Crescent Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**
- c) **P/2016/0277** Demolition of existing conservatory with other alterations and two storey extension at Nursery Y Garth Alexandra Road Llandrindod Wells Powys. Cllr Millington declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. **No objection.**
- d) **P/2016/0315** for Erection of an extension at Former Fire Station Tremont Road Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**
- e) **P2016 0347** for Demolition of outbuildings at Rhoslyn High Street Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**
- f) **P/2016/0368** Erection of a dwelling with detached garage at Plots 4 & 5 Walnut Close Trefonen Lane. **No objection.**
- g) **P/2016/0387** Erection of 2 storey extension at Ivy Cottage Crossgates Llandrindod Wells Powys. Cllr Williams declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. **No objection.**
- h) **P/2016/0371** Reinstatement of 4 flats at Fairview Temple Street Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**
- i) **P/2016/0402** Erection of a rear single storey extension and porch at 2 Ridgebourne Close Llandrindod wells Powys.

Cllr Millington declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. No objection.

- j) **TREE/2016/0011** - Felling of trees in Conservation Area at 5 Rock House Road, Llandrindod Wells. Documents are attached. **No objection provided that the applicant plants replacement like for like trees.**

TC 42/16

Accounts

a) To approve the payments for March 2016

The accounts as listed for March were approved and signed.

b) Balance Sheet 2015/16

The Balance Sheet for 2015/16 was approved and signed.

TC 43/16

Commemoration of Battle of the Somme

Cllr Worgan mentioned that the Royal British Legion would like to carry out a Vigil, similar to that done previously to commemorate the above and would like to work with the Town Council on this. Members agreed to work with the RBL. Cllr Worgan will report this back to the RBL at their next meeting.

TC 44/16

Co-op Store

Cllr Williams mentioned that the Town Council is saddened to hear of the closure of Co-op in Llandrindod Wells and the impact this will have. The Clerk has written to 15 major retailers to inform them of the availability of the unit and to encourage them to set up in Llandrindod Wells. The Town Council await responses.

TC 45/16

Grant Presentation Event

The Clerk suggested that the Town Council hold a Grant Presentation Event on Monday 6th June from 6pm – 7pm prior to the Business Development Meeting. This was agreed. The Clerk will inform all recipients and ask them to forward evidence of their match fundraising prior to this event.

Signed: Date: