

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING
Held on the 18 April 2018 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Cllr Andrew Hinchliff; Cllr Penny Andow; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Alan Jones; Cllr Nia Jones; Cllr Gareth Roberts; Cllr Glenn Robinson; Cllr Alison Chadwick, Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones, Cllr Claire Hughes
Town Clerk & RFO and Town Clerk Jayne Neal

27. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. 5 minutes per speaker within 20 minutes framework or at the discretion of the Chair.

Dog Mess Bag Dispensers - Congratulations were received from a resident on the distribution of dog mess bags across the village and it was noted that there had been an improvement in the cleanliness of the village. It was reported that visitors have commented on how positive it is that the Town Council are pro-dog. Thank you to all Councillors who have helped to distribute and replace bags as needed.

Keep Llanfairfechan Tidy – Mr Graham Kidd attended on behalf of the group and provided a background to the project – noting it had developed from online interest. The group have 165 signed up interested members for the Facebook page and a number of committed volunteers. They focus on the village litter hotspots using the principle that if litter is already there then the problem will likely increase. The Town Council presented a letter of thanks and litter picks for use with community events and look forward to working together in the future. Clerk to check insurance for community litter picks. Notice of a Rotary Community Litter Pick taking place in the village 19th April – all welcome.

28. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. **Mayor Delohne Merrell,**
RESOLVED to receive and note apologies from Councillors

29. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR’S INTEREST – Code of Local Government Conduct (Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared personal interest).

Name of Member	Agenda No	Details of Personal interests	Details of the Council business to which it relates	Withdraw /Take Part
Cllr Alan Jones	Item 13	Sional Ltd Owner of Land	Planning app	Withdraw
Cllr Andrew Hinchliff	Item 13	Committee member	CCBC Planning committee	Withdraw
Cllr Chris Jones	Item 11.7	Committee member	Grant to Town Twinning	Decision already made – no input
Cllr Carol Gell	Item 13	Personal Link	Planning Application	Withdraw
Town Clerk	Item 13	Personal link	Planning Application	No input

30. TO DISCUSS TURF AND TOP SOIL AT VICTORIA GARDENS
Clerk to continue to gather quotes for top soil and turf. It was reported that information from CCBC has said that the skate park handover may be delayed to June. Town Council members were extremely unhappy about this. Councillors noted that the CCBC Officer had given an assurance at the tender meeting that there would still be a May handover date. Clerk to email a very strong message stating the concerns and noting that the village has been waiting three years for a full solution to this problem. It has been reported in the paper that the job will be completed by end of May so there are real worries about resident expectations.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

31. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES AND RESPONSE FROM CCBC

Further concerns were raised about parking across the village and there was a long discussion about ways to address the problem areas. It was noted that, whilst there are some very difficult areas, it's important that residents are not at risk of punitive action outside their own homes. The village was built at a time when there were not so many cars on the road and there is bound to be pressure with regard to parking. It was noted that resolving a parking in one area inevitably results in displacement and other areas suffer. There will be a CCBC Officer involved in the Plas Menai Working Group and it is hoped that problems on Penmaenmawr Road will be addressed. The Town Council would like to conduct a Traffic Audit and Clerk to contact CCBC to gain advice and information. It was noted that perhaps the Fire Service would conduct a survey of access routes for emergency vehicles – Clerk to contact.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

32. TO DISCUSS RESPONSE ABOUT FALLEN TREE AND ISSUES IN THE WOODLAND

It was agreed a site meeting should be arranged. Clerk to send email

RESOLVED to receive and take note

33. TO DISCUSS FIREWORKS EVENT 2018

Friday 9th November was identified as the best day according to tide table. Clerk to check with Harbourmaster and provisionally book.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

34. TO DISCUSS SLCC CONFERENCE AND COVER FOR CLERK

It was agreed that Beth could cover and requested that Beth attends the next meeting to shadow the role.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

35. TO DISCUSS DOG WALKERS ARE WELCOME AND REPLACEMENT BAGS

It was noted that CCBC are not in a position to continue providing dog mess bags permanently and so a longer term solution needs to be sought. It was noted that replacement bags can be bought from the internet at a low cost and agreed that sample bags be bought and a decision to be made at a later date. All agreed that the project is positive and there was a feeling that distribution should continue.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

36. TO DISCUSS PENMAEN PARK BENCHES

It has been confirmed that the top park bench has been removed due to the anti-social behaviour of a very small minority of young people. There is a pressing need to reinstall the bench along the footpath and this will be done as soon as possible. There is concern about the anti-social behaviour and Councillors agreed that diversionary activities could be a positive way of engaging with young people and combatting the problem. However, it was also suggested that CCTV may discourage bad behaviour although it was noted this can lead to displacement and the groups move onto an area not watched. Clerk to seek advice from PCSO

RESOLVED to receive and take note

37. TO APPROVE PAYMENT to

- 1) K & C Construction Victoria Gardens Clearance and playground patching -agreed
- 2) Wages to Town Clerk - April 2018 -agreed
- 3) Wages to Admin Assistant – April 2018 - agreed
- 4) Wages to Environment/Cleaning Operative – April 2018 - agreed
- 5) CCBC Community Skips 2/2/18, 24/02/18, 2/3/18, 30/3/18 - agreed
- 6) Llanfairfechan Football Club Annual s176 Grant - agreed
- 7) Llanfairfechan Twinning Association Annual s176 Grant - it was noted this amount should be £1500 –Clerk to amend
- 8) Seimans photocopy agreement 2018/2019 – This was a contentious matter as the new contract is £4 a month higher and the Councillors considered the cost to be already expensive. A vote was taken and the matter was agreed 8 for and 4 against. It was recognised that this is short notice at a busy time and so was agreed that other quotes must be considered before the next time the contract is signed.

- 9) **CCBC bus shelters – 2018/2019 – it was reported that all other Town Councils pay into the maintenance pot and whilst we can agree not to be part of the CCBC scheme, it would mean the responsibility would fall on Councillors. Payment was approved.**

RESOLVED to approve and take note

38. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

1) CCBC Review of electoral arrangements – no changes in Llanfairfechan. Books available to view from Clerk’s Office	4) Roadworks notifications
2) Blaenau Festival Committee – agreed that Clerk should forward to schools to gauge interest	

RESOLVED to receive and take note

39. PLANNING – Ref 0/45001

Site Address Unit 3 Llannerch Road Industrial Estate, Llanfairfechan, Conwy LL330EB
Application Type Full
Development Type: Change build use
Proposal: Change of use from B2 (General Industrial) to B1/D2 (offices and indoor spinning studio)

Councillors were very positive about the application. It is a sign of a growing business in Llanfairfechan. The spinning classes have been trialled at the Community Hall and proved to be a big success – prompting the move to own premises.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

40. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

- 1) **Small Business Awards** – 1st December – it was suggested that it may be worth trying to develop this as an event in the village. Possibly to include business awards or best shop display awards etc
- 2) **Ward Audit** – the Pandy ward audit was very positive with residents taking the opportunity to come out and speak about their area. There was good engagement with work undertaken promptly by CCBC
- 3) **Memorial Fishing Competition** – There is to be a memorial competition for resident Steve Jones. Enquiries will be made about how the Town Council might be able to support
- 4) **Standing water on Terrace Walk** – has been reported on the Conwy App
- 5) **Bodlondeb House** – CCBC are involved in dealing with any health and safety risks occurring at the property
- 6) **Church Service** - It was reported that the service at Christ Church was a nice event and everyone was made very welcome. There was also an opportunity to view the Foodbank site – well done to the foodbank development
- 7) **Duck Pond and Natural Bloom** – question about the testing that took place. Noted that the report may be available from NRW.
- 8) **MUGA courts** – there is a plan to apply to Jewsons fund to complete the recovering of the surface
- 9) **Safeguarding at Town Council meetings** – It was reported that a Councillor had felt vulnerable at a recent meeting. It was noted that we have a responsibility to ensure that all attendees feel safe and secure and it was decided that Councillors should get up and move to another seat if there are any concerns. All other attendees to take note and support if this occurs.
- 10) **Wire netting at paddling pool** – to be reported through the Conwy App
- 11) **Websites** – development is ongoing and design template needs to be decided very soon. All Councillors to feedback their thoughts to the Website subcommittee as soon as possible.

All RESOLVED to receive and note

41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Town Council Meeting Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7:00pm

42. CLOSE – The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed (Chair) _____