

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2016 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr J Williams, E Worgan, G Price, C Rouse, W Francis, R Houghton, S Meredudd, J Green, C Carmichael, P Hill, R Coleman, S Dorkenoo

Apologies: Cllr A Bridgman **Absent:** Cllr S Millington

TC 84/16 Station Crescent Toilets

The Chair had called this meeting to discuss the recent incidences of vandalism and criminal damage on the Station Crescent Toilets.

There have been 4 incidences over the last 2 weeks which have resulted in the door to the ladies block being damaged beyond repair, tiles being ripped off the roof and smashed on the ground and other internal damage. The Chairman explained in detail the circumstances.

He had reported each incident to the Police and had supplied them with CCTV footage on each occasion. Despite this it appears that little action will take place. He has been informed that the Police may move along the Restorative Justice route for one of the incidences.

Members held a full discussion on this matter with several ideas coming forward as possible solutions. The Chairman had spoken to the Police with a view to publishing photographs of the culprits on notices, on social media and via other sources, however he had been informed this would leave him liable to prosecution.

Members were appalled at the lack of response from Dyfed Powys Police, however the Chairman indicated that the PCSO's had been extremely proactive and supportive.

The Chairman felt that the time has now come to make a decision on the future of this service and all members were given the opportunity to make their comments.

Resolved: to hold off carrying out any repairs to the ladies block at the moment, and operate the male block as a Unisex facility. To invite the local Police Inspector to the next Business Development Meeting to discuss this matter. Also to take legal advice from One Voice Wales with regard to publishing photographs of the culprits. To prepare a full press release on this matter.

TC 85/16 Town Clock

An email had been received from Jenni Thomas concerning the Town Council's comments about an alternative location for the clock. Members discussed this at length and there were conflicting opinions on the location.

Resolved: to ask PCC to progress with the installation of this clock on the HSBC corner. The Town Council will be expected to obtain the relevant planning permission. Cllr Price and Cllr Meredudd were opposed to this decision.

TC 86/16

Planning Application – P/2015/1212 – Planning Committee

Cllr Green declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. The Clerk had received notification that the above application will be considered at the County Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 11/08/2016 in the Council Chamber of County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. The Clerk had emailed all members to ask if anyone would be prepared to address the Committee detailing the Town Councils objections. Cllr Price offered to represent the Town Council.

Resolved: Cllr Price to represent the Town Council at the above meeting.

TC 87/16

Llandrindod Wells Foodbank Grant

The Foodbank had been contacted on two occasions to ask that they send a representative to presentation events to receive their grant. On both occasions they have confirmed attendance but have failed to attend. The Clerk had obtained Tesco vouchers for the presentation.

Resolved: the Clerk to establish if a full refund can be obtained for the vouchers and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Coleman objected to this.

TC 88/16

Level Crossing

Cllr Francis congratulated Cllr Price, Cllr Williams and the Clerk for their hard work with regard to the consultation event and their work in ensuring the future of the level crossing.