

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 27th January 2025
in the Youth Room of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were.

Cllr Rob Astley Chair
Cllr Hazel Davies
Cllr Cadvan Evans
Cllr Stephen Purser
Cllr Paul Wixey

Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair
Cllr Ian Davies
Cllr Geraint Peate
Cllr Sam Webster

In attendance Robert Robinson Town Clerk & Bute Energy (first part).

Apologies received.

Cllr Gareth Jones

Cllr Mark Owen

125. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

126. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded at the meeting.

127. Public Question Time and Participation

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

128. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th December 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Purser and seconded by Cllr Paul Wixey.

The vote was unanimously approved.

129. Visit by Bute Energy – Llyn Lort Energy Park

The meeting was joined by Bute Energy for a discussion regarding Llyn Lort Energy Park (Wind Farm).

The full notes of that discussion are set out at appendix A to these minutes.

130. Finance and governance.

130.1 Bank Balances (31st October 2024)

The meeting noted the bank balances are set out overleaf.

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Current	£28,862.83
Deposit	£62,337.77
Total	£91,200.60
VAT	£4,092.80
Grant aid	£3,375.00
Total	£98,668.40

130.2 Management Accounts

The meeting received the management accounts to 31st December 2024 at appendix A of the agenda.

130.3 Orders for payment

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

Proposed by Cllr Hazel Davies and seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans.

The vote was unanimously approved.

130.4 Health Check

The meeting received the health check of the Council (see separate document) which will be used at the next Welsh Government audit to show the councils status on each item.

There are some more risk assessments, an emergency plan and the website/emails to be looked at. The former documents will come to the February meeting for consideration. The website/emails are covered in minute no 130.5.

130.5 Website and emails

The meeting considered the domain name of the council and the emails for councillors. The Health Check has identified that we should have a .gov or .wales website address and that each councillor and Clerk should have a council email linked to that domain. Full details are included in appendix C of the agenda.

The meeting **APPROVED** the proposal to the following:

- i) Website to be llanfairtowncouncil.gov.uk
- ii) Emails to be name@llanfairtowncouncil.gov.uk

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

The vote was unanimously approved.

130.6 Elections

The meeting noted the election of Myfanwy Alexander on 24th January 2024.

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131. Review of actions taken since last meeting

The meeting noted the actions taken since the last meeting.

Ref	Action	Status
Min 111	Draft minutes to be prepared for comment and then published.	Completed
Min 99 (Nov)	Defibrillator report to be ready for next council meeting.	Completed.
Min 112.4	Limit of £100 on spending by FODW without consent from the Council.	Agreed with FODW
Min 122	Invite Bute Energy to the main January council meeting on 27 th January 2025.	Completed
Min 122	Arrange for a meeting on 20 th January 2025 to discuss the Place Making Plan.	Completed
Min 112 .5	Comparative quotes to be gained for printing of the Chronicle .	Completed but need to be redone when next issue size known.
Min 116	Publish community engagement policy on the website.	Completed
Min 119.4	Seeking possible grants for purchase of a community building.	Ongoing.
Min 119.3	Deri Woods – storm damage, progress emergency works to open paths and make the woods safe.	Ongoing.
Min 123	Inform PCC of planning decisions.	Completed
P&C	Town Clerk review actions	Awaited.

132. Defibrillator report

The meeting considered the defibrillator plan for outlying areas. See appendix D of the agenda.

After some thought it was agreed that the item should be deferred.

The Town Clerk is to bring to the next meeting a policy for consideration.

133. Report from Sustainability Plan Powys meeting

The meeting received a short a report from the Sustainability Powys meeting held in Newtown on 15th January 2025 from Cllr Stephen Purser. The meeting was informed that Llanfair Caereinion is grouped with Newtown and not Welshpool. This was not considered right.

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The Town Clerk is to write formally to Cllr Richard Church of Powys County Council seeking a change to reflect this.

134. Buses

The meeting considered the consultation on revised bus timetables for Llanfair Caereinion. Full information is included at appendix E to the agenda.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had taken time to ride on the buses to reach out to those passengers who do not have internet. He also attended the community café, library and bowling club to meet others. All are in support of the changes with their requests noted in the para below. The number of bus users spoken to was in excess of 40.

The meeting **AGREED** to support the proposals with the following two comments made to Powys County Council:

- i) If possible the last bus (1720 ex Welshpool) should link up with the incoming Shrewsbury bus.
- ii) If possible for no 87 to call at Poundland on its route (maybe instead of Tesco which is nearer the bus station).

135. Compulsory purchase consultation

The meeting considered supporting the changes to the compulsory purchase rules which affect town and community councils.

The meeting **AGREED** to support this legislation.

136. Welsh Government constituency boundaries

The meeting noted the new constituency boundaries for Welsh Government elections from 2026.

137. Powys Teaching Health Board (paper from Cllr Paul Wixey)

The paper on this subject was withdrawn as the Health Board has withdrawn the actions to be discussed.

138. County Councillor's report

There was no report from our County Councillor.

139. Town Clerks report

139.1 Yew Trees – Ewr Ddwr

The meeting noted a report to the Town Clerk from a resident about the Yew tree roots which may extend to disturbing graves.

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The meeting considered this and felt they could not do anything at this time due to the protected nature of Yew trees in graveyards.

139.2 Grant aid application

The meeting considered a letter seeking grant aid from the Welsh Learning Group which meets in the library. The letter had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The meeting **AREED** to approve in principal but to defer a final decision on amounts until a discussion had been held with Cllr Gareth Jones and Cllr Myfanwy Alexander over other help that might be offered first.

139.3 Charity proposal

The Town Clerk suggested that the council set up a charity for its youth and community work. This would open the door to a larger number of grants (many for local councils are being withdrawn).

The meeting **AGREED** that the Town Clerk should come back with a full proposal for the February council meeting.

139.4 Police speed checks

The police have offered to approve speed checks (to inform any application for digital speed reminder signs). This is done via a speed camera being provided to be used by 3 trained persons appointed by the council.

The meeting **AGREED** to pursue this idea with Cllr Ian Davies, Cllr Sam Webster and Robert Robinson being the council nominated users.

140. Date of the next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting is to be Monday 24th February 2025 at 7pm.

141. Actions to be taken forward from the meeting.

The actions to be taken forward from the meeting are:

Ref	Action	Action by
Carried forward	Town Clerk review actions	Cllr Mark Owen & Cllr Rob Astley
Min 128	Draft minutes to be prepared for comment and then published.	Town Clerk
Min 132	Defibrillator policy report to be ready for next council meeting.	Town Clerk

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Min 129	Invite Bute Energy a meeting regarding community benefit.	Town Clerk
Min 130.5	Put in place new website address and email addresses.	Town Clerk
Ref	Action	Action by
Carried forward	Comparative quotes to be gained for printing of the Chronicle.	Town Clerk
Min 135	Respond to consultation on CPO rules for Town and Community Councils.	Town Clerk
Min 134	Inform PCC consultation on new bus timetables.	Town Clerk
Min 130.6	Publish new councillor details.	Town Clerk
Min 139.3	Prepare report on possible charity for community and youth.	Town Clerk
Min 139.2	Town Clerk to contact Cllr G Jones and Cllr M Alexander regarding possible help with the Welsh speaking group. Inform group of decision.	Town Clerk
Min 139.4	Take forward police speed checks proposal.	Town Clerk
Min 133	Write to PCC to seek Llanfair to be in the Welshpool group for Sustainability Powys	Town Clerk

APPENDIX A

Visit by Bute Energy – Llyn Lort Energy Park#

There was a visit from two representatives of Bute Energy (Hugh and James).
The main points of note were:

TIMESCALES

The timescales for the proposal coming forward are:

- 2023 – Scheme launched and 1st round of consultations completed.
- 2023 – Visited Town Council and held open day (met 170 people).
- 2025 – April – next round of consultations.
- 2025 – 18 month period of surveys and assessments.
- 2026 – Planning application (Welsh Government decision 42 weeks).

POWER LINES

The scheme will include underground power lines within the site and smaller power lines to meet the National Grid power line.

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The National Grid power line is due for statutory consultation during February 2025. Dates of consultation meeting points have been announced.

THE SCHEME

A plan was tabled showing the outline of the site. There were no details of design which will only be available once the landowners have seen them first.

The blades are 84m in length and the towers 220m in height.
This is substantially larger than those at the Tyrgwynt. Wind Farm.
17 turbines. (2 removed – one landowner issue & one Goshawk issue.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

The outline of the community benefit scheme was given.

Expected £1.39m per annum distributed through a proper scheme.
Amount is £7,500 per Kw.
No hard boundary with money spread over larger area.

The meeting agreed to meet James (Bute Energy) to see if there was anything that could be gained from the community benefit scheme.

TRANSPORT

The preferred route for the larger lorries to service the site is via Cwm Golau. However, this has a number of issues regarding leases and ownership. The scheme is being pursued at present on the basis that some sort of agreement can be reached.

COUNCIL POSITION

The council confirmed its position that until a proposal which includes substantial reduction of lorries through the town centre their support would be limited.