

# **Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

## **MINUTES**

of a meeting of the Full Council held on

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm**

in the Youth Room of the Institute

### **Present were:**

Cllr Rob Astley Chair

Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair

Cllr Jon Badger

Cllr Hazel Davies

Cllr Gareth Jones

Cllr Geraint Peate

Cllr Stephen Purser

Cllr Sam Webster

Cllr Paul Wixey

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Myfanwy Alexander, Cllr Ian Davies and Cllr Mark Owen

### **138. Welcome by the Chair**

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

### **139. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded at this meeting.

It is noted that the Town Clerk is a director of the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway and that Cllr Paul Wixey is a volunteer and senior manager at the same railway but with no pecuniary interest. See minute no 145.

### **140. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting. Proposed by Cllr Sam Webster and seconded by Cllr Stephen Purser. The vote was unanimous.

### **141. Public Question Time and Participation**

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

### **142. Actions taken since last meeting**

The meeting noted the actions taken since the last meeting and to note the small works list. See appendix A of the agenda.

## **143. Finance & Governance**

### **143.1 Bank balances**

The meeting noted the bank balances to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as follows:

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Current account        | £36,207.66         |
| Deposit account        | £63,368.34         |
| <b>Total cash</b>      | <b>£99,576.00</b>  |
| VAT due                | £427.88            |
| <b>Total available</b> | <b>£100,003.88</b> |

### **143.2 Management Accounts**

The meeting received the management accounts for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. See appendix B of the agenda.

***Cllr Melvin Jones joined the meeting***

### **143.3 Orders for payment**

The meeting **APPROVED** the orders for payment – see appendix C of the agenda. Proposed by Cllr Paul Wixey and seconded by Cllr Stephen Purser. The voting was unanimous.

### **143.4 End of year balances (estimate)**

The meeting considered statement of estimated end of year balances has been prepared - see appendix D of the agenda. The members are to think about what the surplus maybe spent on by the next meeting.

***Cllr Gareth Jones joined the meeting***

### **143.5 Youth and Community**

The meeting considered and **APPROVED** the payment of a grant to the Youth and Community Trust and recovery of expenses in delivering. See appendix E of the agenda for details

Proposed by Cllr Paul Wixey and seconded by Cllr Stephen Purser. The voting was unanimous.

### **143.6 Library**

The meeting considered the renewal of the memorandum of understanding for the library between Powys County Council, The Library Volunteers and the Council for a further 5 years on the same terms and conditions as previously per the last/existing agreement. The meeting **APPROVED** entering into a further 5-year agreement.

Proposed by Cllr Jon Badger and seconded by Cllr Hazel Davies. The voting was unanimous.

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**143.7 Review of council document (council risk assessment)** The meeting noted the review of council documents.

The members considered in particular the council risk assessment as set out at appendix F of the agenda.

The members noted the review of all documents and **APPROVED** the council risk assessment.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Wixey and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The voting was unanimous.

### **144. Planning and development**

#### **144.1 Planning location plans**

The members were asked to consider if Powys County Council should be asked to seek clearer location plans with planning applications. See appendix G of the agenda location plan as an example. The meeting **AGREED** that a letter should be sent seeking what three words to be included in the application to aid identification.

#### **144.2 Planning application - Land At Adwy Wynt Llanfair Caereinion**

Application to discharge conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission 25/1181/FUL *The conditions referred to are before development (3) a detailed Tree and Hedgerow Protection Plan and (4) a detailed enhancement biodiversity plan shall be submitted.* See appendix G of the agenda.

The members **AGREED** to make no comment.

#### **144.3 Cefn Coch to Frankton transmission line**

The members noted that a pre-planning consultation is taking place between 4<sup>th</sup> February until 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 which when completed will lead to a planning application for the above.

The meeting **AGREED** to submit the same comments as last time.

#### **144.4 National Park for north east Montgomeryshire**

The meeting noted that the national park proposals are still proceeding. The County Council and Town Council have objected to the proposals.

### **145. Banwy Estate Road (asset transfer)**

Following decision of the council (see appendix J) a report has been prepared in accordance with Welsh Government guidelines regarding asset transfers.

There was a separate information pack with full report for consideration. After discussion the members **AGREED** that the following actions be taken forward:

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- i) Before making a final decision further investigations are to be completed.
- ii) The Town Clerk is to meet with Cllrs Gareth Jones and Cllr Stephen Purser to consider a way forward to protect access to the river for public use.
- iii) To try and gain some assurance from the WLLR that access to the river for the public will remain in place with some legal standing.

#### **146. Public Toilets & CCTV**

The meeting considered a report on the public toilets and the vandalism experienced just before the Christmas break and just recently. The meeting also considered how the CCTV can be improved. Now that it is working a CCTV policy is needed. A draft was attached at appendix K of the agenda. Registration of the system is covered by our annual certificate from the Information Commissioner.

After discussion it was **AGREED** to adopt the policy.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Purser and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The voting was unanimous.

The meeting also **AGREED** to expend up to £550 on a new camera and wiring.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Purser and seconded by Cllr Melvin Jones. The voting was unanimous. The Town Clerk to post a warning on face-book.

#### **147. Notice Board**

The meeting considered the provision of a public notice board in the centre of the town. Pictures of possible locations are set out at appendix L of the agenda. After discussion it was **AGREED** that an approach be made to Ashton Stores to locate a notice board there.

#### **148. Deri Woods**

The meeting received an update on the biodiversity plan for Deri Woods and The Goat Field. A meeting with Dafydd Lloyd has been arranged for the 18<sup>th</sup> February to advise.

#### **149. Tennis Courts**

A meeting with the tennis club is to take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February to agree any pre-season works.

The meeting confirmed that authority is given to the Town Clerk in consultation with Cllr Melvin Jones to expend up to £750 (amount in the budget) for pre-season works.

#### **150. County Councillor report**

The meeting received a report from the county councillor regarding Powys County Council activity.

The main points were:

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### **Church Path**

Scottish Power have verbally agreed to resurface the path but are now becoming difficult to make contact with.

### **Salt Bins**

It was suggested that some salt bins could be purchased by the Town Council for locations where they are of benefit. Powys County Council will fill them with salt for residents to use in poor weather.

The meeting **AGREED** to give consideration to this at the next meeting.

### **Health Centre car park**

The health centre car park is to be resurfaced very soon.

### **Health Centre**

There is some slight movement in the county council taking forward the new health centre.

### **Street lighting**

Reports of some street lights not working need to be followed up.

### **Leisure Centre**

There are to be discussions regarding the future of the leisure centre. The Town Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Gareth Jones, Sam Webster and Paul Wixey to discuss in advance the matter following which is to be followed by a partnership meeting.

### **Buses**

The 1545 bus from Welshpool to Llanfair is still only running on non-school days. With a small re-arrangement of buses this could run every day Welshpool to Llanfair.

### **Potholes**

Cllr Gareth Jones asked for any pothole issues are passed to him by councillors for adding to the extensive list to be attended to.

**151. Reports of outside bodies** The meeting received short reports from outside bodies as follows:

**i) One Voice Wales – Cllr Paul Wixey**

Cllr Paul Wixey and the Town Clerk attended their last meeting, nothing of significance to report.

**ii) North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils – Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk will issue a written report as there is quite a lot to report.

**152. Street Scene – toilet lighting**

The meeting noted the new lights by the public toilets. These are to be adjusted to aid glare causing some concern to those using the path at night.

**153. Date of the next meeting**

To note the date of the next meeting which is to be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

**154. Actions to be taken forward**

Actions to be taken forward from the meeting are:

| Ref | Action                                                     | By                         |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1   | Prepare minutes for comment,                               | Town Clerk                 |
| 2   | Post minutes in draft on the website 7 days later.         | Town Clerk                 |
| 3   | Post minutes from January meeting on website.              | Town Clerk                 |
| 4   | Orders for payment – make payments.                        | Town Clerk                 |
| 5   | End of year balances – all to think of any small projects. | Town Clerk                 |
| 6   | Youth and Community – effect transfers.                    | Town Clerk                 |
| 7   | Library – proceed to new agreement.                        | Town Clerk & Cllr S Purser |
| 8   | Planning location maps – letter to PCC.                    | Town Clerk                 |
| 9   | Planning decisions – inform PCC.                           | Town Clerk                 |
| 10  | Transmission Line – send letter.                           | Town Clerk                 |
| 11  | National Park – send letter.                               | Town Clerk                 |
| 12  | Banwy Estate Road – meeting of councillors.                | Town Clerk                 |
| 13  | Banwy Estate Road – proposal for consideration.            | Town Clerk                 |
| 14  | Public notice board – approach Ashton's.                   | Town Clerk                 |

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| 15 | Toilet lighting – arrange to adjust lighting units.                                                             | Small works                       |
| 16 | Tennis courts – complete pre-season works.                                                                      | Town Clerk &<br>Cllr M Jones      |
| 17 | Salt Bins – all to consider locations.                                                                          | All                               |
| 18 | North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils - Town Clerk to circulate a report.                             | Town Clerk                        |
| 19 | Riverside path – continue with grant aid application in mind.                                                   | Town Clerk &<br>Cllr R Astley     |
| 20 | Ash Die Back and trees – chase up report.                                                                       | Cllr R Astley                     |
| 21 | Memorial garden – move to completion when the weather conditions allow.                                         | Town Clerk &<br>Cllr S<br>Webster |
| 22 | Post on face-book CCTV warning notices.                                                                         | Town Clerk                        |
| 23 | Small works list – continue with list.                                                                          | Town Clerk &<br>Cllr R Astley     |
| 24 | Meeting regarding Leisure Centre to be held with Cllrs Gareth Jones, Paul Wixey, Sam Webster and the Town Clerk | Town Clerk                        |
| 25 | Post CCTV policy and documents review online                                                                    | Town Clerk                        |