

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

**PRESENT: PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Deputy Mayor Christine Roberts; Cllr Alison Chadwick; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Claire Hughes; Cllr Alan Jones; Cllr Chris Jones; Cllr Nia Jones; Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones; Cllr Delohne Merrell; Cllr Gareth Roberts; Cllr Glenn Robinson**  
**Town Clerk & RFO: Jayne Neal**

159. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. 5 minutes per speaker within 20 minutes framework or at the discretion of the Chair. **None**

160. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH CCBC REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROPOSED A55 JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
**Andrew Wilkinson, Head of Neighbourhood Services, ERF for Conwy County Borough Council provided an in depth presentation with each proposed option discussed at length. Over 30 residents attended, comments were noted and a straw poll was taken as an indicative feeling from the room. A separate report has been prepared and is available online on the Llanfairfechan Town Council website.**  
**RESOLVED to receive and take note**

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. **Cllr Andrew Hinchliffe** **RESOLVED to receive and take note**

161. 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 Gareth Roberts	Item 14:10	Cheques payment	Hanging Basket brackets	Not required

**RESOLVED to receive and take note**

162. TO DISCUSS ERF MATTERS  
**Clerk reported an extra skip for Station Road would be £185 +VAT. It was agreed that there is a need for this even at the extra cost as the current monthly skip is full within half an hour. Resolved to book the skip so there is one available every two weeks. Parking problems across the village is still high on the agenda and a MDT meeting will be called for September. A contact was suggested for Fire and Clerk to arrange the date with CCBC, Fire Service and NWP. Councillors are aware of a number of overgrown areas in the village, including the area affecting beach access. Clerk is in negotiation with CCBC to address this.**

**Proposed: Cllr Nia Jones Seconded: Cllr Chris Jones** **RESOLVED to approve and take note.**

163. TO DISCUSS KINGDOM AND DOG CONTROLS  
**The preventative bags project has been going well and a supplier has been sourced to provide low cost bags. To encourage economic sustainability, the Town Council will be selling biodegradable bags at 50 bags for 50p. This will fund the dispenser bags across the village which will still be provided for emergency use. The bags will be available from various outlets in the village. Clerk to arrange stickers noting that the dispenser bags are provided by the Town Council for use in an emergency. It was noted there has been an improvement, in particular in Pandy ward. County Councillor reported that the contract for Kingdom is still in debate at CCBC and that the council are impressed with the proactive approach taken in Llanfairfechan. As the village is not a hot spot, punitive measures have not been necessary.**  
**RESOLVED to receive and take note**

164. TO DISCUSS MAYOR MAKING PLANS

Further plans were made for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Clerk instructed to send out an email list of food items for Councillors to provide. An invite will be compiled in discussion with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. **RESOLVED to receive and take note**

165. TO DISCUSS FOOTPATH COMMITTEE

It was agreed that Cllr Alan Jones will no longer stand on the committee and that Delohne Merrell and Nia Jones will take his place. The committee will look into the work that needs undertaking on the footpaths in the village and report back. **RESOLVED to receive and take note**

166. TO DISCUSS VICTORIA GARDENS PROJECT

Work on the turf is still on hold due to the hot weather and will be completed in the autumn. It was agreed that Councillors will undertake the work on the petanque court and quotes for materials are being sourced. It was agreed that the Court should be laid in memory of Cllr Ray Jones who worked so hard for the village. It will be an added attraction, in particular, for the visitors on the Town Twinning trips. **RESOLVED to receive and take note**

167. TO S137 GRANTS FOR 2018/19

The Welsh Government have introduced a mandatory remuneration scheme for Councillors and as such town councils in Wales have to set aside funding for Councillor's allowances. This has been introduced to encourage residents from all financial circumstances to be elected to represent their local community without suffering financial hardship. In the year 2018/19, a number of Llanfairfechan Town Councillors have stated they want their allowance to fund community projects in the village. This has allowed us to offer extra funding to local groups. Groups do not have to be a registered charity to qualify for this help. This fund will be in addition to the S137 Grants which will still be available. Invite to bid for these funding pots will be sent out over the next few weeks and the deadline for application will be mid-September. Last year 8 organisations were given £250 each so it is hoped this can be built upon which will lead to even more activities within the village.

**RESOLVED to receive and take note**

168. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR AT YSGOL PANT Y RHEDYN SCHOOL

It was reported that a recent emergency incident with one of the pupils at the school has resulted in a call for a defibrillator to be available on the premises. The Rotary Club may give some help towards the equipment and Town Council have been asked to help with the cost of fitting. Clerk to send an email to The Hwb to ask if the Cartrefi contractor could undertake the work. All agreed that the work should be completed. Clerk was also asked to enquire about the proposed defib at The Pavilion.

Proposed: Cllr Glenn Robinson Seconded: Cllr Gareth Roberts **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

169. TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME:

Following the medical emergency at Pant y Rhedyn, to which it took 40 minutes for an ambulance to arrive, a question was asked about the Community First Responder scheme. It's known that the volunteer who led on this has now left the village. It was agreed it would be positive to relaunch this scheme and encourage the residents who attended training to re-engage. The Plas Menai surgery will be contacted to ask about working in partnership for this.

170. TO DISCUSS MEET & GREET PROJECT:

Clerk distributed a list of booked organisations for August. Since the launch in February, just under 20 organisations have hosted the session so, from a partnership perspective it has been popular. However, it was agreed that pre booking and marketing may help the session to become more popular with residents. The original idea was to encourage any isolated people in the village to take up the opportunity – more work needs to take place to reach this demographic, possibly using the links we have with social and medical services

171. TO DISCUSS STAFFING MEETING:

It was reported that contracts and job descriptions have now been updated. After a staffing audit, roles have been refocused and agreement was made that the Clerk's hours would be increased to 20 hours. This is comparable with other Clerk and RFO roles in the local area. Papers were distributed detailing all staffing hours, holidays and costs

172. TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO:

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| 1) Wages to Town Clerk - July                                     | 7) Awyr Las charity funding remittance from 2016                           |
| 2) Wages to Admin Assistant – July                                | 8) Uniplay playground markings   |
| 3) Wages to Environmental Operative – July                        | 9) CVSC membership 2018/19   |
| 4) Wages to Town Clerk - August 2018<br>(post-dated)              | 10) Smithyfires brackets for hanging baskets                               |
| 5) Wages to Admin Assistant – August 2018 (post-<br>dated)        | 11) North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils<br>annual subscription |
| 6) Wages to Environmental Operative – August<br>2018 (post-dated) | 12) Councillor allowance cheques   |
|   | 13) Playing Out Grant payment  |

Proposed: Cllr Carol Gell Seconded: Cllr Glenn Robinson ALL RESOLVED to approve and take note

173. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

- 1) Card from resident to thank for work on footbridge – easier access from Lllys y Coed now
- 2) All Wales Beach Clean 14 – 30 September – Clerk to contact to organise
- 3) NW Association of Local Councils invitation to meeting – Clerk will attend in future

ALL RESOLVED to receive and take note

174. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

- 4) Bench at Penmaen Park – the job is still ongoing. Clerk to contact contractor
- 5) Bench at Valley Road has been removed. Clerk to email CCBC to ask its whereabouts
- 6) Pandy Ward will receive a visit from the Chief Executive of Conwy Council on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Ward Councillors are invited to attend
- 7) WG Child care letters have now gone out to parent who qualify – this will help families to improve their economic circumstances and help promote positive child development
- 8) Speeding cars on Cae Fynnon Hill – this should be noted for the planned MDT meeting
- 9) Concern that pay and display in the promenade car park may be on the horizon. Town Council should be ready to respond and act if required
- 10) Access to beach is still a contested issue and Town Council are involved in negotiations with CCBC to address the problem without compromising flood measures.
- 11) Llanfairfechan is due to appear in the National Geographic magazine in September. Photographs have been taken by Mary McCartney and show the village at its best.
- 12) Feedback from the new skate park has been very positive and the facility is being well used. However, there has been some evidence of bottles left in the area so the Town Council might consider the use of CCTV if problems develop. Clerk to ask CCBC about a disclaimer for the area stating user responsibility.
- 13) Resident has reported concerns about the low wall by the toilets in Station Road. Clerk to contact DEFRA to report and enquire
- 14) Bus shelter parts have been delivered but are incomplete so further negotiation with CCBC is needed
- 15) Serious concerns about weeds around the yacht pond and the state of the paddling pool. Clerk to report again to CCBC
- 16) Commercial clam collectors were caught in action at the weekend and services seized collections. Clear that the authorities are dealing with the situation. However, it has been reported that some residents have been abusive to the Fisheries Officers and this does not help the situation

175. MEETING CLOSE – 9:45pm

Signed (Chair) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_