

**CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Mayor Delohne Merrell; Deputy Mayor Penny Andow; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff; Cllr Iolo Kars Jones; Cllr Christine Roberts; Cllr Gareth Roberts; Cllr Glenn Robinson; Town Clerk & RFO: Jayne Neal

242. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Alan Jones; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Claire Hughes; Cllr Nia Jones; Cllr Chris Jones; Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones **RESOLVED to receive and take note**

243. 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 Andrew Hinchliff	12	CCBC Planning Committee	Withdraw
Cllr I Kars Jones	14.1	Correspondance matter	Withdraw

RESOLVED to receive and take note

244. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Laura Fielding attended the meeting to talk about Plastic Free Communities. The project has been developed by Surfers Against Sewage and there is significant interest. The organisation is creating a Plastic Free Community network to free communities from single-use plastic (SUP). They are tackling avoidable SUP use, from the beach all the way back to the brands and businesses who create it. The aim to gain Plastic Free Communities status by asking businesses, community groups and individuals to commit to reducing SUP use in the village. It was noted this is not about banning plastic use but encouraging a positive attitude by introducing alternatives. It was suggested that parties at the hall could be encouraged to use plastic beakers that may be made available; businesses might be asked to stop using plastic straws and offer paper ones or stop straw usage; community events might request that stall holders do not use SUP. The project could encourage engagement with beach cleans and litter picks and it was suggested that it could be linked to Keep Llanfairfechan Tidy and Clean. Businesses could pledge to reduce their use of SUP and receive a sticker to show they are part of the project. Town Council were asked to support, and a proposal was made.

Proposed Cllr I Kars Jones Seconded Cllr P Andow Unanimous RESOLVED to approve and take note

245. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20 NOVEMBER 2019

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr G Robinson Unanimous RESOLVED to approve and take note

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes. Action List as follows:

- 4. Bus Shelter - Clerk has sent an email to request that we work with an alternative CCBC officer to progress this matter that has been ongoing for over 2 years. Awaiting response**
- 7. Parking Restrictions and changes - Councillors raised concerns that traffic wardens are still targeting Station Road. The new changes have been accepted and CCBC are awaiting signs to be delivered and fitted. It has been confirmed that Llanfairfechan does not have a higher number of visits and is a small part of the warden rota. County Councillor will report to CCBC that the wardens would be better to cover the whole of the village rather than concentrate on Station Road and Village Road.**
- 10. Clerk to email CCBC Play Inspector for update**
- 16. Promenade Shelter – Clerk has been in touch with CCBC again and this matter is still going through legal. There is a problem over occupancy as items are being stored there by a business owner**
- 22. Community Library - It was noted there is still no clarity over the financial needs of the group. They currently have a significant amount of money in reserve and so it was suggested the Town Council should carefully consider the situation before committing to a grant in their precept budget setting for next year. There is still a concern about governance as the committee do not**

meet regularly and have not provided results from the survey that was requested. It was noted that Town Councils committee representatives often are not kept informed of meetings and developments. Clerk was asked to email the committee for an update report to arrive before the 20th January so that all information is available. Resolved to receive and take note

247. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE 2020/21 PRECEPT PROPOSAL

Information had been sent previously by email and a hard copy was distributed. It was agreed that the precept proposal should be deferred as attendance was low. As expected, there has been an increase in Office and IT costs due to the purchase of business broadband and Office 365 and community skips will be overspent as they have increased in price. There is concern about grants spend and it was suggested that all grants could be subject to an application process, with a clear breakdown of proposed project spend to be provided before grant is agreed. Due to good housekeeping over a number of years, there is no need to increase the precept by much in 2020/21, despite the financial ask from CCBC with regard to their Sustainable Communities strategy. However, Clerk did request that an increase in wage levels are considered for the Environmental Operative as he has received plaudits for his work and loyalty over 5 years. It was agreed a staffing committee would be called and that a raised wage level was agreed in principle. In addition, Councillors requested that a works phone is purchased for James to use when out lone working. Final approval for precept to be sought at the meeting on 22nd January.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

248. TO DISCUSS FUTURE LLANFAIRFECHAN FEEDBACK & INFORMATION

An information list had been distributed at the previous and it was reported that this had been shared with the attendees from last meeting for comment. None had been received so the next step is to follow this up and liaise with CCBC development officer to prepare for the public survey. It was noted that grants are available so a 'quick win' would encourage the project to move forward. This is something to be discussed at the next meeting of the group which may be in February. Town Council needs to appoint representatives for the group

RESOLVED to receive and take note

249. TO RECEIVE INCOME

1 Final CCBC precept payment for 2019/20 £32666.00

2. Reimbursement from Community Hall Sound Project £3857.55 RESOLVED to receive and take note

250. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 2020

251. TO RECEIVE PETTY CASH STATEMENT JANUARY 2020

Proposed Cllr C Roberts Seconded Cllr P Andow Unanimous RESOLVED to approve and take note

252. TO APPROVE PAYMENTS TO:

1) Menter Iaith translations £15.00

2) Running Imp £682.74

3) Staff payments and pensions December (retrospective) £2991.60

Proposed Cllr A Hinchliff Seconded Cllr C Roberts Unanimous RESOLVED to approve and take note

253. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PLANNING MATTERS:

1. 1)0/46944 prune 1 Turkey Oak Ty'n Coed The Close

2)0/46948 Remove pine tree Rose Lea The Close

3)0/46965 1 Bryn Seriol Retention of existing garage, reduction in height and construction of flat roof thereto No observations or concerns were made RESOLVED to receive and take note

14. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

1. Councillor Jones – social media matter

This was discussed at length and it was noted that social media sites such as Facebook are a challenge to police and operate appropriately. Councillors hold personal profiles where they are at liberty to post as they wish, and it is not possible to control this material. However, the Social Media Policy asks Councillors to proceed with caution. There was uncertainty about how to progress this matter. Clerk restated that the Ombudsman is there to settle matters in an independent manner and that attempts to resolve issues in-house often lead to more difficulties. It was agreed that Mayor and Clerk would meet with Cllr A Jones to discuss this matter further if required.

2. CCBC Morfa Madryn information

Due to changes in personnel and funding constraints, CCBC will no longer commit to contributing to the management of Morfa Madryn. It was suggested this is a worrying development and the Town Council will be observing with concern. However, there is some evidence that a third party organisation may be willing to take over the management of the area and so further information is awaited. Clerk to email to ask that the Council is kept informed.

3. Thank you card from Brownies and Rainbows

4. Thank you card from NWCR

5. Thank you card from Llanfairfechan Bowling Club

6. Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Mayor / Chairperson Clerk to email for inclusion in draw.

7. Blue Flag information – beach activities

Information was received about the need for beach activities to take to meet the requirements of the Blue Flag award. It was noted that community activities do take place but are maybe not recorded. It would be helpful if groups could inform Town Council when activities take place and then this can be reported to Blue Flag project

8. Ysgol Pant y Rhedyn and Babanod

Headteacher had been in touch to apologise for not being able to attend the buffet on 4th December. He assured the Council that the Urdd subscription grants had made a huge difference to the project. Clerk to email for a report on the difference the money has made and also to enquire what happens to any funds if a pupil does not want to join the project? Councillors will receive an invite to the St David's Day concert in recognition of their contribution. Headteacher is interested in working in partnership with Community Minibus group to secure a new bus for the school and community

254. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES ON BEHALF OF TOWN COUNCIL.

1. Understanding Welsh Places and SLCC Clerk's meeting 3rd December 2019

2. Clerk has previously shared information about Understanding Welsh Places – it was a useful meeting to get to know the website further. Clerks meeting was reassuring in that all Town Councils are finding the CCBC Sustainable Communities project difficult to address in the precept preparations. It was agreed that Town Council have strength in numbers and that this could be approached with a collective response.

3. Pandy Ward Audit 9th December 2019

4. This was a very positive meeting with CCBC ERF officers, and some work has already been completed. Clerk to contact CCBC as two Gorwel signs are still covered in paint

5. CCBC car park meeting 10th December 2019

6. Report was distributed and there was a discussion from this. It was agreed that we await further information from CCBC before making any forward plans. Clerk to include on future agenda once the information has been received

7. Cartrefi Conwy meeting 16th December 2019

8. This meeting was poorly attended by residents but those who did attend were somewhat reassured by recent developments. Cartrefi have agreed to the individualised approach to heating at the flats as requested by residents. Councillors agreed that whilst, we would now take a step back, Council would like to be informed of any developments.

9. Report from Resident's 100th birthday

10. This was a lovely occasion and Mrs Ina Davies and her family appreciated the visit by Mayor Delohne Merrell. Information can be found on current news of the website.

RESOLVED to receive and take note

255. TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

1. Clerk to email about the poor state of tarmac that has been used in the resurfacing on Gorwel. Clerk to report
2. Concern about the ex-staff houses on Bryn y Neuadd grounds. They have been broken into and are being used as sites for anti-social behaviour. Clerk to report
3. Foodbank are through to a public vote round on a funding bid. Please support when the link goes out
4. A large number of plastic cable ties have been found in the village. Request that care is taken when using these ties and ensure they are disposed of appropriately
5. Nant Pandy car park survey – Clerk to compile report and ad to next agenda
6. Flagpole flag needs to replacing – Clerk to action
7. Signs at the roadworks in Mount Road /Valley Road are not secured effectively and so keep falling over. Clerk to report
8. Concerns were raised about garden waste bins – clerk to query if disabled residents will be able to get help to move their bins and whether residents can share bins. RESOLVED to receive and take note

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ENDED AT 9:30pm

Date of next meeting – General Purposes Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7pm