

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

173. **PRESENT: Councillors:** Chair – Mayor Delohne Merrell; Deputy Mayor Penny Andow; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Claire Hughes; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff: Cllr Alan Jones; Cllr Chris Jones: Cllr Iolo Kars Jones; Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones: Cllr Christine Roberts; Cllr Gareth Roberts; Cllr Glenn Robinson
Town Clerk & RFO: Jayne Neal

174. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Nia Jones **RESOLVED to receive and take note**

175. 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 |
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| Cllr G Wyn Jones | 14 | Family link to matter | | Withdraw |
| Cllr Andrew Hinchliff | 10 | Planning Committee | | Withdraw |
| Cllr Christine Roberts | 10 | Neighbour | | Withdraw |
| Cllr Carol Gell | 9 e | payment | | Did not take part |

RESOLVED to receive and take note

176. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER WITHIN 20 MINUTES FRAMEWORK OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR)

Members of the public were present, and it was agreed that questions and comments would be taken at Item 15 as residents were keen to stay for the whole meeting

177. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH SEPTEMBER 2019.

Proposed Cllr G Wyn Jones Seconded Cllr C Roberts Unanimous **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

178. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES AND TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE TOWN COUNCIL ACTION LIST

There were no matter arising from the minutes. Action list points:

4 The Future Llan initial information meeting (email Linda) was a positive start and it was agreed that the first main meeting will be open to representatives of all organisations in Llanfairfechan. From this meeting, we hope we will be able to put together a Steering Group of people who will take the project forward.

16 The Rural funding pot for Incredible Edibles is in the process of being spent. Using the new Tradepoint invoicing card, garden tools have been purchased from B&Q

17 Councillor Allowances. There is still contradictory advice being given about the process. However, we have had confirmation HMRC that self employed Councillors do not have to be enrolled on the payroll. Those who are not self employed will need to be enrolled on a one-off basis and so it will be possible to do this without incurring payroll costs. It was noted that traditionally Llanfairfechan Councillors have not taken their allowance, but guidance now states allowances are mandatory:

Determination 40: All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses (Welsh Government Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report Feb 2019)

Councillors are asked to contact HMRC to gain personal confirmation in writing of their own circumstances to ensure Town Council are following tax rules.

20 Councillors expressed discontent with the A55 presentation and there was disappointment that the presentation was still not available on the website. For transparency, Town Council require this link to be shared as soon as possible. At an unrelated consultation session, resident had approached Councillor to report that she had not received warning of the new plans and had been shocked to find her house was affected. Clerk to email project liaison and copy CCBC liaison into the email.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

179. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND APPROVE PROCESS FOR JETTY GATES

A letter from CCBC Officer was read out detailing the following:

CCBC note they recognise the Town Council request for improved access to the beach in the winter period and have put together the following proposal:

'Gates will be closed during the period 26th Sept to 3rd October and then reopened until the next high tidal window. CCBC will try to facilitate the request to keep the gates open outside the normal window – Oct to April – but with an agreed joint process and subsequent cost to the Town Council' Cllr C Gell, Cllr Andrew Hinchliff, Cllr I Kars Jones and Clerk will be available to sit in a working group with CCBC to action this proposal. Clerk to send reply email. Regrettably, it was reported that Councillors had been submitted to very difficult conversations about the closure of the gates, even though flooding did occur at the weekend. It is a disappointment as we believe this is a very positive step forward in this matter. We hope that residents will accept this is a welcome compromise that will both protect property and offer access to the beach in the Winter months where possible.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

180. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

It was agreed this policy should be reviewed annually. This matter was discussed at length and it was felt it needed further work to progress a reasonable policy. Clerk to draft a new policy from comments and add to next agenda

181. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 2019/20

182. TO RECEIVE PETTY CASH STATEMENT JUNE 2019/20

Proposed Cllr C Gell Seconded Cllr P Andow Unanimous

RESOLVED to approve and take note

183. TO RECEIVE INCOME:

2018/19 VAT refund £9676.38

RESOLVED to receive and take note

184. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO:

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| 1. Greencross Landscapes Sleepers for petanque pitch | £260.00 |
| 2. Viking office and cleaning products | £154.46 |
| 3. John Rundle xmas lights (Light Up Llan grant) | £425.28 |
| 4. Cllr Jones re: childcare payments 4th & 18th meeting | £52.97 |
| 5. Retrospective payment Cllr C Gell Mayor Buffet | £131.33 |
| 6. Retrospective payment Councillor allowance | £150.00 |

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr C Hughes Unanimous

RESOLVED to approve and take note

185. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLANNING MATTERS:

186. 0/46700 38 Penybryn Llanfairfechan LL33 0UH Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of an extension **No observations**

187. 0/46691 Coedfa The Close Llanfairfechan Conwy LL33 0AD Reduce 1 no Sycamore tree **No observations**

188. 0/46689 Araulfan 13 The Close Llanfairfechan Conwy LL33 0AG Remove 1 no Bay tree **No observations**

189. 0/46693 Tu Hwnt Ir Afon 9 The Close Llanfairfechan LL33 0AG Proposal to convert the existing garage into an annexe to the house to provide additional space for family members to stay when visiting. (Listed Building Consent) **No observations**

190. 0/46692 Tu Hwnt Ir Afon 9 The Close Llanfairfechan LL33 0AG Proposal to convert existing garage into an annexe to provide additional space for family when staying over. **No observations**

RESOLVED to receive and take note

191. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF TOWN COUNCIL (ONLY)

1. **Community Hall Meeting – committee have requested if Town Council will purchase sound project equipment and then Community Hall will reimburse difference between grant and payments. This was agreed.**

2. **Meeting between County Councillors and North Wales Police – concerns there have been several burglaries and attempted burglaries in the village. Police are patrolling on a nightly basis and using stop and search when needed. Residents are asked to report any unusual behaviour and attempted**

break ins to help gather the evidence. Clerk to invite CBM and PCSO to Town Council meeting and to enquire about County Lines and whether the village is at risk. RESOLVED to receive and take note

192. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

1. Resident information re: neighbourhood matter - Clerk had received a file of information about structural and neighbourhood problems at Maes Glanarfon Flats and residents were in attendance at the meeting. There have been ongoing difficulties at the property and County Councillors and Town Councillors have been individually involved in trying to resolve matters with Cartrefi Conwy. A summary of 13 separate problem areas was distributed and discussed at length. The problems range from structural heating and water concerns to health risks linked to misused bins and communal areas covered in dog faeces. The young daughter of a resident told the Councillors that she 'often has to stay at her Nain's because of the heat in her flat and it made her sad to leave her mum there'. Residents have been in consultation with Cartrefi over these matters and Officers are working to try and resolve them. However, Councillors were horrified to hear of the conditions at the property and felt strongly these issues needed to be addressed promptly. Clerk to email Chief Executive of Cartrefi and ask him to attend a Town Council meeting to answer some of the health risk concerns and discuss a way forward.
2. Eryri Local Development Plan - This was passed onto Councillor rep
3. Chwarae Allan Playing out scheme - A letter was read out detailing the engagement with the summer project at Victoria Gardens. 78 individual children attended; total child attendance was 105 with average session attendance at 21. It was agreed Chwarae Allan is a success in Llanfairfechan. The project has been funded for two years out of reserves and Clerk now suggests this should be considered within the precept as an annual cost. It was agreed this should be considered as part of the precept discussion in November. RESOLVED to receive and take note

193. TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

1. After being called to site meeting for review, CCBC have now redone the Pen Dalar road surface
2. Compliments were received from American visitors to the village about the free calendars they received. This was good way to use up last year's calendars and advertised the village well.
3. Report about plastic from feed bags in the horse's field by St Marys and Christ Church. Councillor will contact the owner of the horses and ask for it to be removed
4. Report that there is no water for the cemetery as the stop tap attached to the old cemetery house has been turned off. Clerk to email CCBC to report and ask for resolution to the problem
5. Query about Youth Bus – have we heard whether it attended. Clerk to email for information
6. Note that photocopier services are not available at the library. Scanning and copying can be done
7. Report that Light up Llan will not put lights in the school garden at Ysgol Babanod this year as the garden is now open to the children so there could be an H&S risk. There will still lights elsewhere
8. Hedges are still a concern even though CCBC have sent the contractor back out to the areas that were previously reported. County Councillor will chase this up
9. Mayor has received positive feedback about the skatepark RESOLVED to receive and take note

194. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE CCBC PREFERRED LDP STRATEGY

(we have been advised to hold this matter at the end of the meeting to allow Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones to leave due to declaration of interest)

Various letters from residents regarding agricultural land, infrastructure, number of houses and proposed site were discussed. Co-op consultation had given out 100 forms. Some were going to respond online, and 17 paper forms were taken to CCBC Coed Pella offices on Monday 30th September. Clerk to email CCBC the following Town Council statement:

Llanfairfechan Town Council asks that the views of the community are taken fully into account when considering developments under the Local Development Plan. Any development should only be agreed once infrastructure has been upgraded to meet the requirements of a higher population and new houses.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

195. MEETING CLOSE 9:40pm