

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Held on 4 September 2019 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Mayor Delohne Merrell, Deputy Mayor Penny Andow, Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones, Cllr Claire Hughes, Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Iolo Kars Jones; Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Chris Jones; Cllr Nia Jones, Cllr Christine Roberts; Cllr Gareth Roberts;
Town Clerk & RFO: Jayne Neal

136. WELCOME & RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were a number of residents in attendance with an interest in Item 6 and it was agreed questions could be taken during the discussion

137. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **Cllr Andrew Hinchliff, Cllr Glenn Robinson**

RESOLVED to receive and take note

138. 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 G Wyn Jones	6	Family link to matter		Withdraw
Cllr G Wyn Jones	17:4	Family link to matter		Withdraw
Cllr D Merrell	10	Family link to matter		Withdraw
Cllr I Kars Jones	17.3	Neighbour		Withdraw
Cllr C Roberts	17.3	Neighbour		Withdraw

RESOLVED to receive and take note

139. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING 17TH JULY 2019

These had been previously distributed and were taken as read

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr I Kars Jones Unanimous

RESOLVED to approve and take note

140. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

No matters arising

RESOLVED to receive and take note

141. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE ACTION PLAN FOR CCBC PREFERRED STRATEGY LDP CONSULTATION AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

1. After stressing that his link was through a family member, Cllr Wyn Jones withdrew. It was noted the site in question is subject to an agreement in principle and has not been sold – it is not a done deal. Clerk distributed an update report, and this was used as a basis for discussion. Email from Cllr Kars Jones was also distributed and discussed.

2. Resident comment – Background papers suggest that other sites had been available but that the preferred strategy is focussing on the one site at Cae Ffynnon. Concern that residents need to know that if we just accept this then it paves the way for more development in the future. How do we know that CCBC are not just taking the easy option?

3. It was agreed that consultation is the most important method of engaging with the process and that every effort has been made to ensure residents know about the consultation and that they give their views. In response, Town Council reported the Mayor had requested the extra drop in session and CCBC had provided the extra session (4th Sept 5pm – 8pm). In addition, an email had been sent asking for an extension. CCBC stated that the consultation had already been extended from 6 to 8 weeks. Resident asked for further clarification about this.

Town Council agreed to email again to seek further clarification about this fact - Clerk to action

4. Email had been sent to CCBC with a query about the Welsh Government land at Bryn y Neuadd and the response was that the land had not been offered by Welsh Government and it is designated Historic Parks and Gardens so would not necessarily be eligible for house build. It was agreed that an email be sent to Welsh Government to ascertain their position on this. Clerk to action

5. Resident raised the question of brown sites and why these had not been considered. It was recognised that these sites are not as attractive to contractors and so it's easier to focus on the green field.

Clerk to query this with CCBC by email

6. Resident asked why Llanfairfechan was categorised an urban settlement? This categorisation is because there is population of above 3000

7 There were serious concerns raised about whether the necessary infrastructure would be in place to cope with the extra resident need.

- a. Drainage – there is significant evidence to suggest this site would not be suitable. The name of the road Cae Ffynnon raises questions about the land there. Known drainage ditch running down past the cemetery
- b. Playgrounds – the plan includes extra playgrounds. Assurance is needed that CCBC will be able maintain them even though they already seem unable to look after existing ones. Clerk to ask for a wider approach to playgrounds. Ensure existing playgrounds are included in the LDP plans
- c. Car parking, highways and shops – is there enough capacity to meet the needs of expansion. There is talk of collateral funding for the centre of the village to offset the school moving out. Discussions have taken place with the A55 project team about the inadequate junction at Madryn
- d. Doctors capacity – unconvinced there will be no negative effects

8 A map was distributed to consider the pipeline in the proposed field. Discussion with CCBC suggests this pipeline could be considered a hard boundary that would stop any further build at the site and may result in a lower total of houses, possibly more like 200 – 250. Clerk to confirm this hard border.

9 Resident query: As a gateway to Snowdonia, consultation must take place with Snowdonia National Park. Clerk to enquire about this matter.

Clerk include all queries into emails as requested above

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr C Jones unanimous

RESOLVED to approve and take note

142. TO REPORT ON THE FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Clerk reported the contract had gone well and feedback had been excellent. The photographic evidence had worked out well. Penmaenmawr have offered to pay more than their 1/3 share of £483 and agreed to pay £600 towards the contract. The cuts have been late this year due to the process of drawing up new contracts so its unlikely a second cut will be needed. The tender will be sent out again for next year – suggestion that this should happen straight after Christmas to allow for a much earlier cut next year. It is expected the tender amount will be higher next year, so we need to prepare the precept for this. It was proposed that the picnic benches near the yacht pond could be moved out of the area by the bushes to enable the bushes to grow further and encourage biodiversity.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

143. TO DISCUSS s137 GRANTS AND APPROVE S144 AND S19 GRANT PAYMENTS:

1. Community Library £2000

Councillors are still unhappy that reserves are so high but recognise that the grant is in the precept for 2019/20 and so this should be honoured. It was noted this matter should be considered when the precept is being set for next year. It was stressed that the Town Council are committed to supporting the library in the village and will do their best to ensure the service continues.

2. Discover Llanfairfechan £1000. This grant was agreed

3. Light Up Llan £1500. This grant was agreed

Proposed Cllr C Gell Seconded Cllr I Kars Jones unanimous

RESOLVED to approve and take note

144. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE FIREWORK EVENT FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2019

1. CHAPTER 8 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Clerk to request an extra place for Cllr N Jones as representative for Light up Llan.

2. EXPANSION OF THE EVENT TO INCLUDE FOOD AND ARTISAN MARKET

Clerk to investigate this and follow up contacts provided at the meeting. Focus to be on local food market to ensure it does not take custom away from Light up Llan. Ask carnival for contacts with fairground. Discuss ideas with Sailing Club and cafes on the promenade

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr C Jones unanimous

RESOLVED to approve and take note

145. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE STAFFING MATTERS – INCREASE IN TOWN CLERK HOURS AND SELF-EMPLOYED PROJECT WORKER FOR FIREWORK NIGHT FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AND REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Clerk to progress this with Staffing Committee. Cllr D Merrell has declared an interest in the matter and will not be involved in the process. It was noted the Cenotaph needs a clean. Environmental Operative will be tasked to complete this work before 10th November.

Proposed Cllr C Hughes Seconded Cllr N Jones unanimous **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

146. TO DISCUSS DIGITAL SIGN AND APPROVE INCREASE IN SIM CARD MEMORY

Apologies were given that the business packs have not been completed – this work will take place within the next week. It was agreed the sim card memory could be increased to meet demand. This is evidence of the project's success with community groups in the village

Proposed Cllr P Andow Seconded Cllr C Hughes unanimous **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

147. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE SPEND FOR RURAL CONWY TIDY COMMUNITIES £500

Clerk to complete purchase of goods for the Keep Llanfairfechan Clean and Tidy group and Incredible Edibles. £500 to be spent items as per project application.

Proposed Cllr C Jones Seconded Cllr C Gell unanimous **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

148. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 2019/20

149. TO RECEIVE PETTY CASH STATEMENT JUNE 2019/20

Proposed Cllr G Wyn Jones Seconded Cllr N Jones unanimous **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

150. TO RECEIVE INCOME:

1. PRECEPT AUG 19 £32666.00

RESOLVED to receive and take note

151. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO –

1. CVSC fit for funding sessions x 2 £100
2. SLCC annual membership £175.00
3. Funeral donation - £20.00
4. One Voice Wales D Merrell and J Neal training £80.00
5. Gary Fenner stonemason – retrospective payment - £395.00
6. CCBC Playgrounds inspection – retrospective payment - £44.02
7. Office 365 licences Technical footprint - £270.72
8. Playing Our Scheme 2019 contribution - £1300.00
9. Llandudno Wholesaler – Banner table rolls Llanfairfechan Celebrates £47.98
10. Thomas Fattorini – Ribbon Collarettes x 4 £72.78
11. Cyfieithu Cymunedol / Community Translation £20.99
12. Cyfieithu Cymunedol / Community Translation £159.72
13. Medi Williams Ballroom Emporium £50.00 fee Mayor's Inauguration
14. Petty Cash £150

An extra payment to be made and ratified at next meeting as it was too late for the agenda: CurtisHR – £250.00

It was noted the Playing Out scheme had been a success. About 25 children at session. Clerk to feedback about staff. This project has been spent from reserves for two years and so now should be considered for precept grant 2020/21

Proposed Cllr C Jones Seconded Cllr C Gell unanimous **RESOLVED to approve and take note**

152. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLANNING MATTERS

1. 0/46548 Prune 3 no sycamore trees Glan Aber – no observations
2. 0/46539 Erection of a new dwelling Plot 82 Cae America – no observations
3. 0/46574 Proposed conservatory extension to side of dwelling – no observations
4. Snowdonia National Park NP4/23/51 Ty'n Rhedyn Isaf – resident concern about an increase in traffic if this goes ahead. Will this set a precedent for agricultural land?
5. Snowdonia National Park NP4/23/50 – already refused

RESOLVED to receive and take note

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

1. Llys y Coed 10th celebration – a number of Councillors, including the Mayor, attended the event. It was reported that a good time was enjoyed by all and it was noted that all involved should be congratulated on their excellent organisational skills. Town Council to send a token of their appreciation. Clerk to action

2. **Town Twinning Association making plans for next year's trip. Their BBQ and Petanque evening at Victoria Gardens were a huge success with over 40 people in attendance. The Consort and other Councillors were in attendance**
3. **The Mayor attended Llanfairfechan Town Football Club's community cup match and presented the trophies. Despite the rain, this was an excellent event, and much enjoyed by those who attended. LLTFC have requested that they have a window display at the hall, and this has been agreed.**
4. **An email was shared about the new Well Connect partnership project which is being led by the GP surgery. The aims of the group are to link together all wellbeing activities in the surgery's catchment area and help to communicate more effectively. Mayor and Clerk are representing the Town Council and will be involved in the work. Councillors are asked to feedback any concerns or comments so they can be shared with the group**
RESOLVED to receive and take note

154. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

1. **Letter from resident regarding LDP Resident Action Plan Committee – Clerk to respond that Llanfairfechan Town Council are engaging with formal processes of consultation and planning to ensure that resident voice is heard by all parties. The Council is committed to ensuring that any developments only improve facilities for the residents of the village and address any concerns that have been raised**
2. **ERF information sheet – this has been previously distributed**
3. **Letter from Golf Club re: junior membership – s137 form has now been submitted**
4. **Letter from resident re: overgrowth on the Cob – Clerk to respond to resident and confirm these points will be considered when responding to CCBC and the Town Council will continue to monitor the situation. Only Beach access point will be strimmed to ensure a sympathetic approach to biodiversity. It was noted there are special rules with regard to ragwort that does necessitate removal.**
5. **Streetworks notification – Terrace Walk 29/10/2019 tree maintenance**

155. TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

1. **ERF have reported there is problem with ash draw back and there will be no ash trees in the local area beyond 20 years' time.**
2. **ERF have reported that from next year grass cuttings will be left in situ to help nourish the grass and improve the CCBC carbon footprint**
3. **Resident query about building at the back of Gorwel. CCBC response: is that a high number of candidate sites previously for consideration but no decision has been made on these at the moment. A landowner has a submitted a site for consideration near Gorwel, but as above no decision has been made on these site to date. CCBC will be appraising these lands over the coming months with decision being reported sometime in early 2020.**
4. **Dispersal notices and a Section 59 order were given out due to illegal car maneuverers in the village. Police dealt with this promptly and the perpetrators were dispersed**
5. **Parking wardens are still in constant attendance – Clerk to email to request parking wardens should not attend whilst the legal process towards changing the regulations is actioned**
6. **Concerns that te time for closing the jetty gates is approaching – Clerk to chase up CCBC**
7. **It was noted that weeds on the promenade were still bad, it may be that CCBC will provide another cut in September; Clerk to chase these matters and respond at next meeting.**

Close 9:45pm