

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 23rd September 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room
of the Institute Llanfair Caereinion

Present were:

Cllr Rob Astley Chair
Cllr Hazel Davies
Cllr Cadvan Evans
Cllr Geraint Peate
Cllr Sam Webster

Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair
Cllr Ian Davies
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Stephen Purser

Apologies received from:

Mark Owen

52. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

One minutes silence was held in remembrance of Cllr Viola Evans.

53. Declarations of interest

The following declarations of interest were declared during the meeting:

Cllr Rob Astley – minutes 63 – grass cutting contract.

54. Public Question Time and Participation There were no public present at the meeting.

55. Minutes of the last meeting

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

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

56. Electoral matters

The meeting confirmed the seats of Viola Evans and Ursula Griffiths vacant.

The meeting considered election v co-option to fill the vacant seats.

After discussion the meeting **AGREED** that an election should be called and that the Town Clerk should seek the necessary 10 signatures to enable this to happen.

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

57. Finance and governance

57.1 Bank balances The meeting noted the current balances (as at 31.08.2024) as overleaf:

Current account	£37,305.54
Deposit account	£61,743.64
Total cash funds	£99,049.18
VAT reclaim	£799.45
Total funds available	£99,848.63

The meeting received the management accounts and bank reconciliation.

57.3 Orders for payment

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

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

57.4 Signatories

The meeting noted the rules on signatures but **AGREED** on advice from the Clerk not to change the current arrangement of 2 Councillors and the Clerk to sign all transfers and payments.

57.5 Bylaws

The bylaws were not quite ready so are held over to the next meeting.

58. Electoral reform consultation (Powys County Council)

The meeting considered a paper on electoral reform for Powys County Council elections. There is no change to Town Council elections

After discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal the meeting **AGREED** not to support the proposed changes because:

It is biased against the independent candidate.

It removes the individual choice of the candidate to represent their area.

It can remove the local connection which is valued by local people.

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The Town Clerk is to write to Powys County Council expressing the Council's views in response to the consultation.

59. Planning and development

59.1 Planning decisions

The meeting noted a recent planning decision issued by Powys County Council as Garden Cottage Llanfair Caereinion – Proposed detached garage - approval

59.2 Planning applications

The meeting noted the responses to the following planning applications (completed remotely over the summer months):

- i) Oak Beach Valley – no comment – left for PCC to approve proof of occupation.
- ii) Dolerw Watergate Street – support.

59.3 12 Minffordd Llanfair Caereinion

Planning application for a two storey side extension to existing dwelling.

The meeting **SUPPORTS** the application.

Proposed by Cllr Sam Webster and seconded by Cllr Cadvan Evans. The vote was unanimous.

59.4 Tanyfron , Broncafnt Lane, Llanfair Caereinion, Welshpool SY21 0BW

Planning application to remove conditions 5 and 6 (affordable housing).

The meeting considered this application in some details and the history of the site. Cllr Gareth Jones was able to bring the members up to date with the current state of the application.

The meeting **SUPPORTS** this application subject to Powys County Council being satisfied that the development is not viable with the affordable housing unit included in what is a small development. Such proof to be provided by an independent professional surveyor.

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

59.5 Place Making Plan

The meeting received an update on the Place Making Plan for Llanfair Caereinion from the Town Clerk.

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59.6 Vyrnwy Frankton Connection

The meeting received an update on the National Grid and transmission lines. The revised plans were issued (slight alterations to the previous editions). The plans will now go to formal statutory consultation in the spring of 2025.

60. Glanyrafron Playground

60.1 Fitness trail

The meeting received an update on the installation of the fitness trail at the playground which is due for installation on 14th October 2025.

60.2 Cycle racks

The meeting considered cycle racks in the playground at Glanyrafron as per a resident's request. It was **AGREED** that with the fitness trail and new bins in place that a cycle rack would 'clutter' the area. Also in the councillor's view there was no regular need for a cycle rack in this location. The Clerk was asked to take no further action.

61. Defibrillators

6.1.1 Defibrillator's in outlying areas

As there was no feedback from Councillors on possible outlying area defibrillator Positions this item is to be held over until the next meeting.

6.1.2 Defibrillator at the Black Lion

He meeting considered the defibrillator at the Black Lion and responsibility. It was noted that the defibrillator had gone missing after use (probably in a hospital in Cardiff). The chances of retrieving it were considered remote. The cost of the new unit is £830 net of VAT. After discussion the following action was **AGREED**:

- i) The council to take over responsibility for the unit.
- ii) The council will replace the unit. iii) Some action to be taken to try and recover the unit which has been taken away and put it to use somewhere else.

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

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62. Deri Woods

62.1 Benches

The meeting considered the replacement of two benches in Deri Woods and the Goat Field which have rotted and are no longer usable. After discussion the following was **AGREED**:

- i) The seat currently held at the farm of Cllr Gareth Jones to be allocated to Deri Woods and the sum of £420 be paid for said new bench there.
- ii) The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Gareth Jones over the supplier of the bench so that two more can be acquired (simple benches).

62.2 Works to Deri Woods The meeting considered an update on the following:

- i) The flower planting
- ii) Tree thinning iii)
Non slip steps
- iv) Interpretation information on the trees in the woods v)
Damage to railings on paths

The meeting was informed that with the help of Nick Burton (FODW) grant Aid to cover all the works (in i, ii, iii and iv above) in the sum of £3,375 has been gained. The meeting **AGREED** that the works can now progress.

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63. Grass Cutting contract

The meeting considered the grass cutting on Mount Field. With the amazing weather this year more cuts were required for the football pitch.

The extra cost is £70 plus VAT per cut – there have been two extra cuts to date.

The meeting **AGREED** that the Council should seek an invoice from the contractor and pay such sums out of the normal funds allocated to Mount Field.

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

Note: Cllr Rob Astley declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote. Cllr Melvin Jones took over the meeting for this item.

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64. Fields in Trust

The meeting considered a covenant with the Fields in Trust regarding protection of our open spaces. As the two areas (Mount Field and Deri Woods) are in Trust's and protected by the Charity Commission no action was considered necessary.

65. County Council Matters

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

- i) Local Development Plan – the candidate sites list is progressing and a final consultation on this will take place soon.
- ii) Leisure Centre – The review is completed. Freedom Leisure has held free open days at other locations but not Llanfair Caereinion. The Town Clerk is to ask them to consider one for Llanfair.
- iii) Highways – A new highways officer is in place and it is hoped this will speed up repairs reported.

66. Town Clerk's report

66.1 Chapel and CCTV

The Town Clerk presented an email from the Chapel regarding CCTV and the cost of putting same into place. The Town Clerk is to meet with Hugh on site to gain full information so that the meeting can consider the matter fully at its October meeting.

66.2 Mick Bates memorial bench

A location for the Mick Bates memorial bench is yet to be agreed. The churchyard by the entrance to the building was suggested.

66.3 General repairs

There are two items of repair which are to be put in place:

- i) The lady's toilet has a major blockage and is being cleared asap. ii) The bottom step at Deri Woods (High Street) entrance could do with another tread to make it easier to access the woods.
- iii) {Pressure wash around the toilet areas outside.

The funding for these items will come from the general repair budget.

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68. Llanfair Bowling Club

It was noted by members that extensive works had been undertaken by the Club without the consent of the Council (required under the lease).

The Town Clerk is to contact the Bowling Club and gain a letter seeking such consent before the next Council meeting.

The Clerk is also to visit site to take some photographs for Councillor's.

69. Dates of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be Monday 28th October 2024 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.