

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 4th August 2025 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute

Present were:

Cllr Rob Astley Chair	Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair
Cllr Hazel Davies	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 received:

Cllr Myfanwy Alexander	Cllr Ian Davies
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46. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

47. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded at this meeting.

48. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no members of the public present.

49. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and **APPROVED** the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2025.

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

50. Finance & Governance

50.1 Bank balances

The meeting noted the bank balances to 30th June 2025 as follows:

Current account	£31,053.22
Deposit account	£62,889.12
Total cash	£93,042.35
VAT due	£2,445.96
Total available	£96,388.31

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50.2 Management accounts

The meeting received the management accounts for the period to 30th June 2025.

50.3 Orders for payment

The meeting considered and **APPROVED** the orders for payment as attached to the agenda.

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

50.4 Elections

The meeting noted the uncontested election to fill the vacant seat.

Jonathan Badger was elected unopposed on 28th July 2025 and has completed the declaration forms and has completed his induction. His first meeting will be 22nd September 2025.

51. Actions from the last meeting

The meeting noted the actions from the last meeting which were reported as set out below:

Ref	Activity	Status
1	Issue draft minutes and post online after 7 days	Completed
2	Post approved documents online	Completed
3	Arrange for payments as per approved list.	Completed
4	Complete new bank mandate	Ready
5	Notify PCC of vacant seat for election.	Completed
6	Complete external audit pack including annual return.	Completed
7	Continue to take forward speed camera scheme	Ongoing
8	Following the meeting on 10 th progress works to lower riverside path in Deri Woods.	ongoing
9	Complete installation of cross on the lychgate.	Awaited.
10	Progress with PCC churchyard path resurfacing.	Ongoing

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11	Progress with initial approach to PCC regarding the car parks and an asset transfer.	Ongoing
12	Progress memorial garden scheme.	Ready to progress
13	Purchase and put in place new pot plants at Erw Ddwr	Completed
14	Planting of new pots at Erw Ddwr	Completed
15	Tennis club to respond with views on wording of new signing.	Awaited,
16	Replace two posts at far end of Mount Field	Awaiting contractor.
17	Inform PCC of planning decisions.	Completed
19	Arrange for new toilet roll holders to be installed.	Completed.

52. Planning

52.1 Planning consultations

52.1.1 Gwynfa Watergate Street Llanfair Caereinion Welshpool SY21 0RG

Formation of new access to provide parking within the curtilage.

Councillors were contacted by email and it was agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.

Cllr Paul Wixey and Cllr Hazel Davies joined the meeting.

52.2 Bute Energy and transport plan

The meeting considered a request from Bute Energy to look at ideas to resolve the issue of lorries through the town centre as requested by the council.

After extensive discussion the following was **AGREED** to be put forward:

- i) To re-instate the Cwm Golau road (used by previous wind farm traffic) to adoptable standard and to be adopted as a permanent road for public use.
- ii) To improve the top road so that lorries could pass each other along the full route to the Bitfel with ease. The Council would want to be sure that sufficient works were undertaken to ensure the safety of other road users.
- iii) The council is open to discussions to resolve the issue of lorry movements through the town centre.

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53. Llanfair Hockey Club

The meeting considered the request from the Hockey Club to site a container at Mount Field for storage of equipment. It was noted that the Hockey Club did explore all other options as suggested by the Council.

The meeting **AGREED** the following:

- i) To give permission to the Hockey Club to place a half size container (20ft x 8ft) in a position to be agreed between Cllr Rob Astley and Cllr Paul Wixey. The Town Clerk to be informed of the agreed location so that an agreement can be completed.
- ii) To cease consent for any further units on the site until a future plan has been completed.

54. County Councillor report

The meeting received a report from the county councillor regarding Powys County Council activity including the following:

- i) The distribution of the £5,000 for each county councillor area.
- ii) Possible changes to Watgate Street road surfaces. iii) Works around the town including the Banwy Bridge opposite the station.
- iv) Cllr Berriman is visiting Llanfair later in the year for a tour around. The library to be included in the tour.
- v) Update on vacant council housing.

55. Christmas Lights event for 2025

The meeting considered an outline programme for this year's event.

The meeting authorised the booking of entertainment for the event along with Micky Mouse. The budget was **APPROVED**.

56. Erw Ddwr sign

The meeting discussed the new sign erected at Erw Ddwr. The cost of the sign was in excess of what was expected and should have had council approval as the sum was in excess of delegated powers.

The meeting **APPROVED** payment of the invoice for £900 plus VAT for the new sign which is in place. The payment to be made at the end of August 2025.

57. Town Clerk's report and correspondence

57.1 Powys County Council – (countryside & operational area)

The meeting noted the information regarding the countryside management and the inclusion of Llanfair Caereinion in an operational area which covers areas south west of Newtown. It was **AGREED** to await the response from PCC regarding the request to include Llanfair in the Welshpool area before any further consideration of this subject.

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57.2 Llanfair United Football Club

The meeting considered a letter from Llanfair United Football Club regarding the installation of CCTV and the provision of new litter bin arrangements.

The meeting **AGREED** the following:

- i) To make a grant to the football club of £480 towards the cost of CCTV. if there was an advantage the TC would purchase the CCTV equipment up to a value of £480 plus VAT and donate the equipment to the football club. To pay for and provide a new litter bin by the main stand to be emptied by the football club. A key to the large green wheelie bin to be provided to enable rubbish disposal. the amount of rubbish put in the large green wheelie bin would be monitored

57.3 Llanfair Tennis Club

The tennis club had contacted some councillors regarding the growth levels around the site. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Gareth Joines and Cllr Melvin Jones would arrange to cut back and weed kill the affected areas.

57.4 Mount Field – upper field

The meeting noted that dogs are being walked in the field let for grazing. This is not allowed and the meeting **AGREED** to erect 'no dogs' signs at each entrance to this area.

57.5 Carnival

The meeting considered the provision of funding for the Carnival toilets (2025 event) and **AGREED** that £25 extra is to be added to the approved grant of £2,000.

58. Date of the next meeting

The meeting noted the dates for September 2025 as follows:

Place Making Plan – Monday 15th September 2025 at 7pm.

Full Council - Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7pm.

59. Actions to be taken forward

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

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4	Complete new bank mandate	Town Clerk
5	Continue to take forward speed camera scheme	Town Clerk
6	Following the meeting on 10 th progress works to lower riverside path in Deri Woods. TWIG grant.	Town Clerk
7	Complete installation of cross on the lychgate.	Cllr R Astley
8	Progress with PCC churchyard path resurfacing.	Town Clerk
9	Progress with initial approach to PCC regarding the car parks and an asset transfer.	Town Clerk & Cllr G Jones
10	Progress memorial garden scheme.	Town Clerk & Cllr S Webster
11	Tennis club to respond with views on wording of new signing.	Awaited,
12	Replace two posts at far end of Mount Field.	Cllr Rob Astley
13	Write to Bute Energy with council views.	Town Clerk
14	Agreed placing of container at Mount Field and inform Hockey Club of decision.	Cllr R Astley & Cllr Paul Wixey
15	Write to LUFC to inform them of council decision on grant and litter bin.	Town Clerk
16	Place orders for Christmas Lights event.	Town Clerk
17	Arrange for tennis courts weed killing and cutback due to fast growth.	Cllr Melvin Jones and Cllr Gareth Jones
18	Erect dog signs at the grazing field in Mount Field.	Town Clerk