

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING
Held on the 15 February 2017 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Chair – Deputy Mayor Cllr Delohne Merrell

Mr Andrew Hinchliff

Mrs Carol Gell

Mr Alan Jones

Mr Chris Jones

Mr Gareth Wyn Jones

Mrs Christine Roberts

Mr Gareth Roberts

Mr Glenn Robinson

Mr Tim Scott

OFFICER: Ms E Shepherd Town Clerk & RFO

ABSENT: NONE

328. IN ATTENDANCE Insp Kelly Isaacs North Wales Police to discuss the decision taken to withdraw the static police base from Llanfairfechan. The Chair welcomed the Inspector to the meeting. The Mayor's letter sent to the Inspector raising concerns that the police base was closing and that no prior notice had been received was read out. The Inspector stated that this was inaccurate as a letter had been sent in February 2016 giving notice of closure in September 2016. The Chair of the Community Hall stated that no correspondence had been received. The Inspector stated that this matter will be looked at and copy of the letter would be forwarded to the Town Council. The decision to close the base had been taken due to cost of hire of the office and IT support. It had also been noted that the computer was seldom used. The savings made would result in extra 163 hours of police presence. It is more important to have PCSO presence on the street rather than office based. Also Police Officers and PCSO now carry new devices that update on the scene therefore there is no longer the need for a computer base. Llanfairfechan has one of the lowest crime rate in the Conwy West Area.

It was requested that there be an increase of Police presence taken from the aforementioned extra hours now available. The Inspector stated that she would make a case for extra hours in Llanfairfechan. It was reported that PCSO Fiona Jones is leaving the post on the 1 March 2017. A new PCSO will be appointed in April 2017. Members requested that the new PCSO attend a Town Council meeting to introduce her/himself to members and that contact details are provided. The Inspector confirmed that this would be possible and welcomed the opportunity. It was suggested that the present phone contact number be used by the new PCSO. The Inspector confirmed that if this is possible then this can be arranged. The Chair thanked the Inspector for her attendance. Inspector Isaacs responded and stated she was always willing to come to a meeting if there was an issue. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

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

1) Request from Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr Rotary Club, First Responder and Your Hwb Community Interest Company to present their feasibility study on installing defibrillators in various locations in Llanfairfechan and to discuss options on raising funds.

The Chair welcomed Catherine Hardiman, The Hwb and Paul Jones, First Responder, to the meeting. Apologies were made on behalf of the Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr Rotary Club. It was stated that the group had met recently to look at locating defibrillators in Llanfairfechan. The Co-op Food have agreed to have an internal based unit in the local store, which will be funded by the Pen/Llan Rotary from the Jack Hutt Memorial Fund. Three other areas had been identified as the promenade, Pendalar and upper village. A business owner had agreed to fund the cost of purchasing a defibrillator on the promenade plus the cost of installing the unit and connecting to an electricity supply. The group requested the Town Council to support the funding of the other two defibrillators plus cabinets and connecting to electricity supply. The Welsh Ambulance Service have agreed that they will take ongoing responsibility for providing replacement pads etc. providing the defibrillators

purchased are on their approved listing, it was noted that the units have a 10 year guarantee. Training for the community will be provided by the First Responder free of charge. It was suggested that the best location for the upper village would be on the junction of Gorwel, Mount Road and Valley Road. This area will be investigated for the feasibility of installing an electric supply. The Chair thanked the group for attending and for an informative discussion. **RESOLVED to receive and note to set aside £3,000 towards the purchase of 2 defibrillators and 3 cabinets**

330. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. **RESOLVED to receive and note apologies from Councillors Mayor Miss Penny Andow, Geraint Jones, Miss Nia Jones, and Mrs Sarah Mountford**

331. 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**

332. TO APPROVE PAYMENT

1)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	0086	HGH	supply and fit Perspex sheet cover map and fit 2 new smaller maps in Council Chambers	£110	102046

RESOLVED to approve payment

2)	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
	ARMAIN/0005448	Wales Audit Office	for External Audit 2015/16	£220.65	102047

RESOLVED to approve payment

3) Wages to Town Clerk - February 2017 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheque no 102048**

4) Wages to Admin Assistant – February 2017 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheque no 102049**

5) Wages to Environment/Cleaning Operative – February 2017 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheque no 102050**

333. TO DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES - one off 50% reduction for April – March 2017-18 (Full price - £513- 50% reduction £256.50 Based on 1763 chargeable dwellings @ £0.292p per dwelling (based on Valuation List, not Electoral Register) **The option was put to a vote resulting in 6-4 against joining OVW. RESOLVED to receive and note.**

334. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM

1) CCBC - Reminder session for Clerks on the nomination process for the forthcoming local elections on 4 May 2017. Held at 5pm on Monday 20 February 2017 in the Council Chamber, Bodlondeb, Conwy. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

2) The white paper 'Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed' is the Welsh Government's statement of intent about the future of local government in Wales – Consultation launched 31 January 2017 and ends 11 April 2017. Consultation document link (https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation_doc_files/170130-white-paper-en.pdf). Members were presented with relevant section for Community Councils response. **RESOLVED to receive and note to bring this back to a future meeting.**

325. PLANNING – Ref 0/43642

Applicant: Mr G Malkin

Proposal: Construction of decking to rear of dwelling

Location: 7 St Winifred's Close, Llanfairfechan LL33 0NT


RESOLVED to have no objections to the above application.

336. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS

- 1) Llanfairfechan River – fallen tree in Nant y Coed Country Park. It was questioned if there had been any developments on this matter. Clerk reported another call had been made to NRW. NRW had promised to call back with an update but no further contact had been received. As this matter is now classed as urgent further enquiries will be made.
- 2) Station Road Parking – it was reported that the proprietor of Bogs and Basins is constantly parking on double yellow lines and it is problematic for oncoming traffic.
- 3) Litter – it was reported that refuse bags are still being left by the Pavilion Café even though the café has been closed over the last 2 months.
- 4) Camas Lan Footpath – debris is making it difficult to navigate the path.
- 5) Double Yellow lines – it was reported that the new parking regulations had been installed by Pont y Pentre
- 6) Llwyn y Gog – it was questioned if there were any developments regarding the damaged kurb stones that is making it difficult for residents to park. It was stated that this matter will be followed up.
- 7) Bench Penmaen park – reported the bench in park is damaged.
- 8) Carnival – compliments were expressed to Admin Assistant for her help with organising storage facility in the Community Hall.
- 9) Keep Llanfairfechan Clean Group – had organised a litter pick around West Shore Road and the beach area on the previous Saturday, unfortunately following the recycling collection on the Monday after further litter had accumulated in the area. Conwy County Councillor for Bryn Ward will report the matter to ERF, CCBC.

337. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Full Council Meeting held on the 1 March 2017 at 7pm
CCBC Officers to attend next meeting to discuss the Skate Park.

CLOSE – the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signature  Date 1.3.17
Chair