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TOWN COUNCIL**



Llanfairfechan Community Town Hall Village Road Llanfairfechan LL30AB  
Mayor Cllr Alun Rhys Jones Deputy Mayor Cllr Nia Jones

Wednesday December 4th, 2024

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 7pm Llanfairfechan Council Chambers and online with Teams  
MINUTES**

In attendance: Chair: Deputy Mayor Nia Jones; Mayor Alun Rhys Jones; Cllr Penny Andow County and Town Councillor; Cllr Sharne-Marie Bellis; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff BEM; Cllr Leena Farhat; Cllr Chris Jones; Cllr Christine Roberts; Cllr Cathryn Taylor; Cllr Preben Vangberg Town Clerk: Jayne Neal; Deputy Town Clerk: Callum Morrison

1. Deputy Mayor Nia Jones welcomed all to the meeting and gave general housekeeping information

It was agreed the meeting would be recorded for minutes purposes

2. To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 Schedule 12)

Cllr Gareth Jones;

All resolved to receive and take note

3. To receive declarations of interest – (Disclosable personal or prejudicial interests) None recorded

All resolved to receive and take note

4. To receive representations and queries from the public

Resident and developer attended the meeting to hear the discussion on the proposed planning 0/52123. Resident had no prepared statement. Although, it was initially agreed to move this up the agenda, elected members felt it was inappropriate to be involved in a question and answer session with the developer in the matter. The matter was returned to the planning item later in the agenda.

All resolved to receive and take note

5. To receive and approve 2 x applications for Co-option to Llanfairfechan Town Council - Bryn Ward and Lafan Ward.

Information on all applicants had been received prior to the meeting and was taken as read.

Bryn Ward Proposer: Cllr Leena Farhat Seconder Cllr Penny Andow: for Rhys Griffiths. Both noted a passion and commitment to Llanfairfechan and improving opportunities for residents. In particular, his teamwork, empathy and enthusiasm within his work at Llanfairfechan Football Club was noted. No ballot was taken as there was only one applicant. A vote was taken, and acceptance was unanimously agreed.

All unanimously resolved to approve and take note

Lafan Ward Two applicants were considered so a ballot took place

Proposer: Deputy Mayor Nia Jones Seconder: Cllr Christine Roberts for Charlotte Davies. Both noted a dedicated and concerned approach to the needs of Llanfairfechan and an aim to make a difference. It was also noted that Charlotte has experience of working with people with additional needs and this will be an important quality for an elected member. Charlotte stated that she is passionate about the development of Llanfairfechan, noting the good sense of community. She would aim to help local businesses, support the residents and encourage working together to make a difference. As a Town Councillor, Charlotte is willing to learn and aims to bring fresh ideas and a collaborative approach and make a commitment to having a positive impact for residents.

Proposer: Cllr Andrew Hinchliff BEM Seconder: Cllr Chris Jones for Martin Jones. It was noted that Martin had thrown himself into community projects since moving to Llanfairfechan 12 years ago. As an executive of a large multinational company, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that would be extremely useful to the Town Council. With a very personable approach, he has already stood on committees in Llanfairfechan and shown a commitment to improving things in the town.

Martin stated that he has a strong skill set that could come in useful for Town Council. Working with the sailing club, in particular with the safety boat, he has proven management skills that would benefit the work of the Town Council. A ballot was taken, and Charlotte Davies was voted in on a majority verdict with one abstention and applicants were informed by Chair and Town Clerk. It was agreed that new Councillors will be sworn in at our meeting in January and Town Clerk will be in touch to discuss the process.

Resolved to approve by majority and take note

6. To receive and approve minutes October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and current action list (LGA1972 Schedule 12)

Minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting and were taken as read. Matters arising and action list:

5.1 Nant y Pandy car park – Finance committee will consider and make a recommendation to Town Council about this matter in the January precept meeting.

5.2 Promenade car park – concern that businesses are not being considered when roadworks are undertaken. Town Council was reminded of the financial challenges in Conwy CBC and the effect on staff. The contractors have agreed to fund park benches for the Llais Lle Voice of East Llanfairfechan project. Clerk to send an email to ask about an end date for the work and if the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January event will be able to take place. Clerk to email flood team for update information.

5.3 Bus shelter – County Councillor will chase up the matter

5.4 Flags project will be completed by the end of next week

5.8 Kickstarter – Town Council are still waiting for the Discover Llanfairfechan/ Community Partnership Group to formally adopt the plan but are working informally to the recommendations within.

5.14 Winter Sounds was a huge success and will be worth working on next year

5.15 Subcommittee – Environmental Committee need to meet to review Christmas lighting and plan for next year.

5.21 Library may be taking this project forward – awaiting more information from library. Mayor to meet on Tuesday

All unanimously resolved to approve and take note

**7. To receive information and approve plans for the Llanfairfechan Christmas Market & Fair**

Town Councillors were asked to support the Christmas Market and Fair Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The team are still in needs of help for some parts of the event. Most prep is completed, and the marketing is now going out on a daily scheduled basis to maximise coverage; everyone was encouraged to share posts. Thanks to Boss Bakes for supplying children's cakes for Santa at no cost and to Abi Bakes for supplying mince pies for stallholders at a good price. The Christmas carols around the tree is at 4:30pm so it would be good for Town Councillors to attend and stay to help with the clear down. Costs for the Christmas activities will total around £9700 but £7500 of this is Christmas lighting so the Christmas Market and Fair is a relatively low cost event considering the size of it.

All unanimously resolved to approve and take note

**8. To receive information and approve plans for Llanfairfechan New Year Lantern Parade and Fireworks Display**

The cost for the Lantern Parade is £1100 and this would include lantern making workshops in the daytime and the performance and music for the parade. The cost of the Fireworks Display is £1800, and we have been offered the option of low noise fireworks which are becoming more popular with the public. A discussion took place to consider the different options, and it was agreed the event should go ahead. Clerk to check that 2<sup>nd</sup> January can go ahead in the car park area and also to source popcorn and boxes. Research will take place to look at guidelines for advice about how to view fireworks safely for anyone with sensitivity. It was agreed that the parade will go ahead with a low noise fireworks and folk music this year to trial a quieter event and will put in place a survey to see if people are happy with the low noise option.

All unanimously resolved to approve

and take note

**9. To receive information and approve completion work for West Shore Recreation Ground (MUGA) project**

A worksheet was provided that showed the project costs had come in as expected with the exception of an extra £450 for storage shed racking. The partnership project with Llanfairfechan Town Council had progressed really well and the courts have been used extensively by the local population. There will need to be a decision made about charges to cover maintenance going forward. Finance Committee to discuss and feedback to the Town Council in January. Total costs to Town Council £5422.00, External Funding totalled £127,200.00. Bookings from August have been good – Total bookings 929 of which football 3g was 641 and Tennis & MUGA was 339. Of these bookings, there were 122 bookings that were subsequently cancelled so this is a consideration when thinking about charging. Shelving costs for the storage unit was agreed as this was a cost for materials alone as a parent from the Football Club designed and completed the work for free – it was noted it's a great job and that we can pay this bill.

All unanimously resolved to approve and take note

**10. To receive information and approve plans for a resident's survey to develop the skatepark repairs project**

Update to the proposed work at the skatepark. Mayor and Deputy Mayor met with a new contractor to discuss possible options, and this was felt to be a more positive meeting. It was stated that a better way to look at the repair problem would be to take away the middle high ramp that is completely rotten and keep and resurface the lower one. In addition, a grind rail could be added so that some new interest could be offered. It was agreed that quotes would be sought for this work to take place in the short term. In the longer term, the Town Council are looking at external funding options to refurbish the area as a Wheeled Sports Area made from concrete as this is now more popular with users. It is hoped the new repair idea could be completed within a shorter time span. Quotes to be gained as soon as possible. Town Council are committed to making the repairs, if possible, but this will depend on

quotes etc. The contractor advised it's really not worth spending more than £10,000 on the current equipment and that a full refurbishment would be the aim. Thanks to the Conwy Play Officer for helping to find a solution for this matter. It could also be possible to complete the concrete equipment in phases which may be easier to fund. However, the advice was to put in for high budget cost for full refurb if submitting an external bid as it gives funders an option to award a lower amount if needed. A resident's survey will be considered once the quotes are received.

All resolved to receive and take note

**11. To receive and approve Finance Reports and current payments for December 4th, 2024**

Query 1 Face painting was not approved for the lantern parade as it won't be seen in the dark. It was agreed that face painting should be kept for the summer Beach of Dreams Llanfairfechan celebration event.

All other payments and reports were approved

All unanimously resolved to approve and take note

**12. To receive information about planning matters**

0/52123 Evangelical Fellowship Mill Road Llanfairfechan LL33 OTG. Site to provide 6 no dwellings

A full discussion took place, the type of housing was welcomed and the fact that it is at an infill plot within the boundary. It seems the parking will be offroad but there are some concerns about the amount of traffic in the area and Town Council would ask that the developer follows recommendations of Conwy Highways assessment. Clerk to report this to planning by email.

0/52142 Design of new extension featuring entrance Awelfryn, Mount Road, Llanfairfechan, Conwy, LL33 OHB

Some Town Councillors knew this house and were able to say that these changes make sense for the type of house. No other observations were made on this matter. Clerk to email planning with the information.

All resolved to receive and take note

**13. To receive correspondence**

1. Email received from resident regarding a query about a traffic survey, This has been discussed previously and has now been brought to Town Council to consider if a survey should be undertaken in view of the recent planning application in Gorwel and the focus on access problems. A discussion took place, and some background information came from the resident's meeting for the Gorwel matter. It was noted that the survey would need to be carefully considered as it could raise expectations when little can be done. Clerk to ask Conwy Highways if a traffic survey could be an option and what would be involved and email the resident to ask what their thoughts are about this in readiness for the meeting in January.

2. Letter and email from a company in Staffordshire who own the Llanfair Arms. It suggests an idea to develop a community pub with 50% shares in the property and then the owner would donate the rest of the property to the group. It would be important to consider this within the existing priorities and calls on Town Council time. Town Council could not take on the property, but the idea is that it could help a resident group to form. Clerk to send the letter out to Town Councillors for consideration.

All resolved to receive and take note

**14. To receive reports from meetings**

1. Friends of Community Library Officers have been re-elected and new ideas were suggested. The group would like to set up a homework club and have volunteers who may do this. The group have raised concerns that a library survey has not been ratified at Cabinet and also that the questions relating to Community Libraries are not helpful. County Councillor will question the matter and feedback.

2. Discover Llanfairfechan – governance is still being completed and banking need to be updated.

3. Community Hall – have applied to be a Multiply hub with GLLM will hear by the end of the week. The change of ownership has been signed and is due to go through in the next week. All resolved to receive and take note

**15. To receive compliments and urgent matters for consideration and to log for future meetings**

1. It was reported that thanks had been given to the Town Clerk for her work in Llanfairfechan from the attendees at the celebration buffet early in the evening. It was noted that Llanfairfechan Town Council is now seen as a trailblazer across Conwy County and the Clerk had contributed to the process of raising the profile.

2. A big well done was given to County Councillor Penny and Cllr Andrew Hinchliff for their speeches at the Gorwel planning committee matter. There has been a lot of positive feedback from residents who have said this is an excellent example of how representation should work.

3. It was agreed that the Friends of the Library Committee should be congratulated on their work to build the profile of Llanfairfechan Community Library. The committee have been managing a project budget of £250,000 on behalf of the Community Libraries across Conwy County and are seen as an example of good practice. Clerk to send an email on behalf of the Town Council

Nadolig Llawen Merry Christmas was wished for all

Meeting closed at 9:15pm