



**CYNGOR TREF
LLANFAIRFECHAN
TOWN COUNCIL**



**Llanfairfechan Community Town Hall Village Road Llanfairfechan LL330AB
Mayor Cllr Penny Andow Deputy Mayor Cllr Chris Jones**

**THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST AT 6:00 PM
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LLANFAIRECHAN TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes from the meeting**

**In attendance: Chair: Mayor Penny Andow; Cllr Carol Gell; Cllr Andrew Hinchliff; Cllr Claire Hughes
Deputy Mayor Cllr Christopher Jones; Cllr Nia Jones (had to leave after Item 1); Cllr Iolo Kars Jones;
Cllr Alun Rhys Jones; Cllr Delohne Merrell**

1. Welcome by Chair of meeting

It was noted that, although the next meeting was due after the summer break, the recent urgent matters could not be left until September to be addressed. As Town Council had decided to meet, it was agreed the planning application should be considered as it had a requirement to comment before 18th August.

2. Deputy Mayor Cllr Chris Jones took the Chair until Mayor arrived at the meeting

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Laura Fielding, Cllr Rob Jewell, Cllr Christine Roberts, Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones

4. To receive declaration of interest –

Code of Local Government Conduct applies

Item 5 Cllr C Gell & Cllr A Hinchliff as members of the Sailing Club Committee

5. To discuss and approve plans to purchase safety equipment for the promenade site

Town Council was extremely saddened by the tragic news of the passing of Jenna Jones following an incident in the sea by the jetty. Residents and Town Councillors feel strongly that signs and safety equipment in the area need improving and so Council was asked to debate the matter. Sailing Club have offered electricity for a defib cabinet but do not want to take custodianship. Further discussion needs to take place with all stakeholders before any installation is agreed. Town Clerk had been in touch with Wales Ambulance and had costings prepared for a defibrillator as follows:

Zoll Aed Plus - £800.00 + vat

Option 1 - Heated key code locking cabinet £423.20 + vat (It was noted this is important for defibs as winter cold can degrade the equipment)

Option 2 - Heated non key code locking cabinet £391.20 + vat

Delivery £15.00 + vat

Electrical installation cost between £175.00 / £230.00 + vat

Clerk had also been informed of possible funding for 'Safety at Sea' equipment and had requested information about this.

Following the discussion it was agreed that:

1. Clerk to progress towards purchase and installation of equipment but, at the same time, working in partnership with all stakeholders, including Jenna's family if they want to be involved.
2. Clerk to make sure that information about all village defibrillators is clearly advertised in shops and public places so that tourists and residents are aware.
3. Cllr Claire Hughes will upload all defib information to Google as a further information sharing exercise.

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

5. To discuss and approve grant to CCBC to assist with the Nant y Coed rebuilding project
CCBC Countryside Services had been in touch to ask if Town Council would contribute to the Nant y Coed rebuilding project. CCBC have been unable to raise the necessary funds required by quotes that have been provided. CCBC's Consultancy Team have drawn up a best fit solution to the 3 problems identified in order of priority:

- a) The badly damaged riverbank and path section in need of reinstatement
- b) Additional boulder installation to a section of path susceptible to flood damage
- c) Installation of missing steppingstones to both sets

The deadline has now passed for tender submissions for the path repair works.

CCBC now know with certainty that the costs involved exceed our estimates and exceeds the £36,121 secured Footpath Improvement Grant (to be spent this financial year). There is a small three-week window when work must begin (starting 30th August) and the shortfall stands at £63,879. Crisis Management Team had discussed this matter but felt the prospective spend should be debated by the whole Town Council. An amount of £5000 has been provisionally offered from Town Council project reserves. Countryside Services have said this amount would be a help as it can be noted as match funding in their funding bids. This is a modest amount considering the shortfall of the project, but it was pointed out that we are a relatively small Town Council and this represents 5% of our total precept. In addition, it may be that CCBC will need to ask for more contribution as the job progresses.

Following the discussion it was agreed that:

1. Town Clerk should offer the £5000 with the proviso that it will only be paid once there is clear evidence that the project is going ahead and will be used directly for the Nant y Coed rebuilding project.
2. Clerk should request that Town Council are included as a stakeholder and receive information about how work is progressing with reassurances that this work will be effective in solving the problem in the area.

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

6. To discuss planning application 0/48723

Cllr Carol Gell and Cllr Andrew Hinchliff had declared an interest and had no part of the decision-making process.

This was an application by Llanfairfechan Sailing Club to extend the boat park on the promenade. Previous information had been presented by committee members Commodore Kate Ingham and Secretary Lance Jones and can be viewed online here:

<https://www.llanfairfechantowncouncil.co.uk/delwedd/resources/minutes-7th-april-1.pdf>

<https://www.llanfairfechantowncouncil.co.uk/delwedd/resources/minutes-9th-june-2.pdf>

Further queries should be directed to Llanfairfechan Sailing Club and Conwy County Borough Council planning.

It was noted that Town Councils are not able to raise objections to planning applications, but they are able to make observations within planning law and, following the discussion, a statement for Conwy Planning Services was prepared:

Town Council recognise this is a significant development and we would expect:

1. resident opinion has been gathered and any concerns have been considered.
2. there is an ongoing management plan in place for the project to ensure that all health, safety and maintenance concerns are addressed into the future.
3. that the Sailing Club Committee follow all recommendations of the CCBC planning officers to ensure that due process is in place

Clerk to action this by emailing Conwy Planning Services Resolved to receive and take note

Chair closed the meeting at 18:50 and thank all for attending.

Next meeting is Wednesday 1st September at 7pm in the Council Chamber or online

Signed by Chair of meeting _____

Date _____