

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2016 in Committee Room A, County Hall

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

Apologies: Cllr C Rouse, S Millington, C Bailey

TC 22/16 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th February 2016 were confirmed and signed.

TC 23/16 **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

TC 12/16 **Website/WiFi Launch**

The launch event on 27th February 2016 went very well.

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

A meeting with Network Rail to discuss this matter and also the Railway Level Crossing will be held on 23rd March 2016.

TC 14/16d **Llandrindod High School Proposed Closure**

Thanks to those members who attended the protest at County Hall to show support to the High School. We now await the Consultation process to commence.

TC 24/16 **Chairman's Announcements**

07.12.15 Photo Shoot for Town Website in Middleton Street & Bandstand.
Very enjoyable

11.02.16 Mighty Conversation Cartrefi Cymru Offices, Ddole Road
A good opportunity to meet people from organisations in Llandrindod

16.02.16 Town Council Meeting County Hall

22.02.16 Launch Meeting Autopalace with PCC, Clerk & Town Champion

23.02.16 Silent Protest County Hall
A well supported event. The High School pupils were a credit to their parents and teachers

26.02.16 Final Launch Meeting Hotel Metropole with PCC, Clerk & Town Champion

27.02.16 Launch of WiFi & Website Hotel Metropole
An enjoyable event.

Also presentation to the winners of the Mayor's Photograph Competition

29.02.16 Fairtrade Breakfast

St Francis Centre, Holy Trinity Church
Delicious food and very good company

TC 25/16

Correspondence

a) Edwina Hart AM – Temple Drive Wall

“The privately-owned wall bordering the footway near Temple Drive is in an unsafe condition and the footway has been closed for safety reasons. My officials and the local authority are liaising with the owners of the wall regarding its repair.

In the meantime, pedestrians should use the footway on the other side of the road.”

Members felt this was an obvious response but did not address the issue raised. Cllr Meredudd pointed out the obstructed view when exiting Temple Avenue.

Resolved: to write to PCC Highways Department to ask when the work would be carried out as this is health and safety issue. Also suggest that a temporary footway be installed to avoid pedestrians having to cross over the busy trunk road.

b) Powys County Council – Car Park Consultation

The consultation for the Tremont Road and Ridgebourne Car Parks is now open this will close on 25th March 2016.

Cllr Carmichael and Cllr Rouse had met with the Portfolio Holder to discuss these car parks. He has suggested that the Town Council put in for a Community Asset Transfer, this had previously been submitted, but refused. Cllr Price felt that the consultation is a pointless exercise as PCC had identified in the previous budget to implement charges and he questioned if this is predetermination. Members were extremely concerned about the displacement issue forcing vehicles to park on an already busy trunk road. Cllr Worgan felt this is a case of inequality by converting one car park to permit holders and the other to pay and display. Also the lack of consultation and the short period for response.

Resolved: (1) to contact One Voice Wales for legal advice with regard to possible predetermination. (2) to respond to the consultation with full objections as listed above with a copy to the Trunk Road Agency. (3) to submit a second application for Community Asset Transfer for both car parks.

c) Andrew Bronwin – Enforcement of Parking Restrictions

Cllr Worgan declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussion took place. Letter complaining about Parking Enforcement Officers patrolling Llandrindod Wells on Saturdays and the impact this has on local businesses. Also a suggestion to lift parking restrictions on Saturdays.

Members discussed this matter. It was agreed that this is a matter for Powys County Council and the possibility of lifting parking restrictions would not be agreed.

d) Lynn Fry – Dog Waste Bins

Request to ask for a Dog Waste Bin to be placed at the junction with the bottom of Tremont Road and Ddole Road Enterprise Park as this is a popular area with dog walkers and there are currently no bins in the area.

Cllr Coleman reminded members of the Dog Fouling Awareness Event held previously and also about the stickers which the Clerk obtained to place on waste bins to denote that dog waste could be placed in bins. Cllr Williams felt that a second event could be held in future.

Resolved: (1) to write to PCC LE and request a new bin be placed. (2) to obtain more stickers to place on bins.

TC 26/16**Financial Applications****a) Celf O Gwmpas – Application**

This application was refused as it had been received after the closing date for applications of 31st October 2015.

b) Victorian Festival

This application was refused as it had been received after the closing date for applications of 31st October 2015. The Town Council has a budget to sponsor specific events, it was suggested that the Festival may wish to apply to this once full plans are in place.

TC 27/16**Representatives Reports**

a) Albert Hall AGM – WF – noted.

TC 28/16**Planning Applications**

a) **P/2016/0210** Erection of extension to existing front porch at 32 Woodlands Cefnlllys Lane Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**

b) **P/2016/0211** Demolition of chimney at Oak View Temple Drive Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection.**

c) **P/2016/0218** Change of use of commercial offices (B1) to part residential (C3) and part retail unit (A1), to include changes to the fenestration at Gordon House Tudor Lane Llandrindod Wells Powys. **No objection**

d) **TREE/2016/0010**, Tree: Works to trees within a Conservation Area at Rock Park, Park Terrace, Llandrindod Wells. **No objection.**

TC 29/16**Accounts**

The accounts as listed for February were approved and signed.

TC 30/16**Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Resolved: to appoint Howard Nixon as the Internal Auditor for 2016/17.

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

Cllr Williams mentioned that he had planned to approach the Town Council to organise a Street Party, however another group has now organised an event.

The Clerk had received details of a commemorative coin at a cost of £1.99 each. Members discussed this matter at length. There are 1056 pupils in the 3 schools in town. Members pointed out that there are some children who are home schooled within Llandrindod Wells.

Resolved: (1) Cllr Worgan to obtain details on the children who are home schooled. (2) Clerk to order coins for the 3 schools and home schooled children funded from reserves. (Cllr Price and Cllr Carmichael abstained from the vote on this matter.)

TC 32/16

Grants Presentation

It has previously been suggested to hold a cheque presentation evening. Cllr Worgan pointed out that with the new criteria for applicants to provide evidence of match fund raising this may be difficult.

Resolved: to postpone this event to allow applicants to provide evidence of match fund raising.

TC 33/16

Facebook

Cllr Williams had been approached and asked why the Town Council does not have a Facebook page. Presently the Clerk is posting relevant Council and Community information on her own page and asking people to share the post. Members agreed this is not appropriate to ask the Clerk to do this. This matter was discussed, Cllr Price is sceptical about this and suggested that the best option would be for the Town Council to have a page and not a profile, the Clerk could then post information freely.

Resolved: the Clerk to create a Town Council page. (Cllr Dorkenoo and Cllr Hill abstained from this vote.)

TC 34/16

Confidential Matters

a) Lakeside Toilets

The Town Council discussed this matter and the information obtained by the Clerk from PCC. The grant offer is £3500 for a minimum of 2 years. All services and consumables would be the responsibility of the Town Council.

Resolved: to take over the operation of the Lake Toilets from 28th March 2016, on the understanding that PCC open the toilets over the Easter period. Clerk also to include other stipulations which she had suggested.

b) Signal Box Museum

No response had been received on this matter.

Resolved: to prepare a news story for submission to railway magazines and television.

c) Skatepark – Dod Town Extreme

Cllr Williams asked for an update on this project, he is aware that the Town Council places money in its budget annually for this project and questioned this in view of the lack of progress and his opinion interest in this project.

Cllr Worgan gave an outline of the history of the project and explained that Dod Town Extreme had lost 2 crucial members due to personal commitments. Some members also felt that interest in this had diminished and that possibly something with a greater appeal could be installed.

Cllr Green had also been a Town Council representative on this group and committed to look at this along with Cllr Worgan with a view to further discussion in June at the Town Council meeting.

Signed: Date: