

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 24th February 2025
in the Youth Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were:

Cllr Rob Astley Chair	Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair
Cllr Ian Davies	Cllr Cadvan Evans
Cllr Gareth Jones	Cllr Mark Owen
Cllr Geraint Peate	Cllr Stephen Purser
Cllr Sam Webster	Cllr Paul Wixey

In attendance Robert Robinson Town Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Myfanwy Alexander and Cllr Hazel Davies.

142. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the chair.

143. Declarations of interest

There were the following declarations of interest recorded at the meeting.

Cllr Melvin Jones – minute 150 – Deri Woods timber sale

Cllr Sam Webster – minute 152.2 – RBL plaques in St Mary's Churchyard

144. Public Question Time and Participation There were no members of the public present.

145. Minutes of the last meeting

The council considered and **APPROVED** the minutes of the meetings held on 20th and 27th January 2025.

Proposed by Sam Webster and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones.

The vote was unanimous.

146. Finance and governance

146.1 Bank Balances (31st January 2025)

The council noted the bank balances as presented set out on the next page.

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Bank balances as of 31st January 2025

Current	£23,688.49
Deposit	£62,337.77
Total	£86,026.26
VAT	£4,541.31
Grant aid	£3,335.96
Total	£93,903.53

146.2 Management Accounts

The meeting received the management accounts to 31st January 2025 at appendix A of the agenda.

146.2.1 Chapel of Rest

A full report on the cost of running the chapel of rest is to be prepared for the next meeting.

146.3 Orders for payment

The council considered and **APPROVED** the orders for payment as set out in appendix B of the agenda.

146.4 Actions from last meeting

The meeting received an update on actions taken since the last meeting.

146.5 Speed checks in Llanfair

The council considered the cost of the speed camera to support this project. The members identified that there might be extra costs with calibration. This is to be clarified before a decision can be made at the meeting to be held on 31st March 2025.

146.6 Document review

The council considered and **APPROVED** the following documents issued with the agenda:

Stress management, Emergency plan, Document retention and storage.

147. Chronicle printing

The meeting noted the quotes received for printing (circulated before the meeting) and noted that Welshpool Printing Group was the cheapest.

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148. Website and emails

The meeting received an update on progress towards the web domain address and The introduction of email addressed for councillors on the same domain.

The web site are ready to be uploaded and the email address are ready to be put in place.

The Town Clerk and Cllr Ian Davies are meeting to finalise arrangements.

149. Planning & Highways

149.1 Dolerw Watergate Street Llanfair Caereinion Welshpool SY21 0RB The meeting noted the decision to **SUPPORT** this application completed by email and post since the last meeting (due to consultation time restrictions).

149.2 Ty Hyfryd, Llanfair Caereinion, Powys SY21 0BX

Erection of a detached house with sewerage treatment unit and improvements to access. Section 73 application to remove conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission P/2017/1217 in relation to affordable housing Conditions(s). After a full discussion the following was agreed:

- i) To make **NO COMMENT** regarding the affordable housing condition.
- ii) To **OBJECT** to the removal of restrictions on permitted development rights.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Purser and seconded by Cllr Ian Davies. The vote was unanimous.

149.3 Planning decisions published by Powys County Council The meeting noted the planning decisions issued by PCC.

149.4 Watergate Street works

The council considered a report from Cllr Gareth Jones regarding the works in Watergate Street. There have been a number of issues regarding these emergency works. The road is now open but will be closed again to complete the works.

150 Deri Woods - Emergency works and storm damage

The meeting considered the report at appendix D of the agenda (issued with updates on 31st January to all). The meeting **AGREED** with the arrangements put in place to make the site safe. The meeting noted that the quality of the works was very good carried out by Bridgen Contracting.

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150.1 Deri Woods – sale of timber

The meeting considered the sale of the timber from the site and **AGREED** a sale to Mid Wales Renewables at £60 per ton.

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

151 Defibrillator Policy

The council considered the defibrillator policy as set out at appendix E of the agenda.

The council **AGREED** to adopt the policy attached to these minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Wixey and seconded by Cllr Ian Davies.

The vote was unanimous.

152 St Mary's churchyard scheme

152.1 To meeting considered a scheme for a memorial garden in St Mary's churchyard. See appendix F1 of the agenda.

The meeting **AGREED** to meet on site to agree any positioning of the memorial garden.

152.2 To meeting considered the placing of the RBL information boards on posts along the path leading to the church from the lychgate. See appendix F2 of the agenda.

The meeting **AGREED** to meet on site to agree any positioning of the stands.

153 Charity – youth & community

The council considered a report regarding a new charity for community and youth.

The council **AGREED** to progress with setting up the charity.

The Town Clerk to progress with the governing documents.

Proposed by Cllr Sam Webster and seconded by Cllr Paul Wixey. The vote was unanimous.

154 Grant aid for Welsh Speaking group

The meeting considered an update on the request for a grant (up to £500) to support a new Welsh speaking group in the Institute Library.

It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would liaise with Cllr Myfanwy Alexander (copying Cllr Gareth Jones) regarding grants available from other sources.

155 Place Making Plan and Town Plan

The council received an update on the consultation process with regards to the Place Making Plan. The displays for the Institute were available for councillors to see.

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156 Youth Club

The meeting received an update from Cllr Melvin Jones on the youth club.

157 Town and Community Council Review

The council considered its response to a consultation from the North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils regarding the Welsh Government Review of Town and Community Councils.

There was a general discussion with the following points made:

- a) The council understood the need to enlarge councils to enable better service delivery.
- b) The cost of any re-organisation is of concern.
- c) People are not currently getting what they want from the local authority – i.e. potholes, clean streets etc.
- d) Part of the issue in Powys was the loss of 'The Shires' and 'asset sales'.

158 County Councillor's report

The meeting received a report from Cllr Gareth Jones. The following matters were outlined:

- i) The PCC element of the council tax is to rise by 8.9%. Cllr Gareth Jones confirmed that he voted against the proposed increase.
- ii) More details will follow regarding the future of the Leisure Centre.
- iii) The transmission line is progressing to statutory consultation – the council is to consider this in full at its next meeting. It was noted that the 132kv pylons are all to be above ground.
- iv) The council was of a mind to take up any community benefit from the Bute Energy project.
- v) The path to the churchyard is still being considered by PCC and maybe done when the High Street resurfacing is completed. A quote of £17,000 was suggested by PCC. The Town Clerk is to provide a note of the quotes gained locally to Cllr Gareth Jones.

159 Correspondence

Cllr Gareth Jones had received comments from the electorate regarding the changes at the re-cycling centres.

After consideration of the proposed appointments and charges scheme the council **AGREED** that a letter of objection to the proposals should be sent by the Clerk to PCC.

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160 Reports from outside bodies – The Institute

A short report was given regarding the Institute (in particular the recent evening event held).

161 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be Monday 31st March 2025 at 7pm.

162. Actions taken forward from the meeting:

The following actions are to be taken forward from the meeting as follows:

Ref	Activity
1	Issue draft minutes and post online after 7 days
2	Post approved documents online
3	Check speed camera calibration costs
4	Arrange meeting with councillors in St Mary's churchyard regarding the RBL stands and the memorial garden
5	Prepare report on Chapel of Rest for next meeting
6	Complete changeover of website and emails
7	Enter planning consultation details on PCC website
8	Complete sale of timber to MWR
9	Post defibrillator policy on website
10	Progress setting up of Youth and Community Charity
11	Grant aid for Welsh Speaking Group – contact Cllr M Alexander over funding available
12	Complete consultation on Place Making Plan
13	Letter to be send to PCC regarding the re-cycling centre proposals
14	Town Clerk to provide quotes to Cllr G Jones regarding the path resurfacing in St Mary's churchyard
15	Pass on comments received at the meeting regarding the Town and Community Council Review to the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils

Defibrillator policy

Introduction

Following the last council meeting the Town Clerk was sked to prepare a policy for the location of defibrillators in the area, in particular taking into account rural areas.

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Issues to consider

From research the following is of note:

In order for the patient to have the best chance of surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest, CPR and early defibrillation must be provided within the first 3-4 minutes of the cardiac arrest, followed by advanced life support within the first 8 minutes of the arrest.

Each defibrillator should ideally be possible to fetch within 4 minutes – 2 minutes there and 2 minutes back. If you're walking briskly, that means the defibrillator needs to be within 200 metres of where it's needed.

Suggested policy

The following policy is suggested for when the council is considering the placing of defibrillators in the Llanfair Caereinion Town Council ward.

When considering the location for a defibrillator it should meet the following criteria:

- i) The defibrillator should ideally be possible to fetch within 4 minutes – 2 minutes there and 2 minutes back. If you're walking briskly, that means the defibrillator needs to be within 200 metres of where it's needed, a car maybe further.
- ii) The location must be visible and not cause any safety issues.
- iii) Subject to funding being available.

Each defibrillator is to be included on the Town Clerk's weekly visits, tested weekly and recorded on The Circuit.

Approved 24.02.2025

Town Clerk