

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr J Williams, E Worgan, C Carmichael, W Francis, G Price, C Rouse, J Green, S Meredudd

Apologies: Cllr S Dorkenoo, P Hill, R Coleman, A Bridgman

Absent: Cllr S Millington, R Houghton

TC 69/16 **Grant Presentation**

The cheque for £250 was presented to Emily O'Connell from the Llandrindod Wells Eisteddfod Committee. This was gratefully received.

Once again no representative attended to collect the grant for the Foodbank. Cty Cllr Price felt that if the Town Council is approached in future, the Council should bear this in mind.

TC 70/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st June 2016 were confirmed and signed.

TC 71/16 **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

TC 60/16 **Candle Light Vigil**

This event was very well attended despite the rain and marked a very important date in this country's history.

Meet Your Councillor Events

Dates have now been set in place for monthly events for the remainder of 2016, these will be discussed later on during the meeting.

Putting Green – Community Asset Transfer

Despite much correspondence with Powys County Council we have still to make further progress with this transfer.

Town Leaflet

The Chair has now approached Llandrindod Wells High School with regard to their senior pupils designing a new brochure for the town. The Chairman confirmed that the school will look at this in the new term.

Powys County Council – Community Delivery Funding Arrangements.

Town and Community Councils are aware that PCC has recently put forward a proposal to Cabinet to change the current funding arrangements and to apply a flat rate based on 45% of the direct operating costs for the service delivery, not including overhead costs and internal recharges. Also to change the review from 3 years to 5 years. Also to apply the changes retrospectively to current partners i.e. From 1st April 2016.

We will await official notification of this and move forward with future projects.

Cllr Sian Meredudd

Following Town Council nomination, Cllr Sian Meredudd will be awarded a Silver Kite Award.

TC 72/16

Chairman's Announcements.

15th June – Attended Pips Bach Cefnlllys pre-school to hand out the Queen's birthday coins to the children.

15th June – Llandrindod Wells CP Cefnlllys School Queens birthday celebrations. **I attended this fantastic event along with Cllr Elaine and Cllr Chris Rouse to hand out the commemorative Queen's birthday coins. These were greatly received by the children, who all had a great day.**

18th June – Attended Radnor Fringe. **Great event for town and fantastic to see so many people there.**

18th June – Visited Tesco to support the Round Table 24hr Rowing Challenge to raise money for the Llandrindod Wells Carnival.

21st June- Town Council Meeting. **Again we were a little short of members attending.**

23rd June- Welsh 2 Day Enduro. **Started the first Side Cars away along with some of our very talented youngsters who had designed posters to promote the event.**

23rd June- Meeting to discuss the Signal Box.

23rd June- Meeting at Royal British Legion to finalise the Battle of the Somme event.

24th June- Welsh 2 day Enduro Presentation. **A great end to another successful event which really benefits our town and businesses. Made some great contacts who would like to work together more in the future to benefit the town and the event.**

26th June- Chairman of Powys County Council Civic Service. **Jo and I attended the Civic Service for Cllr Keith Tampin's appointment as Chairman.**

28th June- War Memorial Clean Up. **Met with members of the RBL and Cllr Ryan, Cllr Elaine, Cllr Will and Cllr Chris Carmichael to clean the War Memorial ready for the Battle of the Somme commemoration. My thanks go to those who were able to attend.**

28th June- Meeting of the Personnel Committee. **To discuss personnel procedures and a way forward.**

30th June- British Isles Bowls Council event. Jo and I attended a welcome drinks reception at the Bowling Club and a look at the newly refurbished Pavilion.

30th June- The start of The Battle of the Somme 100 years Commemoration. It was humbling to see so many people turn out, in such wet weather, to help us commemorate 100 years since the start of the Battle of the Somme. Again my thanks to everyone who attended, I have had excellent feedback from people around town about this event.

2nd July- Opening ceremony of the British Isles International Bowls Series. My family and I attended this great opening event and were made so welcome. This is an event that does not seem to attract much attention around town but brings in a huge amount of trade into our town. This may be an event that we can help to promote in the future.

2nd July- Llandrindod Wells 579 SQN Air Training Corps 75th Anniversary Open Day. Again my family and I attended the Open Day, being a past member of the squadron it was with great pride that I was able to see the great opportunities that are offered to our towns youth. The hard work that the small group of adults put into the squadron and the cadets is to be commended.

2nd July – Llandrindod Carnival. With the weather starting off wet it turned out a lot better for the main event. Jo and I crowned the King and Queen, judged the floats and walkers with the Town Crier, Chris Davies MP and his wife Liz. We also enjoyed the fantastic atmosphere that Carnival always attracts. Well done to the organisers for putting on such a fantastic community event again. How about a Town Council lorry pull team next year?

6th July- Opening of Greggs. Called into Greggs in the afternoon to welcome them to town and talk about future community ideas that we can work on. Had very positive feedback and will be meeting up with the Manager in the next few weeks.

9th July- Llandrindod Wells Cycle Fest. Set off the children on the Cycle to Bad Rapp Challenge along with the Town Crier and Chris Davies MP. Even though the weather was not the best loads of children turned up to enter the challenge. Whilst walking around the lake to encourage them on, I was particularly pleased that one young rider around 7 years old said “Hello Mr Mayor thank you so much for my Queens birthday coin, its great”. It’s really pleasing to know that our efforts are appreciated.

9th July- Repair Café- Called in to see how the repair café is doing and future ideas. Had some great feedback on how we can help to work together and promote groups and events in the future.

11th July – Festive Lighting Committee Meeting

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Worgan had attended a Reception with Powys County Council at the Royal Welsh Showground where they had been in

discussions with Jeremy Patterson, the Cabinet Leader and Chairman of PCC and other officers. This had been a productive evening and they had asked that outstanding matters be moved on.

They also met with the Police Commissioner who had agreed to attend one of the Meet Your Councillor Sessions. Members welcomed this.

TC 73/16

Correspondence

a) **Powys County Council – Tour of Britain Arty Installation Competition**

Information on a competition for community groups, schools, councils and organisation to install a piece of artwork along the route of the cycle race. The Clerk has shared this on the Facebook page. As the race does not travel through Llandrindod Wells members noted this.

b) **Town Champion – Skate Park Project**

The desire to develop a skate park was included in the Lake Park report which you know was subject to public consultation. This coupled with the previous feasibility work the skate park development group undertook puts any group who is so inclined in a really good position to submit a bid for funds for a skate park.

My role as Town Champion is to act as a catalyst for developments like this so to that end I met with Drew Shergold who I understood was originally involved in the skate park development group and requested and received information from Elaine Worgan about the feasibility study which was undertaken. I also had a brief conversation with Jon Williams about this where I promised to find out if the Town Council are eligible to apply for Rural Communities Development Funding (see below).

The Rural Communities Development Fund (RCDF) is capital grant funding for projects not exceeding £160,000 of which 20% must be match funding. This could be made up of a combination of a contribution from the funds set aside by the Town Council plus some 'in kind' contribution made up of people's time. I am not in a position to, nor is it my role to submit bids for groups but it would seem that both from a funding point of view and to comply with the Town Council's timescales the time is right for the skate park development group to reconvene to put together the original feasibility study with the Lake Park report as the basis for a funding bid, to go through the bidding process and work out what information the group has, what is missing and how to obtain it.

The RCDF guidance states the following bodies are eligible to apply:

WHO CAN APPLY

31. The RCDF is open to applications from the following beneficiaries (*N.B. all applicants must be a legal entity*):

- Local Action Groups
- Local community groups (including charities and trusts, co-operatives)
- Social enterprises
- Companies Ltd. by Guarantee

- Community interest companies
- Mutuels
- Local Authorities
- the Welsh Government

It would appear the Town Council are not eligible to apply (unless they are eligible under Local Authority) but the skate park development group may be, dependent on the status of the group, or indeed the LA could apply, develop the facility then transfer ownership to another body via a Community Asset Transfer agreement. The application is a two stage process involving submitting an expression of interest which must be approved before being invited to make a full application.

If you would like me to be involved in your initial meeting I am happy to do so if that would be helpful to act as a catalyst to get things moving. It may be wise to ask Powys County Council Regeneration team for advice too as I am not an expert in funding matters.

The Lake Park Report

The lake park report provides a starting point to finding funding and investment to implement the many ideas within the report. The report recommendations fall into several categories as follows:

- a) Items pertaining to roads, signage and traffic - these items are split between PCC Highways and the Welsh Government for the trunk road. I have met with representatives of all parties and hope that some of the items will be included in a PCC bid to the WG via the Local Transport Fund. No guarantees of success but a chance for funding.
- b) Items pertaining to small scale infrastructure like mending the Fabulous Water Beast, facilitating boats (landing point, floating cordon, storage), providing electricity and the base for an awning to the amphitheatre and improving paths and interpretation in the SSSI are the subject of a Powys Council bid to the RCDF. The Expression of Interest has been approved and the Regeneration team and Leisure and Recreation are collaborating to submit the full application in the next couple of months.
- c) Larger scale infrastructure projects and improvements - the Lake Park report gave broad brush costing and feasibility information about these larger projects. In order to progress these we recognise that some more detailed work around design, feasibility and accurate cost will be required to enable us to submit funding bids for such projects. To this end the Business Group are in advanced discussion with others about how funds for this more detailed work could be found.
- d) Facilitation of business led initiatives like boating - I have asked PCC to convene a meeting to include several departments within the Council like Property (dealing with leases), Leisure and Recreation (land owners) and Regeneration plus the Town Council and the Business Group to discuss how we can remove obstacles to developing, encouraging and creating business opportunities like boating on the lake.

c) Town Champion – Town Wi-fi System (Item Withdrawn)

d) One Voice Wales – New Model Financial Regulations

Resolved: to adopt the new Model Financial Regulations with the suggested amendments to the spending threshold.

e) One Voice Wales –2008 Model Code of Conduct as Amended 2016

Resolved: adopted a revised Model Code of Conduct on in accordance with the requirements of Section 51(6) of the Local Government Act 2000.

Clerk to place an advertisement in the local press.

Cty Cllr Price felt that in future, One Voice Wales should look into funding and producing an advert to cover all its member councils.

TC 74/16 **Applications for Financial Assistance**

a) Welsh Tug of War Association – Application for Grant

Resolved: to award a grant of £600.

TC 75/16 **Representatives Reports**

a) Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition (SM)

TC 76/16 **Planning Applications**

a) **P/2016/0664** - Change of use of existing flat to office/storage space (A2) at First and Second Floor Flat Ashby House Middleton Street Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**

TC 77/16 **Accounts**

The accounts for June 2016 were approved and signed.

TC 78/16 **Town Council Vacancy**

One application was received from Sandrine Burgoyne.

Resolved: to co-opt Sandrine Burgoyne as member for the North Ward.

TC 79/16 **Level Crossing Consultation**

A recent consultation event was held with residents of the North Ward to discuss proposals for the Level Crossing.

The Town Council is totally opposed to the closure of the Level Crossing and it is obvious by the overwhelming response at the Consultation Event that the residents of Llandrindod Wells wish to see the Level Crossing remain open to vehicles via the installation of replacement barriers.

The Town Council and the residents of Llandrindod Wells feel that the Level Crossing is a vital link for residents, businesses and visitors to the town and urge Network Rail and Powys County Council to listen to the views of the people and keep this crossing open to vehicles.

Resolved: to send these comments to Network Rail as the Town Council response to the consultation, with a copy to PCC Highways Department.

TC 80/16 **Boats on Lake**

The Chairman, following the last meeting had put forward some ideas and proposals to reinstate boats on the Llandrindod Wells. A lengthy discussion took place on this matter. The Chairman felt that this will benefit the people and businesses within the town and be welcomed by visitors. He felt that the Town Council should look into implementing these as soon as possible.

On the whole members supported the idea of reinstating boats on the Lake, however they felt that more detailed research is required, including identifying voluntary groups or organisations which may wish to run this facility. Cllr Price suggested contacting the local Leisure Centre.

Resolved: to defer this matter to the Business Development Meeting in September. The Chairman asked members to let him know what additional information they require.

TC 81/16

Centenary Fields

Cllr Worgan had not discussed this matter with Royal British Legion and would bring this up at their next meeting.

TC 82/16

Diary Dates

- Meet Your Councillor – Sat 10 Sept – 11am – 12 – Town Hall
- Removal of Hanging Baskets – Sat 1 Oct - 10am meet at Container
- Meet Your Councillor – Sat 8 Oct – 11am – 12 – Town Hall
- Poppy Display (prepare display) – Week commencing 17th October
- Poppy Display (erected) Sat 22nd & Sun 23 Oct – Memorial Gardens
- Halloween Storytelling Event – Mon 31 Oct - Grotto
- Meet Your Councillor – Sat 12 Nov – 11am – 12 – Town Hall
- Meet Your Councillor – Sat 10 Dec – 11am – 12 – Town Hall

The Chairman mentioned that he would allocate members to host the Meet Your Councillor events and forward a timetable to everyone.

Confidential Minutes

TC 83/16

a) Signal Box Museum

The Chairman had been in discussions with PCC's Built Heritage Department with regard to Signal Box

Resolved: to obtain a detailed spec of work required, both interim and long term.

b) Tremont Road & Ridgebourne Car Parks

Cllr Rouse and Cllr Carmichael have a dispensation in place which permits them to address the Council, then leave the meeting and take no part in the vote

Resolved: to notify PCC that the Town Council would consider favourably taking on the two residential car parks on 1st April 2017. However we would also wish to discuss taking over the other pay and display car parks within Llandrindod Wells.

c) Town Website – Quotation

Quotation from Motif Creative to carry out additional work on the website.

Resolved: to accept the quotation and authorise the work to be carried out.

d) ROSPA

The report had identified some work required to the Skate Ramp.

Resolved: to obtain a quote from a company to discuss prior to making a decision on the future of this equipment.

e) Festive Lighting – Contract Renewal

Resolved: to enter into a 3 year contract with Millennium Quest to install and remove Christmas Lighting, test bolts, fixing and catenary wires.

f) Lake Park

The Chairman had met with the contractor to discuss the bench refurbishment following receipt of a complaint.

Resolved: to look at further refurbishment in the next financial year.

g) Community Delivery – 45%

PCC Cabinet has recently agreed to a flat rate for community delivery of 45% for five years agreements. The Clerk has been in contact with Lisa Griffiths who confirms that monies are due for the Grounds Maintenance Contract recently taken over. However this will involve the Town Council moving from a 3 year to 5 year agreement.

Resolved: Await further information from PCC.

h) Town Clock

A design and proposed location plan had been received via PCC Regeneration Department for the new clock. Members were not happy with the new location.

Resolved: : to contact Powys County Council pointing out that the location is not suitable and asking for them to come up with other possible locations.

Signed: Date: