

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 24th June 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room
of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were:

Cllr Rob Astley Chair

Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair

Cllr Hazel Davies

Cllr Ian Davies

Cllr Cadvan Evans

Cllr Gareth Jones

Cllr Geraint Peate

Cllr Sam Webster

In attendance : Robert Robinson Town Clerk

Apologies received from:

Cllr Mark Owen and Stephen Purser.

1. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded at this meeting.

3. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Gareth Jones and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The vote was unanimous.

5. Electoral matters

The meeting noted that Cllr Viola Evans will have been six months since her last attended meeting. An update was given on her current health position. The six months allowance for absence ends on 30th June 2024.

The meeting **AGREED** to extend the period of absence to the 30th September to be reviewed at the September council meeting due to the exceptional service given by Cllr Viola Evans.

Proposed by Cllr Gareth Jones and seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans. The vote was unanimous.

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6. Finance and governance

6.1 Bank balances

The current balances of the Council accounts were noted as:

Current account	£30,756.19
Deposit account	£61,423.70
Total cash funds	£92,179.89
Debtors	£5,000.00
VAT reclaim	£884.03
Total funds available	£98,063.92

The meeting received the management accounts set out at appendix B in the appendices to the agenda.

6.2 Annual Return (year to 31st March 2024)

The meeting received the internal audit report.

The meeting considered and **APPROVED** the annual return for the year to 31st March 2024.

Proposed by Cllr Gareth Jones and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The vote was unanimous.

The annual return was signed by the Chair and the Responsible Financial Officer.

6.3 Orders for payment

The meeting considered and **APPROVED** the orders for payment as set out in appendix D in the appendices pack.

Proposed by Cllr Cadvan Evans and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The vote was unanimous.

Note Cllr Ian Davies joined the meeting.

7. Planning and development

7.1 Place Making Plan

The meeting received an update on the Place Making Plan for Llanfair Caereinion. The suggested date for a meeting with the Full Council was 15th July. As a number of Councillors could not attend on that date the Town Clerk is to seek a new date which is better for all.

7.2 Planning decisions

The meeting noted the planning decisions issued by Powys County Council.

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7.3 Planning application - Pant Glas Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0DP

Erection of a detached garage and the change of use of land to residential curtilage.

The meeting **SUPPORTS** this application.

Proposed by Cllr Melvin Jones and seconded by Cllr Sam Webster. The vote was unanimous.

8. 20 MPH limit review

The meeting received the letter from Welsh Government with regards to a review the 20mph areas of the town introduced over the past few months and to recommend any changes that the councils would be beneficial to the town.

The meeting was also made aware of a letter from a resident regarding the speed humps in Watergate Street.

After discussion the meeting **AGREED** to recommend changes involving the speed limits as follows:

- i) To retain the 20mph limits within an area of the town:
 - a) Starting at to the west of the Deri Woods car park. (move existing signs back towards the west.
 - b) Starting as you enter Bridge Street over the river bridge.
 - c) Starting at the top of Mount Road by Fir Tree Way.
 - d) Starting by the Top Garage on Watergate Street.

- ii) To seek the return of the 30mph limit:
 - a) To replace the current 20mph limit sign at the top of Mount Road to 30mph.
 - b) To replace the current 20mph signs on Watergate Street and towards the Gibbet with 30mph signs.
 - c) To replace the current 20mph signs on the trunk road (A458) with 30mph signs by the steam railway and to the west beyond Londis.
 - d) To replace the electronic signs in use during school times on the A458 between the steam railway and the turning to the school entrance.

- iii) The 20mph limit to be retained for the two estates located at the top of Watergate Street (north and south of the road).

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- iv) To seek removal of the speed humps in Watergate Street (now that it is a 20mph limit).

A plan is to be prepared to show these recommended changes. The County Council and Welsh Government are to be informed of the Council's recommendations on this subject.

Proposed by Cllr Sam Webster and seconded by Cllr Ian Davies. The vote was unanimous.

9. Local bus review

The meeting considered the request by Powys County Council to 'confirm what buses the council wishes to retain and why?'

After discussion the meeting **AGREED** to support retaining all the bus services currently serving Llanfair Caereinion which includes:

Foel – Llanfair Caereinion– Castle Caereinion – Welshpool

Llanfair Caereinion – Berriew – Welshpool

Llanfair Caereinion – Cefn Coch - Manafon - New Mills - Tegynon – Newtown

Llanfair Caereinion – Meifod – Llansanffraid – Oswestry

In addition the Council recommends a further bus service each day (no 87) from Llanfair Caereinion to Welshpool to service the working community.

I.e. ex Llanfair Caereinion to Welshpool at 8am returning at 6pm.

10. Burial services report

The meeting considered the burial services report about the review of fees set out at appendix H in the appendices to the agenda.

The table of fees **AGREED** for burials for the ensuing year are set out at appendix A to these minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Gareth Jones and seconded by Cllr Sam Webster. The vote was unanimous.

The table of fees **AGREED** for the chapel of rest for the ensuing year are set out at appendix A to these minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Cadvan Evans and seconded by Cllr Hazel Davies. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting also **AGREED** to adopt the definition of 'local resident' as set out in appendix A.

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11. Tennis courts

The meeting noted that a proposal had been presented to the Tennis Club seeking a more secure arrangement for the future. The Tennis Club had emailed Cllr Sam Webster and the Town Clerk rejecting such a proposal. The Council was disappointed with the message but accepted it.

The Council will continue to maintain the Tennis Courts to a 'public standard'

12. Playground

12.1 Litter bins

The meeting considered replacing the litter bins at the Glanyrafon playground with ones that are child friendly and 'animal proof.'

The meeting **AGREED** to the purchase of two 'Bear' or 'Hippo' bins at a cost of approx. £600.

12.2 Cycle racks

The meeting considered a suggestion by a resident that some cycle racks be included at the Glanyrafon Playground.

The Town Clerk is to prepare a report on the options for the next meeting.

13. Deri Woods

The meeting considered a request from the FODW for plants to improve the stone circle area.

After discussion the meeting **AGREED** to pay for meadow wildflower seeds (not plants) for the stone circle area. The circle maybe used by the Eisteddfod in the future and at that time the flowers may need to be strummed and allowed to grow again.

14. County Council Matters

The meeting received an update on matters affecting the Town from the County Councillor as follows:

- i) There have been a number of highways improvements in the past few months.
- ii) The High Street road surface is on the list for improvement.

15. Town Clerks report

The meeting considered the following:

15.1 Citizen's advice update.

The meeting was given an update on the attendance of the Citizen's Advice in Llanfair starting on 25th June.

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15.2 Land at Parc Onnen.

The residents of Parc Onnen have requested the strimming of the verge on the side of the football pitch and the area opposite 1-5. To also repair the fence post and gate to the football pitch. The land is not owned by the Council so funding would be under section 137.

The meeting **AGREED** that the Town Clerk can arrange such works as a one off.

15.3 Youth Club

The meeting **AGREED** to the funding a minibus hire for a single trip in August. IT was suggested that PAVO may have a bus for hire, if not Border Garage has one. The max cost to be £160.

15.4 Mount Field

The meeting received a request for the use of Mount Field on 21st July 2024 for a children's event.

The meeting **AGREED** to give consent. The Town Clerk is to send at email approval in the usual way. Also to inform the Llanfair United Football Club of the booking.

15.5 Vandalism

The meeting noted the various acts of vandalism recorded over the past few weeks.

The police are aware of the situation.

16. Dates of next meeting

Full Council meeting

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 29th July 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

Partnership meeting

Tuesday 16th July at 7pm in the Institute Main Hall.

Places Plan meeting

To be arranged for when most Councillors can be present.

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APPENDIX A

Burial services

Heading	Powys CC	Town Council Current	Approved Year 2024-25
Registration	£357	N/A	
Single or double grave	£1,255	£500	£625
Additional burial	£995	£250	£450
Burial of cremated remains	£315	£250	£250
Purchase of exclusive right of burial	£1,146	N/A	
Purchase of exclusive right of cremated remains	£558	N/A	
Scattering of ashes	£357	N/A	
Saturday burials	+£640	N/A	
Saturday cremation	+£320	N/A	
Right to erect headstone	£287	£75	£75
Right to erect kerbstone	£287	N/A	
Subsequent inscriptions	£73	N/A	
Memorial plaque	£133.10	N/A	
Exhumation registration of disinternment	£357	N/A	
EHO attendance fee	£357	N/A	

Double fees apply to those who are not Llanfair Caereinion residents – see notes below for definition.

Digging of graves is a charge levied by the Funeral Directors and the council does not get involved.

Chapel of Rest

Heading	Powys CC	Town Council Current	Approved for 2024-25
Chapel use fees first 3 days	N/A	£30	£40
Chapel use fees subsequent days	N/A	£10	£15

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Definition of 'local resident' with regard to the burial grounds.

The definition of a Llanfair Caereinion resident for the purposes of fees is as follows:

- i) A person or persons who were resident in a permanent address in the ward of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council.
- ii) A person who was born within the ward of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council.
- iii) A person whose parents were both born in the ward of Llanfair Caereinion town council.
- iv) A person who has or has had a business or has worked within the boundary of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council for a minimum of 10 years during their lifetime.
- v) Any person who went to school for a minimum of 3 years within the boundary of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council.
- vi) Any other person with a strong connection with Llanfair Caereinion as approved by the Full Council of Llanfair Caereinion.