

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 16th March 2026 at 7pm
in the Youth Room of the Institute

Present were:

Cllr Rob Astley Chair

Cllr Jon Badger

Cllr Ian Davies

Cllr Geraint Peate

Cllr Sam Webster

Cllr Melvin Jones Vice Chair

Cllr Hazel Davies

Cllr Gareth Jones

Cllr Stephen Purser

Cllr Paul Wixey

Apologies received:

Cllr Myfanwy Alexander

155. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

156. Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were recorded as follows:

Cllr Jon Badger – minute no 161.2 – Planning application.

157. Public Question Time and Participation

There were no members of the public present.

158. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Jon Badger and seconded by Cllr Geraint Peate. The vote was unanimous.

159. Actions from the last meeting

159.1 Actions taken since last meeting

The meeting noted the actions since the last meeting and to note the small works list included in the appendix to the agenda. Items still ongoing will remain on the list.

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159.2 Brought forward

The meeting considered locations for salt boxes. (say 10 – cost £1,500)

The Town Clerk will provide a large-scale plan of Llanfair Caereinion and outlying areas so that councillors can mark on existing salt boxes and add those that might be considered for inclusion in the future.

The meeting **AGREED** to pay for up to 10 new salt boxes over a period of time.

160. Finance & Governance

160.1 Bank balances

The meeting noted the bank balances as of 28th February 2026 as follows:

Current account	£34,368.30
Deposit account	£63,368.34
Total cash	£97,736.34
VAT due	£659.65
Total available	£98,395.99

160.2 Management Accounts

The meeting received the management accounts for the period to 28th February 2026.

160.3 Orders for payment

The meeting approved the orders for payment – See page 7 of information pack.
Proposed by Cllr Ian Davies and seconded by Cllr Gareth Jones. The vote was unanimous.

160.4 Resignation of councillor

The meeting received the resignation of Cllr Mark Owen. The meeting recorded their thanks for his work during his time as a councillor.

161. Planning and development

161.1 Planning appeal

The meeting noted that a planning appeal has been submitted with regard to **Gwynfa Watergate Street Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0RG.v** This application related to access to enable off street car parking.

161.2 26/0208/FUL Dan Y Coed , Llanfair Caereinion, SY21 0BJ

(Cllr Jon Badger left the meeting for this agenda item)

Proposal: Erection of agricultural field shelter.

The meeting agreed to **SUPPORT** the application.

Proposed by Cllr Geraint Peate and seconded by Cllr Hazel Davies. The vote was unanimous.

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162. Use of council premises

The meeting considered the following with regard to the use of council premises.

162.1 Martyn's Law

The meeting received a paper on Martyn's Law. See page 18 of information pack with the agenda. The principle of the paper was accepted but is to be re-introduced at a future meeting with revisions.

162.2 Carnival

The meeting considered and **granted consent** for the holding of the Llanfair Carnival on 20th June 2026 on

Mount Field subject to:

- Copy of risk assessment
- Copy of insurance certificate

162.3 St Mary's Church

To meeting **granted consent** grant for part of the churchyard to be used for storage of materials and access to enable the church roof to be repaired subject to:

- Copy of risk assessment
- Copy of plan with regard to land use for storage
- Copy of contractor's insurance certificate

162.4 St Mary's churchyard

To grant consent for part of the churchyard to be used for storage of materials and access to enable the path to be resurfaced by Powys County Council subject to:

- Copy of risk assessment
- Copy of plan with regard to land use for storage
- Copy of contractor's insurance certificate
- The land re-instated to its current condition

163. Hockey Club

The meeting considered the email received from the Hockey Club. See page 22 of information pack with the agenda.

The meeting **Agreed** the following:

- i) Location of a half size storage unit alongside the existing ones.
- ii) The council to provide the base and groundworks for the unit.
- iii) The unit to be provided by the Hockey Club.
- iv) The unit being owned by the Town Council following installation.

In due course a single building divided for groups to use for storage to be considered.

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164. Tennis Courts

The meeting received a report on pre-season works. See page 24 of information pack to the agenda.

The works proposed for the forthcoming season are within the budget set.

The meeting considered the possible agreement with the tennis club and felt that this should wait until the further consideration has been given to overall plans for sport in the town over the coming few months.

165. Deri Woods

The meeting **agreed** to go ahead with removing the tree stumps along the lower riverside path in Deri Woods in preparation of the main path works and to some other works to trees which are considered 'in need of emergency works'.

166. County Councillor report

The meeting received a report from the county councillor regarding Powys County Council activity as follows:

Issues of potholes continue

Council tax increase is to be 4.9%

Recycle collection days have changed

Issue of utilities opening up roads at very short notice causing disruption

Fish and Chip shop roof being repaired/replaced with scaffolding soon

Resurfacing of the Health Centre car park to take place soon

Resurfacing of Brook Street and Union Street in Welshpool

The Town Clerk is to write to PCC expressing concern over the effects of the resurfacing works to Brook Street and Union Street in Welshpool and seeking assurance that all will be done to reduce any delays and access from the west to the town centre and retail park.

167. Reports from outside bodies

The meeting received a report on the activities of the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. See page 26 of information pack with the agenda.

168. Town Clerk's report and correspondence

a) Thank you from the Institute

The meeting received a thank you letter from the Institute for the purchase of the new oil tank.

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b) Grant aid awards

The Clerk informed the meeting of the current grants received since the last meeting:

- i) Grant via Powys County Council from central government at Westminster – Llanfair Caereinion Town Council will received £83,000 subject to the projects meeting the themes set.
- ii) Grant of £33,500 from Transforming Towns for Deri Woods (riverside path, drainage, entrance to Goat Field and other minor works.
- iii) Grant of £1,250 to produce a new Town Guide for the town.
- iv) Grant of £1,033 to pay for the media system for the Youth Room including an 85inch smart TV which will go on the end wall where the bookcase is.
- v) Awaiting a grant from Awards for all Wales for the Town Trail. (£14,000)

The meeting confirmed that the media system can proceed as per email approvals. The meeting agreed that quotes for the Deri Woods/Goat Field works are to proceed. The meeting agreed that the application for a MUGA at Mount Field progresses to secure the funding.

169. 100 years of the WI

The council noted that the Llanfair Caereinion Women's Institute celebrated its 100th birthday just a few days ago. The Town Clerk is to write to the WI congratulation them on this achievement.

170. Date of the next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting which is to be on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7pm in the Youth Room of the Institute.

171. Actions to be taken forward

The following actions are to be taken forward:

No	Item	By
1	Complete draft minutes and circulate to councillors, post of web site in 7 days.	Town Clerk
2	Organise payments in line with the orders for payment approved.	Town Clerk
3	Plan for marking on salt boxes to be provided for the next meeting.	Town Clerk
4	Inform PCC of planning decision.	Town Clerk
5	Issue confirmation letters for use of council premises as per minutes.	Town Clerk

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6	Letter to Hockey Club to be sent informing them of decision on a storage unit.	Town Clerk
7	Letter to be sent to the Tennis Club with an update.	Town Clerk
8	Letter to be sent to PCC regarding the works to Brook Street & Union Street in Welshpool.	Town Clerk
9	Instructions to be given to the contractor to carry out works to tree roots and trees requiring emergency works.	Town Clerk and Cllr Rob Astley
10	Letter of congratulations to be sent to the WI.	Town Clerk