



**CYNGOR TREF
LLANFAIRFECHAN
TOWN COUNCIL**



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**MINUTES FROM WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE 2021
MEETING OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL**

In attendance: Chair: Mayor Penny Andow; Cllr Laura Fielding; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff;; Cllr Rob Jewell; Deputy Mayor Cllr Christopher Jones; Cllr Nia Jones; Cllr Iolo Kars Jones; Cllr Alun Rhys Jones; Cllr Delohne Merrell: Cllr Christine Roberts.

55. Welcome by Chair of meeting

56. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Claire Hughes; Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones

57. To receive declaration of interest – Code of Local Government Conduct applies – none received

Resolved to receive and take note

58. To receive representations and queries from the public

No members of the public were present

In attendance: Robin Millar Member of Parliament for Aberconwy

Mr Millar introduced himself and explained his role as MP for Aberconwy. As a Bangor born resident, currently living in Deganwy, Mr Millar knows the constituency well. He noted that he has got to know Llanfairfechan more recently through the pandemic and recognises it as a stunning place to visit and live.

A current matter is a Ten-Minute Bill requesting updated legislation with regards to dangerous dogs and the threat to livestock. This is due for presentation soon and will help landowners to control the behaviour of dogs on their land. Due to the limited time, the discussion took place based on questions raised. Also reported a £20 million pounds coming to Conwy County which is part of the levelling up fund, which Llanfairfechan could benefit from. Possibly money for upgrading the car park and flood defences. There is also a chance to bid for other projects to improve the town.

1. Promenade Car Park

County Councillor reported this has been a decades long problem with serious issues, not just about resurfacing, but also drains number of spaces and access into the car park. In the CCBC initiative to upgrade and change to pay and display in car parks in Conwy County, our car park has been left until last as it has been recognised as a major task. There are concerns that the current draft plan for 98 cars does not provide enough car parking space. An informal count of cars one Saturday showed 125 cars parking in the area including some on the red road area and the side and back roads of the promenade.

Councillor raised concerns about the current temporary work on potholes – we have heard no further despite reporting the stones as dangerous

County Councillor stated this is a unique location as it is so close to the sea. Residents do not want pay and display machines and there are serious concerns about resident parking.

Response: Resident parking is going to be affected – what is the resident view?

County Councillor responded there is huge concern about resident parking and how it will operate. Many houses on the prom are multiple occupancy and have more than one car and there are concerns about restrictions that may be implemented.

Response: MP will take up the concerns about number of cars and resident opinion. There is no doubt this is a stunning spot and that any upgrade to car park will bring in more visitors which may exacerbate the problem.

2. Lack of clarity about work being undertaken by local authority

Councillor noted that Llanfairfechan is faced with many new developments – LDP, A55 junction work, Prom car park, amalgamation of schools and a lot of remedial work to improve facilities. It seems that there are prolonged discussions over this with CCBC at the beginning, but Town Council wait for an inordinate time for it to move to the point where clear information comes in or work begins. As a result Town Council gets the blame for not doing anything when its out of our hands.

Response: Mr Millar took note of this and said he would take it up with the local authority

3. A55 Roundabouts

Councillor asked if things had changed following the Welsh Government hold on new road developments?

A lot of people have submitted objections, but no one has received any information back as yet

Response: This project is difficult to argue against. The A55 is a strategic European route and these are the only two roundabouts along the way. Public enquiry is due so the processes will look at all aspects.

County Councillor noted that there are huge environmental concerns about the project in the face of climate change. In addition, it has been noted that haulage traffic is down by 35% with hauliers moving away from the use of Holyhead port.

Councillor noted that the MP is part of the New Resources Unit in Westminster. Should the decision about the road be taken jointly by Westminster and Wales Government as the A55 is part of a national/international network. It would seem that much more co-operation needs to be seen between Cardiff and Westminster?

Response: Fully agreed that more co-operation is needed. It is not a simple process, and a joint board has been set up to ensure aims are delivered. For example, it is not a simple process to transfer assets such as public transport etc

Further interpretation of point by Cllr: Robin Millar is chair of the Union Resources Unit, who propound the use of "muscular unionism" to overturn decisions by devolved authorities. This could this mean that road-building projects are a priority to Westminster, and that they're considering challenging the Welsh Government's moratorium on environmental grounds.

4. Railway and Business rates

County Councillor noted that the railway route to the west of Llanfairfechan is built on soggy land and there are concerns that flooding may ultimately threaten the railway route. This has been noted at county level.

In addition noted that rating for small businesses in our village needs to be reviewed – the process is very unfair and benefits the larger firms when smaller businesses should be supported.

Response: The railway is a matter for civil engineers and will need to be considered within any flood prevention work. Covid -19 has accelerated a negative trend for high streets and there certainly needs to be a change of culture possibly to a more leisure based/ lifestyle environment rather than simple shopping.

5. Liaison with local authority

County Councillor asked how much contact the MP has with CCBC?

Response: There is a phone conversation with the Leader of Conwy Council every Monday morning. It should be noted that Mr Millar puts great importance on partnership and used the analogy of an orange – he is interested in the juice, not the segments of any work that is being planned. He stated his approach is not party political in his work with CCBC – it is the leader of the authority he is speaking to and not a representative of any party.

Mayor thanked MP Robin Millar for attending the meeting and stated that he would be welcome at a meeting in the future.

Resolved to receive and take note

59. To receive and approve minutes 9th June 2021

Minutes had been circulated by email previously and they were taken as read.

Matters arising:

45.26.1 It stated that work would be done to secure the temporary fix on potholes asap. It has still not been done and there are concerns about safety. County Councillor has been in touch with the project team and it has been further confirmed this work will be done asap.

53.2 Further information from CCBC that there are no plants available this year due to the problems with damaged greenhouses. As a result Town Clerk agreed plants could be bought and a helpful councillor has completed the work.

Proposed Cllr D Merrell Seconded Cllr N Jones Unanimous Resolved to approve and take note

60. To receive and approve Street Support Report and future plans

Report had been circulated by email previously and the document was taken as read. County Councillor noted how important it has been to link with vulnerable people during the pandemic. Information from county meetings suggests this is still a challenge. It is positive that Town Council have over 180 vulnerable residents on the list and have supported them just under 800 times during the pandemic year. The staff team were congratulated for the success of the project. Proposals going forward were discussed and approved:

1. The staff team can commit to a once-a-week prescription delivery without compromising the workload and we would like to ensure that we are able to take this forward for the foreseeable future. Wednesday would be the most appropriate delivery day.
2. It is proposed that the office return to three days a week, but this is moved to a Monday Tuesday Wednesday routine to allow for prescription phone calls to come in ready for Wednesday.
3. The staff team will contact all current database clients to check they are aware of the changes and to see if they would like to stay on our database
4. The Street Support Facebook page has been quite successful in sharing information with residents
5. <https://www.facebook.com/streetsupportllanfairfechan>
6. It is proposed that we continue to use this page but rebrand as Health & Wellbeing Llanfairfechan Page

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr N Jones Unanimous Resolved to approve and take note

61. To receive and approve Community Events Calendar to October 2021 circulated and taken as read

1. Book swap – could a donations bucket be used in case people want to give donations?
2. Scarecrow Trail and Play day. Approval was given for hiring of funky octopus entertainment at £650.00

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr C Jones Unanimous Resolved to approve and take note

Thank you to Cllr Iolo Kars Jones for preparation of the first stage questionnaire for the community planning process. This is very much a starting point to look at how we might take the project forward and engage as many people as possible. It will be available online in the near future. Resolved to receive and take note

62. To receive information and approve plans for Chwarae Allan/Playing Out scheme

A report and costings had been previously circulated. The cost to Town Council will be £800 for 5 sessions of Chwarae Allan. Previous summer projects had been well received by residents

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr D Merrell Unanimous Resolved to approve and take note

63. To receive and approve Internal Audit 2020/21 and plans for External Audit

Internal Audit had been approved by JDH Ltd and a report had been previously circulated by email and was taken as read. Clerk will adjust the Financial Regulations to include section 11.1.a.ii and prepare a report for external auditors to covers the outstanding matter reported regarding contracted work and will state that this was due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr C Jones Unanimous Resolved to approve and take note

64. To receive information about new Cymraeg website

The translation process has now been completed. The current news tab was on its own over 16,000 words so this has been a huge undertaking. It was noted that some websites complete an automatic translation. However, it was noted that this is not recommended as accuracy can be a problem. It was agreed that, for now we will continue with the current processes and look to review at regular intervals as IT translation software is improving all the time. The community website translation will follow once the community planning process

is up and running; it is hoped that funding will be available to help with this and the partnership will be able to take on the website administration

Resolved to receive and take note

65. To receive and approve payments for June 2021

1. HMRC employer contributions £1371.66
2. Internal audit JDH Business Services LTD £428.40
3. Cyfieithu Cymunedol Menter Iaith £612.61
4. Community Skips £552.00
5. Siemens photocopier £302.40

Two items will be paid and put through retrospectively for July 21st meeting: Cllr Rob Jewell plants and Delwedd translations.

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr C Jones Unanimous Resolved to approve and take note

66. To discuss planning matters:

None received

67. To receive correspondence –

1. A thank you letter had been received from a resident regarding the reaping of the tennis court surface and net post. It was noted the residents are 'grateful for all the work that the council and community workers do on behalf of others
2. An email had been received praising the skatepark and asking for further information as good practice for another Town Council. It was also noted that the work of the Town Clerk in these matters is much appreciated.
3. All other information emails had been previously circulated by email to councillors as per Covid-19 regulations

All resolved to receive and take note

68. To receive reports from meetings

1. Councillor had attended the Dwr Anafon consultation meeting at the Community Town Hall. It was noted that Dwr Cymru had undertaken considerable research and engaged outside consultants and experts to help them come to the decision. There clarified that the current plans are the least disruptive and most cost-effective way to protect the area. AM Janet Finch Saunders responded in support of the findings of the research as the weight of evidence is that all has been done to come to a most effective solution. More residents attended the meeting at the lake than the information meeting at the hall which was unfortunate as they were unable to properly see the findings that had been prepared. It was agreed that if the consultation had taken place earlier, it may have helped to allay resident fears over this project.
2. Councillor had attended a meeting about the new parking restrictions on Pen y Bryn hill. These changes are still going through the legal process and will be resolved in the near future
3. Councillor and Town Clerk had attended a GP surgery meeting to discuss changes to the phone systems. New systems are planned as the current one is not meeting the patient need. Comments were shared and a further meeting is planned but has been delayed.
4. County Councillors have been part of GP Surgery group. There are going to changes to the surgeries in Conwy, Llandudno Junction and Deganwy, which may have a knock-on effect on Plas Menai as many Penmaenmawr patients are registered in Conwy. Remains to be seen how this will develop but surgery do not seem unduly worried about it. It was agreed a bus shelter is needed outside the doctors.

It was noted the retinopathy and podiatry service is no longer available at Plas Menai surgery. Concerns were raised about this. Clerk to email surgery for clarification on this. Resolved to receive and take note

69. To receive urgent concerns & compliments

1. Positive comments received about the hanging basket and planters project. Residents noticing the positive changes
2. Research project – requests interviews with county councillors and town councillors
3. Councillors have started working on a training programme and the first session attended was Charing Meetings which was very useful. All councillors will receive training logs over the next year and can receive certificates for their engagement on the One Voice Wales training.

4. Report that parking outside the school is becoming a real risk and there was a discussion about how to address it. Suggestion that Highways Training Officer from CCBC may be able to help. Clerk to email.

Resolved to receive and take note

4. Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: Full Town Council Meeting Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7pm online