

LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2015 in Committee Room A, County Hall

Present: Cllr C Rouse, J Williams, S Millington, G Price, S Dorkenoo, C Bailey, R Houghton, W Francis, C Carmichael

Apologies: Cllr E Worgan, R Coleman, S Meredudd, P Hill, J Green, A Bridgman

TC 74/15 **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th June 2015 were confirmed and signed.

TC 75/15 **Clerk's Report/Information from Meeting:**

TC 62/15a Bandstand

The refurbishment works undertaken by Character Building are now completed and are to an extremely high standard. New steps have been erected which are much easier to climb.

TC 72/15 Dementia Awareness

The new group has now been established in Llandrindod Wells and is working on its constitution. The Clerk, Cllrs Rouse, Worgan, Williams and Houghton are all members. The Clerk and Cllr Worgan had recently qualified as Dementia Friends Champions.

TC 73/15a New Town Website

The Clerk and members of the Task & Finish Group met with Motif Creative the company appointed to commission the new Town Website. This was a successful meeting and plans have now been laid down with a view to developing this website to be ready to go live by the end of September 2015. Some preparatory work is being undertaken by the Clerk, and Motif is currently working on developing the site.

TC 73/15f Tesco Section 106

A pro-forma invoice was issued to PCC on 24th June 2015 to enable the Town Council to arrange for works to be carried out on the Grotto, new benches and repair of noticeboards. No response has been received to date

TC 76/15 **Chairman's Announcements**

25.06.15 Two Day Welsh Enduro – Start Event
8.01am to start the ride. There were lots of residents there to watch the riders set off. Also to meet the Poster Competition Winners. The posters were of a brilliant standard.

26.06.15 Enduro Awards Ceremony, Pavilion.
We had a great time presenting lots of trophies and got home at midnight.

01.07.15 Twinning Meeting, Hotel Commodore.

02.07.15 Dementia Awareness Meeting, Hotel Commodore

- 03.07.15 300th Year Anniversary of Caebach Chapel Concert, Caebach Chapel. We had a delightful evening, lovely concert, followed by delicious refreshments.
- 04.07.15 Carnival, Temple Gardens. What a fantastic day, so many people there. The floats were brilliant and the sun shone.
- 11.07.15 Bracken Trust Summery Fayre. A wonderful event as always and I got to meet Peppa Pig
- 11.07.15 Early Birds & Boys in Blue Exhibition, Radnorshire Museum. A short service was held at the Memorial followed by refreshments. The exhibition is excellent and well worth a visit.
- 13.07.15 Care & Repair AGM. Inspiring talk by Sarah Rochira, The older Peoples Commissioner for Wales.

TC 77/15**Correspondence****a) Edwina Hart AM – Speeding A483****Email as follows:**

“The planned improvement in Llandrindod Wells are subject to the approval of funding and completion of statutory procedures. All measures are prioritized against other proposed works in Wales. The safety of the trunk road network is continually monitored to identify potential road safety improvements and the review of speed limits is an ongoing process. We will consider the Town Council’s comments on the need for 30mpd roundels when we develop the road safety improvement scheme. Speed enforcement is a matter for Dyfed Powys Police and I have asked my officials to pass on your concerns to them.” This was noted.

b) Powys County Council – Removal of Banners**Email from Nigel Brinn as follows:**

“I know you will appreciate that for Trunk roads Powys County Council act under the instruction of the Trunk Road agents for WG.

At the time the signs referred to were removed, Powys staff were interpreting instructions from NMWTRA and due to the issues raised have since sought further guidance in order that a consistent and fair approach can be maintained.

The Agents have raised the matter with Welsh Government, the trunk road highway authority for Wales, and we await their guidance.”

Cllr Williams felt that this response had not addressed the Town Council’s question as to why only Town Council and Councillors banners had been removed. Cllr Price felt it is important to point out that these banners are important for the promotion of the town and would be looking for some form of compromise as long as banners were not too intrusive.

Resolved: to write to Nigel Brinn asking him to answer the initial question and make the comments with regard to non-intrusive banners.

c) **Edwina Hart AM – Removal of Banners**

Email as follows:

“We are responsible for approving all trunk road signing in Wales. For safety reasons, advertisements are not permitted within the trunk road highway boundary, including the verge. I have asked my officials to investigate this issue and ensure that all unauthorised signs on this section of the trunk road are removed as soon as possible. For advertising within 67 metres of the trunk road boundary, we are consulted and provide advice but it is up to the local planning authority to make the final decision as to whether advertising is to be placed or not. If the advertising is placed outside the 67 metre limit, we do not have to be consulted.” This was noted.

d) **Cllr R Houghton – Grotto**

Cllr Houghton provided details on the history of the Grotto. Sadly the last living relative of Dr Bowen Davies, his grandson had recently passed away. However his wife would be delighted to be involved in any form of official opening of the Grotto following its refurbishment and Cllr Houghton suggested a plaque be erected to outline the history.

Resolved: Members will discuss this once works are near to completion.

e) **BDO Stoy Hayward – Annual Audit**

Notification of the completion of the audit for 2014/15, no issues were raised. The Council approved this audit.

TC 78/15

Applications for Financial Assistance

a) **579 (Llandrindod Wells) Squadron** – Grant Application towards the purchase of IT equipment. **Resolved:** £150 awarded.

b) **Llandrindod Wells Victorian Festival** – Release of Grant, £3000 – approved.

TC 79/15

Representatives Report

a) Green Spaces Meeting (SM) Noted.

b) Llandrindod SOUP (SM) Noted.

TC 80/15

Planning Applications

a) **P/2015/0574** – Full: Extension of existing building for display of small plant and garden equipment at Tom’s Mowers and Garden Supplies for T Knill. **No objection.**

b) **P/2015/0583** for Variation of condition NMA/2015/0007, the development shall be in accordance with the approved plans and amended plan 4198/6B in relation to site levels at land adjacent to Pentrosfa House Mr R D Evans. Cllr Houghton had been in touch with a local resident who objected to this application due to the increase in roof height of 1.7 metres. Chris Davies MP and Cty Cllr Tom Turner have been contacted with regard to this and a site meeting is planned to take place over the next few weeks.

Resolved: to object to this application due to the increase in height of the current and proposed buildings which is contrary to the first application and permission granted.

c) **P/2015/0578** for Full: Change of use of vacant hard standing area to a hand wash facility at Station Yard, Station Crescent for Kaywan Sidiq – **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

d) **P/2015/0594** for Full: Change of use for the erection of 3 new timber cabins to holiday letting, at Little Hill Barn C1340 from junction with Grosvenor Road and Lakeside Avenue for N Margrave Jones. **No objection.**

e) **P/2015/0652** for Householder: Demolition of rear extension and garage and erection of conservatory to side and rear at Coronation Villa, Tremont Road for David Eastham. **No**

objection.

TC 81/15

Accounts

The accounts, as listed for June & July 2015 were approved and signed.

TC 82/15

Leighton Andrews

Cllr Francis had drafted a letter for Council approval to be sent to the Minister with regard to the difficulties that the Town Council is experiencing with regard to local services and service devolution.

Resolved: to send this letter to the Minister.

TC 83/15

Town Branding

Email from the consultant as follows:

“Following a competitive tender process, the Welsh Government’s Department of Economy, Science and Transport has commissioned Cardiff and London-based branding agency Heavenly to work with the Business Group and Town Champion to develop a strategic creative brand for Llandrindod Wells. For information, Heavenly has considerable experience working on place brand projects both within Wales and beyond, with current/recent projects in Wiltshire, Birmingham and Northern Ireland.

One of the key foundations of the brand development process is for Heavenly to engage on a one-to-one basis via telephone or face-to-face discussions with key stakeholders in LW. Town Councillors are clearly recognised as key stakeholders and Heavenly has the capacity to interview four Councillors in the first part of the process.

Discussions will be based on a discussion guide, which will help draw out the key inputs and issues relating to brand development for LW and will be around 30 minutes in duration. There will be an opportunity to take part in a face-to-face interview on a given date in LW (tbc, but likely to be 29th July) or via a telephone interview during w/c 27th July, 3rd August or 10th August. Heavenly are asking that the Council puts forward four Councillors to take part in these discussions. Heavenly consultants will then contact each individually to fix a convenient time for the call, ideally via email, but otherwise by telephone.

In addition to these four one-to-one interviews at this first stage of the process, there will be opportunities for the Town Council to review Heavenly’s recommendations as they are developed later in the process. Once again, timing for this is tbc, but it is likely to be in late September.”

Resolved: Cllr Rouse, Cllr Williams, Cllr Price and Cllr Carmichael to undertake one-to-one interviews with John Rhys of Heavenly.

Cllr Dorkenoo was interested in the background to the selection of Heavenly and would like to receive further information on the company and the selection process.

Resolved: to ask the Town Champion for this information.

TC 84/15

Town Champion Report

The Town Champion provided her six monthly report for the Council’s information.

TC 85/15

Confidential Matters

a) Lakeside Toilets

The Town Council has been approached with regard to taking over the Lakeside Public Toilets. Further discussions will take place

b) Twinning

Cllr Dorkenoo declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place.

The Clerk reminded members that money has been set aside in the budget for hosting the three way visit which took place in May 2015.

c) Crazy Golf

Concern was expressed about the condition of the Crazy Golf Course.

Cllr Price put forward the proposal that the Town Council consider approaching Powys County Council with regard to taking over the Crazy Golf Course and surrounding area via Community Asset Transfer.

Resolved: to make enquiries with regard to this.

d) Iconic Poppy Sculpture

The Clerk had obtained the grant application form and guidelines with a view to making an approach to host the display in 2017. This will involve considerable work.

Resolved: Cllr Williams, Cllr Rouse and Cllr Rouse will follow through with the application.

Signed: Date: