

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Held on the 26 November 2014 in the Council Chamber at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Mayor Mrs Tamzin Hopwood

Deputy Mayor Miss Sarah Jones Miss Penny Andow Mrs Carol Gell Mr Andrew Hinchliff

Mr Chris Jones Mr Geraint Jones Miss Nia Jones Mr Ray Jones

Mrs Christine Roberts Mr Gareth Roberts

OFFICER: Ms E Shepherd Town Clerk & RFO

ABSENT: Mr Gareth Wyn Jones

1365. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (Maximum of 5 minutes per speaker within a 20 minutes framework or at the discretion of the Chair).

There were three members of the public present expressing concerns regarding planning application reference 0/41210 erection of a Wind turbine at Blaenllwyn, Mount Road. It was stated that the proposed housing for the substation should comply with building regulations of the National Park i.e. made of natural stone and slate roof. The turbine itself should be painted green then it would blend in with the surrounding countryside. The turbine should not breach the horizon. Concerns the HGV would travel through the town centre. The turbine will be adjacent to public rights of way. No consultation from the company regarding community benefit. The consultation held in October was poorly advertised. There should be at least 40% of the proceeds invested in the community. For information purposes the Clerk read out part of Windflow Hammer Limited 'Planning Statement for Llanfairfechan Community Wind Turbine'. Clarification on the access to the site was quoted, 'will follow the A55 before exiting onto Bangor Road and South into Penmaenmawr Quarry onto the existing farm track on the southerly exit from the quarry'.

1366. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. **RESOLVED to receive and note apologies from the following Councillors, Glenn Robinson and Tim Scott.**

1367. 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	Details of Personal interests	Details of the Council business to which it relates	Prejudicial / Not Prejudicial
Ray Jones	Member of Planning Committee CCBC	All Planning Applications	withdraw
Andrew Hinchliff	Member of Planning Committee CCBC	All Planning Applications	withdraw
Geraint Jones	Employee of Betsi Cadwaladr NHS	Planning Ref. 0/41219	withdraw
Christine Roberts	Employee of Betsi Cadwaladr NHS	Planning Ref. 0/41219	withdraw

1368. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5 November 2014. **RESOLVED to approve and sign as a correct record.**

1369. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES.

1358/X	Promenade Car Park - blocked soak away drain	Reported to Welsh Water, will take up to 10 days for a reply. RESOVLED to receive and note.
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1370. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19 November 2014. **RESOLVED to approve and sign as a correct record.**

1371. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES.

1362	Advertisement for Job Vacancy - Environmental Operative	Members were informed that the notice had been placed on the Town Council notice board. It was noted that the closing date is the 5 December 2014. RESOVLED to receive and note.
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1372. TO APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT signed by Cllr Mrs T Hopwood and Cllr Mrs C Gell.

Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
399831	Viking	Office Sundries	£82.20	101723

RESOLVED to approve payment.

1373. TO APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT signed by Cllr Mrs T Hopwood and Cllr Mrs C Gell.

Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
3119	Festival Fireworks	fireworks display held on the 7 November 2014	£1,200	101724

RESOLVED to approve payment.

1374. TO APPROVE PAYMENT of wages for November 2014 to the Town Clerk only. **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheque 101725.**

1375. TO APPROVE PAYMENT.

Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
2014-15 Precept Budget 11	North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils	To renew annual subscription	£35	101726

RESOLVED to approve payment.

1376. TO RECEIVE BACS PAYMENT NOTICE from CCBC for footpaths maintenance £680. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

1377. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT 2014/5 - Statement 9. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

1378. TO RECEIVE PETTY CASH REPORT 2014/15 – Statement 9. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

1379. TO SIGN LEASE FOR MUGA. **RESOLVED to sign the 25 year lease for a peppercorn rent from CCBC. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor signed the lease witnessed by the Town Clerk.**

1380. TO RECEIVE s137 Small Grant Applications from voluntary organisations. Members were provided with details of 13 applicants. Each application was judged upon its merit. Where applicable comparison of requests from 2013-14 were made. **It was RESOLVED to approve payment to the following voluntary organisations listed below.**

	Organisation	Request for funding towards	Award
1.	2 nd Llanfairfechan Girl Guides	To help towards yearly subscriptions to the Girl Guide UK which is £30 per leader and guide. We have 3 leaders and 18 guides.	£225
2.	1 st Llanfairfechan Brownies	To visit the Felin Bach Guiding Hall to make Christmas crafts and to help towards yearly subscriptions to the Girl Guide UK which is £30 per leader and Brownie. We have 3 leaders and 25 Brownies.	£225
3.	Llanfairfechan Rainbows	We do a lot of craft work with our 5-7yr olds. But as they are so young it is hard to fundraise. To also help towards yearly subscriptions to the Girl Guide UK which is £30 per leader and Rainbows. We have 3 leaders and 18 Rainbows.	£225
4.	1 st Llanfairfechan Scout Group	We currently have 23 local Cub Scouts on our books. We continue to run weekly sessions of scouting activities indoor and outdoor. We plan to take the Cubs on a camping experience in the New Year (2015) and require equipment for this (cooking and camping equipment etc.).	£225

5.	Llanfairfechan Playgroup	To purchase some new soft play/physical equipment as ours is in very poor condition, it is old and has been well used by lots of children over the years. Another area we need to spend on is decorating the playrooms at the playgroup, which comes under our responsibility not the Education Authority. They haven't been decorated for a number of years.	£225
6.	Llanfairfechan W.I.	Applying for a grant of £50 towards planting in Victoria Gardens	£50
7.	Drop in Job Session Group	£100 s137 Grant to help the group become established paid in July 2014. Request further funding if possible to purchase new laptops as CVSC require their laptops back	£125
8.	Llanfairfechan & North Wales Croquet Club	The Club made a trading loss of £306.49 (£5,021.39) in a Bonus Account safeguard against the aged commercial model lawnmower becoming irreparable and new commercial mower being bought. There is an indoor croquet mat that is in use during the winter months at the Llandudno Junction Sports Centre, which will require replacement eventually.	£225
9.	Llanfairfechan Football Club	Acquisition of equipment for training junior teams; provision of training for coaches. 50 children across 3 teams and an after school club with plans to develop further teams in 2015.	£225
10.	Llanfairfechan Institute	At present we need to restore the backstage area of the building in order for it to be used in conjunction with the main hall, and therefore raise its potential use. The large south-facing window is in immediate need of repair, and in order to offer the room to people who have difficulty with access, sensitive installation of a safety rail is also a priority. The oak floor is also in need of attention and full decoration is essential when all other work is complete.	£225
11.	Quarry Villages Community Transport Group	The 15 seat bus has been in use for the past 7 years serving the communities of Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr, particularly the elderly and social groups.	£225
TOTAL			£2200

1381. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE from Janet Finch-Saunders AM informing members that she will be holding a street surgery at Pendalar and Tyddyn Drycin on the 5 December 2014 between 1.30 and 3pm, and inviting Pandy Ward councillors to accompany her on the day. **RESOLVED to receive and note Cllr Mrs Tamzin Hopwood and Miss Penny Andow would be attending.**
1382. TO RECEIVE COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE from Janet Finch-Saunders AM addressed to Ms Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, regarding the temporary closure of Pendalar Bus Stop and requesting Ms Hart investigate this matter. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**
1383. TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF ENQUIRY from Development and Building Control Manager CCBC regarding Town Council's request to install a notice board outside Pedalar Community Hall. **RESOLVED to receive and note**
1384. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETING of Traeth Lafan Nature Reserve Management Committee to be held at 4pm in Yr Hen Felin, Abergwyngregyn on Tuesday 2 December 2014. Town Council representative Cllr Gareth Wyn Jones. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**
1385. TO RECEIVE DATE FOR DIARY – CCBC will be hosting North Wales Armed Forces Day on Saturday 20 June 2015. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**
1386. TO RECEIVE a recent copy of Conwy Rural Partnership. A new rural Development Plan is taking shape for 2014-2020 and there are opportunities to get involved for more information visit website www.ruralconwy.org.uk **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

1387. TO REVIEW THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2014.

- I. Members were very pleased with the display provided by Festival Fireworks. **RESOLVED to book the firm again for 2015.** Members were informed the date would be dependent on the times of the low water tide. Fireworks Display Collection members were informed that a further £7 had been received the revised total now stood at £307.45. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

II. TO APPROVE PAYMENT

Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
NW0711201401	British Red Cross	2 First Aiders attendance at the Fireworks Display 7 November 2014	£27.60	101727

RESOLVED to approve payment.

1388. TO REVIEW THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE 2014. Members were very pleased with the service and thanked all who had taken part. **RESOLVED to review parade in September 2015.**

1389. PLANNING – Reference 0/41210

Applicant: Mr Gwilym Lewis

Proposal: Erection of a 500kw Community Wind Turbine (max Height 46.3m) installation of a substation and associated electrical works, upgrade of an existing farm track and creation of new access track.

Location: Blaenllwyn, Mount Road, Llanfairfechan LL33 OHA

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to the above application on the following grounds:-

- Concerns were raised that the wind turbine will be 50 metres from the Wales Coastal Path and less than 100m from the North Wales Path and Pilgrims Way. These are national footpaths and the North Wales Path is also a bridleway. **The noise level and shadow flicker that would be generated would be unacceptable, along with the visual impact that would have a detrimental effect on the enjoyment by users of the public rights of way.**
- There would also be **an environmental impact on wild life** as the area is a feeding ground of the Chough (Coracia Pyrrhocorax) a very rare member of the Crow family that breed in the nearby quarry; there are also concerns that the Carneddau Ponies that graze nearby will be disturbed.
- **There are also historical land marks in the area, dating back to the Neolithic, Iron Age and Bronze Age which are of archaeological importance.**
- The electricity used will be for the nearby quarry and not for the applicant. **Therefore there is no exceptional circumstances for the wind turbine shown in this application.**
- The views of local residents were sought by the Town Council; the planning application was **viewed by 25 local residents – with 19 resounding NO's – 2 NEUTRAL's (one of which was torn between NEUTRAL and NO) – and 4 YES's.**
- **Community benefit** – there has been **no consultation** regarding benefits to the community from the developers. The consultation, on the proposal by the company to install wind turbine, held on the 8 October 2014 was brought to the notice of local residents by the Town Council. **Therefore the benefits of this development for the community is not proven.**

1390. PLANNING – Reference 0/41219

Applicant: Mr Martin Woodcock

Proposal: Single storey extension to provide additional space to the Gwion Ward to deliver a new seclusion suite and de-escalation area.

Location: Bryn y Neuadd Hospital Aber Road Llanfairfechan LL33 OHH

RESOLVED to have no objection to the above application.

1391. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR SPORTS PERSONALITY 2014.

Junior - The Mayor nominated Ben Malone who has been very successful in Martial Arts competitions.

Senior - Cllr Ray Jones nominated Mrs Lorrie Murphy who has been a volunteer / coach / treasurer of the local football club for many years. **RESOLVED to receive and note to approve both nominations.**

1392. TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor thanked all who had supported the parade on Remembrance Day, and all who took part in the service. Congratulated the Light up Llan Committee on a successful event.

Attended the Mayor of Penmaenmawr Fundraising event.

1393. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES ON BEHALF OF TOWN COUNCIL (ONLY).

I. Pen/Llan Promenade Liaison Group – Cllr Carol Gell gave a verbal report on matters discussed. It was stated that Llanfairfechan had been successful in the Blue Flag Award for 2015. The second sea defence wall from the Towers to the car park entrance had been inspected and approved fit for purpose. The sea defence work along the Cob has been delayed until April 2015. Concerns that this was the start of the tourist season were raised. Cllr Ray Jones stated that a local resident had requested he investigate the possibility of having mobile beach huts for visitors to use in Llanfairfechan. There would be no cost or responsibility to the Town Council. The Harbour Master will respond to the request in due course. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

1394. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

- I. Light up Llan – congratulations and praise to the committee on a successful event were expressed.
- II. Visitors to Llanfairfechan – it was stated that a coach full of German visitors had been very delighted with their visit to Llanfairfechan and Traeth Lafan Nature Reserve.
- III. Promenade – It was reported that the litter bin had been repaired.
- IV. Skate Park – It was reported there is a hole in the side of the larger ramp. Members were informed that this is a CCBC matter.
- V. Historical Society – It was stated that they now meet once a month in the Council Chamber and the next session will be a talk on what it was like to grow up in Llanfairfechan during the World War.
- VI. 75 Bus – it was reported that commuters on the 3pm bus from Llandudno have a long wait for a connection at Conwy. It is hoped this will be resolved when the new timetables are reviewed.
- VII. Bus Shelters – Cllr Ray Jones reported that ERF Services CCBC will be taking over the maintenance work. **RESOLVED the Clerk make enquiries as to what purpose the £2,000 provided by the Town Council over 2012-13 and 2013-14 had been allocated to as no maintenance work had been carried out on Llanfairfechan bus stops.**
- VIII. Pendalar Bus Stop – Update on estimates to repair the barrier and reports from the A55 Highways Agency as to the safety of the bus stops is still awaited. It was stated that the use of the bus stops may not justify the expenditure.
- IX. Cae Ffynnon Streetlight No 2 – reported not working.
- X. Cae Ffynnon Road - it was stated that the parking problems caused by work vehicles had been reported to Cartrefi Conwy, who in turn notified the workmen contracted by them. It was noted that the matter had now been resolved.
- XI. Promenade Slipway – it was reported that the surface area had become very slippery and dangerous. The matter had been reported to the Harbour Masters Office. It was noted that the area had been cleaned and made safe to use.
- XII. Mobile phones – members were requested to switch off their mobiles when a meeting was in progress.
- XIII. Public Consultation Notice – Draft NW Joint Local Transport Plan 2015-2020 consultation at Llandudno Junction 3 December 2014 13.00 – 19.00 CCBC Conwy Business Centre

1395. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Full Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 6pm. (Members were reminded of the change of date).

CLOSE – The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signature _____ Date _____

Chair