

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2016 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr J Williams, E Worgan, C Rouse, S Meredudd, R Houghton, S Meredudd, G Price, S Dorkenoo, C Carmichael, R Coleman

Apologies: Cllr W Francis, S Millington, A Bridgman, J Green

Absent: None

The Council held a Minute's Silence in memory of former Mayor and Councillor Mrs Jean Christopher.

TC 56/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 17th May 2016 were confirmed and signed.

TC 57/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17th May 2016 were confirmed and signed.

TC 58/16 **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

TC 54/16 **Town Council Vacancy**

The closing date for the vacancy is Friday 1st July.

TC 55/16 **Oxford Road Field**

The Town Council has engaged PCC to cut the grass for the 2016/17 year.

Insurance

The Town Council has entered into a 3 year fixed agreement at a reduced rate with Zurich Insurance for all insurance cover.

TC 59/16 **Chairman's Announcements**

21st May – Meet and welcome the German twinning group at the Commodore Hotel.

22nd May – Evening meal with Twinning group at the Lakeside Café.

24th May – Departure of the German twinning group from the Lake.

24th May – Press launch for the Victorian Festival at Dickens wine bar. **It was a shame to see only the clerk and one other councillor come to support this important festival for the town.**

27th May – Official handover photo with Cllr Chris and Cllr Elaine.

31st May – Charing Skills training Builth Wells. **An excellent training course all councillors would benefit from doing it.**

1st June – Meeting with working group on the new town leaflet with Jude Boutle.

1st June – Filmed a short welcoming clip for the Welsh Two Day Enduro.

1st June – Meeting with Millennium quest to talk over festive lights displays.

4th June – Opened the Hope House Fun Day on Temple Gardens. **Another great community event for town.**

5th June – Attended Fabians Kitchen first anniversary. **It is fantastic to see new businesses in town doing so well.**

6th June – Official photo of handing over the Queen’s birthday commemorative coins to representatives of our three schools.

6th June – Town Council Grant presentation event. Official handing over of grant money to local organisations by Town Council, everyone enjoyed the short presentation and photos. I have had some great feedback about this event. **It was extremely disappointing that we had invited these organisations in to meet with us and only a small number of Town Councillors chose to attend.**

7th June – Informal meeting with Jude Boutle and Justin Baird-Murray to discuss how we can work alongside each other better in the future.

10th June – Attended the funeral of former Mayor Jean Christopher at Holy Trinity church.

10th June – Meeting at British Legion with Hamish Stonebridge and Cllr Elaine to discuss the Commemoration for the Battle of the Somme. **Plans are well laid out and a lot of work has gone into this, my thanks to Cllr Elaine for all the hard work she has put into this joint project. I look forward to seeing all Councillors on the night to participate in this important community event.**

11th June – I put up all of the hanging baskets around town, had some great comments from people as we went around town. **My special thanks to Ben, my son, because although not a member of the Town Council he was the only one to turn up and help.**

13th June – Meeting with Network rail to discuss the plans for the level crossing.

TC 60/16

Correspondence

a) LLHS Eco Team – Thanks

Letter of thanks for the donation.

b) Powys County Council – Chairman’s Reception

Invitation to 2 members of the Council to attend the Reception on Monday 18th July from 6.00pm. The Chair and Vice Chair will attend.

c) **Royal British Legion – Commemoration of Battle of Somme – Candle Light Vigil**
Information on the event to be held on 30th June from 10pm – 11pm at the War Memorial was circulated. The Chair asked as many members as possible to attend the event. Cllr Worgan updated members on plans.

d) **Fields in Trust – Centenary Fields**

The objective of this programme is to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of millions of people who lost their lives in World War I. The Chair asked members to ask around the community to identify any such land within Llandrindod Wells. He also suggested identifying Memorial Gardens for this purpose. Cllr Worgan will ask the Royal British Legion members also about this and report back to the next meeting when the Town Council will discuss Memorial Gardens.

TC 61/16 **Applications for Financial Assistance**
None

TC 62/16 **Representatives Reports**
None.

TC 63/16 **Planning Applications**
a) **P/2016/0543** - Erection of new warehouse and extension to existing at Unit 33 Ddole Industrial Estate Road. **No objection.**
b) **P/2016/0582** for Outline planning permission for 4 no. new dwellings, parking & new access with some matters reserved at Penybryn Grosvenor Road Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**

TC 64/16 **Accounts**
The accounts for May 2016 were approved and signed.

The Chairman reported on the Grant Presentation Evening and mentioned that the Food Bank and Llandrindod Eisteddfod had not attended to receive their grants despite indicating their attendance prior to the meeting.

Resolved: to write to both recipients and ask for them to attend at a time convenient to the Chair to receive their grants. In future years recipients it was agreed to look at the allocation procedure and include all requirements in the grant award notifications. Cllr Dorkenoo abstained from this vote.

Cllr Coleman arrived at the meeting and gave his apologies for arriving late due to attending a Governor's meeting.

TC 65/16 **Meet Your Councillor**
At the recent Business Development Meeting members had discussed reintroducing the "Meet Your Councillor Events."
Resolved: to reintroduce these on a trial period from September to be held on a Saturday morning within the Old Town Hall. The Clerk will circulate a rota for members to select a space/s.

TC 66/16**Skate Ramp**

The Chair had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda following the April Meeting. Cllr Green had sent in the following comments as he was unable to attend the June meeting:

“Regarding the Skate Park, Elaine and I have endeavoured to meet up with a representative from the group, however because of his heavy involvement in the Fringe Festival he could not meet up with us till after the weekend. He has a number of people interested in driving this forward, in fact he had over 70 people respond via Facebook when he sought people’s desire for the Skate Park. I believe that with some concerted effort from Elaine and I this project can be established. I am also looking for sponsors who may be willing to provide building material for free to make this happen.”

The Chairman reported that the Town Champion is now taking an interest in this matter and Cllr Worgan had forwarded her a copy of the Feasibility Study and a note on progress to date.

The Chairman felt that the Town Council has set money aside for this project and little progress has been made over 8 years. Cllr Worgan felt this was not the case. Some members believed that there is little interest in this project which was borne out by the lack of response to the Consultation which Dod Town Extreme undertook about 18 months ago. The Chairman felt that the money ring-fenced by the Town Council could be spent in better ways.

The Clerk pointed out that any virement of the budget would need to be authorised by the Full Council.

Cllr Price felt that the Council should give the Town Champion sufficient time to run forward with this project and should request a briefing note from her to ask for an update on the Lake Park project to include the Skate Park.

Resolved: to ask the Town Champion for a progress update briefing note as above and to allow sufficient time for her to move this project forward with the Skate Park group, the update would be required by the October Town Council meeting.

Members will then discuss the current ring fenced monies and future budgets at the Finance Meeting in November/December. The Chairman voted against this motion as he wished to see the allocated money spent on something to benefit the town now and not possibly sometime in the future.

TC 67/16**Boats on Lake**

The Chairman had been approached by many people asking why there are no boats on the Lake as it was originally constructed as a Boating Lake. He felt that this is possible and would like to see the Town Council driving this forward. Some other members agreed this would be a great thing for the town. The Chairman offered to look into this matter and produce some costs for the Town Council to consider at a future meeting.

Resolved: members agreed to the Chairman carrying out these actions.

Confidential Minutes

TC 68/16

a) Signal Box Museum

A meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd June to discuss this with the Chair, Cllr Meredudd and Clerk.

b) National Pay Award

Members approved the National Pay Award for 2016/17.

Resolved: this was agreed.

c) Outdoor Equipment

The Chair had been in contact with the supplier of the unit and he will visit to inspect the equipment prior to moving on with this matter.

d) Tremont Road & Ridgebourne Car Parks

The requested details had been received from Tony Caine, however these had been received too late to allow members sufficient time to consider this. In view of the number of members absent from the meeting, this matter will be deferred until the July meeting.

e) Town Leaflet

The Task & Finish Group has been working with the Town Champion on producing the first of 2 leaflets to promote Llandrindod Wells.

Resolved: to approach the High School to see if their pupils would be happy to take on the task of designing a new leaflet. The Chair will approach the High School regarding this.

f) Lake Benches

Cllr Price reported that there are some issues with the refurbished benches around the Lake. The Clerk and Chair will speak to the contractor with regard to this.

g) Public Toilets

The Chairman highlighted issues with the Lake Toilets which have now been resolved.

There have been incidences of excrement outside the rear of the Station Crescent Toilets and urination.

Resolved: The Chair/Clerk to look into the cost of erecting fencing and covering for this area for the next meeting.

Signed: Date: