

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING  
Held on the 16 November 2016 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

**PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Deputy Mayor Cllr Delohne Merrell**

<b>Mayor Miss Penny Andow</b>	<b>Mr Andrew Hinchliff</b>	<b>Mrs Carol Gell</b>	<b>Mrs Sarah Mountford</b>
<b>Mr Alan Jones</b>	<b>Mr Chris Jones</b>	<b>Mr Gareth Wyn Jones</b>	<b>Mrs Christine Roberts</b>
<b>Mr Gareth Roberts</b>	<b>Mr Glenn Robinson</b>		

**OFFICER: Ms E Shepherd Town Clerk & RFO**

**ABSENT: NONE**

243. IN ATTENDANCE Andrew Wilkinson, Head of Neighbourhood Services, Environment, Roads and Facilities CCBC and Officers regarding concerns and complaints of residents following introduction of 4-weekly refuse collections. The Chair welcomed Mr Wilkinson and colleagues to the meeting. Mr Wilkinson thanked the Town Council for the invite and introduced Mr Alun Jones, Education Officer and Mr Mark Cassidy, Waste Manager. It was stated why change. In Conwy over 50% of items thrown into black wheelie bins should have been recycled. This costs taxpayers £1.6 million per year. By making use of weekly recycling services there will be more space in wheelie bins for non-recyclable waste. Conwy can provide advice and support to help recycle more and waste less. A survey was held with every household in the County of Conwy; a 20% response had been received; 60.6% had stated that their black bin was half full or empty; 55.4% said yes and 46.6% had said no to 4 weekly collection. Democratic proses had followed through CCBC with the result present to the Scrutiny Committee who reported to the Cabinet. It had been decided to reconsider 4 weekly collections to 3 weekly period. It was agreed that 4 weekly collections will be trialled in areas where Monday is collection day. New calendars and information leaflets were delivered to households informing of the change. The trial will last for 12 months to enable collection of data and monitoring of results i.e. seasonal impact. Early indications indicate that in September 6 tonnes of food waste was collected with 3 tonnes less to land fill. Members of the public were invited to pose questions.

Q Why had top bags from black bin been taken out by refuse collectors and left on the ground.

A. It was stated that operators had been instructed to use a common sense approach, however if the black bin is overfilled then bags will be removed. Bags piled by bins will also be left.

Q It was suggested that stickers should be placed on the offending bins.

A. This had been considered and may well be used later into the process.

Q. Had there been an increase in fly-tipping.

A. Information held indicated there had been no increase in fly-tipping in any area of the County.

Q. Smell from dog waste especially during the summer will be offensive, will there be separate containers provided and collected at the same time as nappy collection.

A. There will be no separate collection for this service and the advice is to double bag the waste.

Q. Had a reward i.e. shopping vouchers been considered to encourage recycling as some people need to be motivated?

A. It was stated that it is a civic duty to recycle and to save the climate. However such proposals may be considered at a future date.

Q. Will there be extra collection over the Christmas period.

A. Most will be recycling material therefore there will be no need for extra black bin collection.

Q. Councillors stated that complaints had been received regarding collections on windy days whereby materials were flying about or dropped by the operators and not picked up. Staking of bins was also a problem as they were not left where they had been placed by the residents.

A. Mangers are in the area on collection day and monitor situations. If there is a problem it is advised to contact the Authority by email [erf@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:erf@conwy.gov.uk) or Tel. 01492 575337 and complaints will be followed up.

Q. What can be recycled?

A. Rule of thumb is if it bends then it is recyclable. Plastic bags are not. Further advice can be viewed on website [www.conwy.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.conwy.gov.uk/recycling).

Waste Manger stated that the Nappy collection service has been well received. There is also an App that can be downloaded with collection reminders. Available for iOS and Android. It was reminded that residents can request extra recycling containers; a 2<sup>nd</sup> wheelie bin for households of 6 or more; a nappy collection service; an assisted collection service; recycling advice and support. The Chair thanked all for attending.

244. IN ATTENDANCE Sgt James Keene, North Wales Police, regarding update on gathering of Razor Clams on Llanfairfechan beach. The Chair apologised for the last minute cancellation of this item. **RESOLVED to rearrange attendance at a future meeting.**

245. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. 5 minutes per speaker within 20 minutes framework or at the discretion of the Chair. **As above item 244.**

246. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. **RESOLVED to receive and note apologies from Councillors Miss Nia Jones, Geraint Jones and Tim Scott.**

247. 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). **NONE**

248. TO APPROVE PAYMENT

1)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	03/11/2016 ES/CF	St John Ambulance Wales	attendance at the Fireworks Display 3 November 2016	£60	102000

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

2)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	2668	Festival Fireworks	Fireworks Display held on the Promenade Llanfairfechan 3 November 2016	£1,450	102001

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

3)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	16406	Sapphire Business Systems Ltd	for photocopies 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016-17	£53.94	102002

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

4)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	October 2016	Cllr Miss Penny Andow	Mayor's expenses	£32.37	102003

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

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5)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	26/10/16	North Wales Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscriptions August 2016 – July 2017 (increase of £5)	£40	102004

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

6)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	900912	Light & Illumination Technology Experience Limited	Christmas Lights for Light up Llan	£390	102005

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

7)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	13/11/2016	The Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath 2016	£20	102006

**RESOLVED to approve payment**

- 8) Wages to Town Clerk - November 2016 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheques number 102007**
- 9) Wages to Admin Assistant plus overtime – November 2016 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheques number 102008**
- 10) Wages to Environment/Cleaning Operative – November 2016 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheques number 102009**
249. TO REVIEW 2016 Fireworks Display it was stated that the display had been well received with many compliments posted on social media. **RESOLVED to receive and note to contact the same supplier for 2017 event.**
250. TO REVIEW 2016 Remembrance Sunday. The Mayor thanked all who had helped to organise the event. Special thanks to the occupant of Church Cottages for the use of electric supply. It was reported that many of the slabs are uneven due to growth of roots from nearby trees. **RESOLVED to receive and note to get quotes to resurface part of the area.**
251. TO RECEIVE list of s137 Grant applications for 2016-17. Members were presented with list of applicants and a synopsis of their request. **RESOLVED to award the following local groups and to present cheques at the meeting held on the 7 December 2016. (List attached Appendix 1)**
252. TO RECEIVE nominations for Junior and Senior Sports Personalities for 2016. Members were informed that nominations for both categories had been received. **RESOLVED to invite to next meeting held on the 7 December 2016 to receive their awards.**
253. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM
- 1) Strategic Planning Policy Manager, CCBC Re Consultation LDP40 – Trees and Development - consultation period starts Monday 31 October 2016 and closes 16.45 on Friday 9 December 2016. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

- 2) BT Consultation on removal of payphones in the area. Members were informed that this matter had been put on hold until bilingual signs were available. Once posted a formal consultation letter to start the 90 day consultation process will be resent. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**
- 3) Environment Officer/Open Spaces – Re update Skate Park. Officer from Conwy CBC had reported that the ramp removed last May is on the list for the current 2016/17 capital equipment schedule for tendering for replacement. Tender notices will be placed on Sell 2 Wales inviting companies to quote on the supply and installation. Once the supplier has been appointed under contract the works will be scheduled to commence at the earliest opportunity with completion of works by no later than March 2017. The remaining two ramps have been closed for safety concerns of deteriorating metal work from corrosion further information on the structural viability of the ramps will follow. It is recognised the importance of these facilities within the community and the Authority will assist wherever they can to have them reinstated at the earliest opportunity. **RESOLVED to receive and note to make enquires regarding the viability of the two remaining ramps.**
- 4) Update on MUGA Floodlights. The company that installed the floodlight will inspect and make the necessary repairs regarding water ingress. The Town Council will not incur further charges for this work. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

254. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

- 1) Snowdonia National Park – members were informed that the Authority had been successful with the application for grant Lottery Funding for the Carneddi. It is intended that some of the funding will benefit Llanfairfechan. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**
- 2) Streetlight back road into Bryn y Neuadd – reported out. Members were informed that this had been reported to estate management.
- 3) Valley Road parking area – it was suggested that the contractors working on Pandy bridge be contacted to extend the area they are using to park their vehicles and make the parking area larger. It was also noted that many dog walkers exercise their dogs on the grass area.
- 4) Dracula Hill – reported that fallen leaves is making it difficult to navigate the path.
- 5) Invite to Christmas Lunch – members were informed that the invitation for 3 people to attend had been received for the Christmas lunch only and not as previously reported on a weekly basis.
- 6) Recycling litter – requested that photographic evidence be sent to the Waste Manager.

255. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Full Council Meeting held on the 7 December 2016 at 6.30pm

CLOSE – the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signature  Date 6-12-16  
 Chair