

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Cllr S Meredudd, C Bailey, A Bridgman

TC 01/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th December 2015 were confirmed and signed.

TC 02/16 **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

TC 117/15 **Christmas Storytelling**

We held a really successful event, despite the dreadful weather, welcoming around 60 people to the Grotto. This event was made even more special with a visit from Santa and his Elf and we had snow (courtesy of Cllr Jon Williams' Snow Machine.) We are all looking forward to our event at Easter.

TC 128/15 **Youth Council**

We have yet to receive a response from Rhys on this matter.

Community Delivery

This matter will be discussed at the next Business Development Meeting to be held on 1st February 2016.

TC 03/16 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 5th January 2016 were confirmed and the budget for 2016/17 was announced - £146893 - £63.31 per household.

TC 04/16 **Chairman's Announcements**

07.12.15 Judging Shop Window Display

Cath Carrol, Cllr Ryan Coleman, Barry and I spent almost 2 hours walking around town. Not an easy job as all the windows were fantastic.

08.12.15 Welsh Carol Service, Presbyterian Church

We enjoyed this so much. The children were delightful and we were made so welcome.

09.12.15 Radnorshire Committee Lunch, Golf Club

First Christmas meal of the season, delicious as always at the Golf Club and very good company.

12.12.15 Youth Market, Co-op Alley

The atmosphere was amazing in spite of the awful weather. We were part of the "Secret Shoppers Panel." 2 very well deserved winners - our young people are great!

- 12.12.15 Handel's Messiah, Rhayader Leisure Centre
Magnificent production!
- 14.12.15 Finance Committee, The Court, Lant Avenue
- 15.12.15 Meeting with Healthmatic
- 15.12.15 Powys Young Carers Christmas Party, The Youth Centre
Another great group of young people.
- 18.12.15 Christmas Meal, Golf Club
Delicious food and good company!
- 05.01.16 Finance Meeting, Full Council, County Hall
Finalise budget for 2016/17/

TC 05/16**Correspondence.****a) Powys County Council – Microchipping of Dogs**

Mandatory microchipping of all dogs becomes mandatory from 1st April 2016.

b) Gwynedd County Council – FOI Request Response – Three Week Refuse Collections.

The following response was received:

Q -Since the implementation of three weekly refuse collections, has there been an increase in fly tipping within the area. If so have the Police been informed and how many prosecutions have taken place. Please can you provide statistics for both prior to the introduction of three weekly collections and following the introduction.

A - *We are unable to link the change in frequency of collection with increased fly tipping- however we have seen a general increase in the number of fly tipping incidents and this reflects the situation across the UK. I would highlight also that the increase we have seen is linked to builders waste and bulky goods, items that clearly would be disposed of via your domestic waste collections. No police involvement with the fly tipping*

Q - Also, have the three weekly collections be warmly received by the community. –

A - *On the whole the three weekly collections have gone well with the roll out complete to over 61,000 homes -*

TC 06/16**Financial Applications****a) High School Eco Council – Grant Application**

Cllrs Williams, Dorkenoo, Hill, Green and Millington declared an interest and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Members fully supported this initiative, Cllr Coleman mentioned that all 3 schools in the area have Eco Councils and should all be supported.

Resolved: to award a grant of £150 to the High School.

TC 07/16**Representatives Reports****a) Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition – (CC)**

TC 08/16

Planning Applications

- a) **P/2015/1211** - Change of use from unit (B2 use) to Powys Modern Records & Archives (sui generis use) including alterations and extensions, erection of bin store and all associated works at Unit 29 Ddole Industrial Estate Llandrindod Wells for Powys County Council. **No objection.**
- b) **P/2015/1203** - Erection of 4 no houses including 2 affordable dwellings and all associated works - all matters reserved as site adjacent to Whitcott, Crossgates Road for Mr Peter Martin.

Councillors had visited local residents to discuss this application and some concerns about the soak away were raised.

The Town Council objected to this application as this land is outside of the Development Boundary for Llandrindod Wells.

- c) **P/2015/1123** Advert - Display of 2 illuminated signs on building at Off Road Only, 2 Ddole Road Industrial Estate for Traci Zembruski. **No objection.**

Councillor Price joined the meeting.

- d) **P/2015/1212** - Proposed residential development of 29 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure works at land off Pentrosfa Road for Paul Rowlands of PAR Homes. **Cllrs Green and Millington declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place.**

The Clerk had received representation from local residents objecting to this application.

The Town Council objected to this application for the following reasons:

- The field 6062 is outside the development boundary for Llandrindod Wells.
- The increase in traffic on an already busy route (Pentrosfa to A483)
- The increase in noise pollution.
- The intrusion for the existing residents facing this site
- This site was stated as Candidate Site 1111 - official comment was that "The allocation of this site is not necessary to meet the growth, apportioned by the strategy of the town over the plan period. The proposed development does not accord with the provision of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.
- There is no evidence of the inclusion of Affordable Housing
- The Eco Report refers to 19 dwellings and was not independently commissioned - the application is for 29.
- Concern over the removal of trees and established hedgerows and for bird and bat colonies.

The Town Council has serious concerns and referred to the previous application P/2015/0930 where it was reported that trees and an established

hedgerow were removed by the developer prior to receiving permission despite planning conditions being placed on the previous application for this site to prevent such removal. It was understood that enforcement action is now in place.

- e) **P/2015/1232** - Change of use of land to extend area of previously approved site of 10 log cabins for holiday use (PR333802) to allow for greater space for each cabin at Ty Gwyn Former Cerregwiber tip, Llandrindod Wells for PAR Homes. **Cllr Millington declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place.**

The Town Council supported the application for the 10 units with greater floor space, providing that a condition is placed within the consent that the site is for the 10 cabins only as per the initial consent.

- f) **P/2015/1250** = Full: Change of use from a dwelling to a registered respite care facility with alterations to parking at 1 Laurels Gardens, Waterloo Road for Mid Wales Housing.

The Town Council fully supports respite care facilities, however objects to this application as this site is unsuitable for this facility, also there are serious concerns with the access to this site and the visibility splay.

TC 09/16

WWI Commemoration

The Chairman reminded members of the Council's commitment to support an activity annually during the Centenary of WWI. The anniversary of The Battle of the Somme is coming up shortly and she asked members to think about this for discussion during the next few months. Cllr Worgan will mention this at the Royal British Legion.

TC 10/16

Meeting Attendance

A list of members attendance at Full Council Meetings was circulated.

TC 127/15

Accounts

The accounts as listed for December were approved and signed.

TC 128/15

Middleton Street – Unloading Bays

The Clerk had been contacted several times by a delivery driver from Llandrindod Wells with regard to the installation of unloading bays in Middleton Street. He notified the Clerk that Kirsty Williams AM will be arranging a meeting to discuss this matter.

Resolved: to inform the gentleman concerned that the Town Council is willing to send 2 representatives to a meeting and ask him to notify the Clerk of the date of the meeting.

Signed: Date: