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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 20 MAY 2024 AT 7PM.

Present: Councillors J Jones (Mayor), Dr J Hughes (Deputy Mayor), Mr G Morgan, Mrs A Morgan, Mrs A M Jones, Mr A Bennett, Mr D Davies, Mrs T Davies, Mr D Craig, Mrs E Leguay, Miss K Hawkins, Mr A Morel, Mr G Preston, Mr G Macarthur.

Youth Panel: No attendees.

MEETING NUMBER: 504

504.1. PRELIMINARIES – MAYOR

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Hawkins on her recent wedding.

1. Apologies had been received and accepted from Cassia Hawkins-Selly, Lisa Schultz & Maisie Earp. No apologies were received from Alice Turner and Joaquim Morales-Cartwright.
2. Personal and Pecuniary Interests were declared as follows:
Councillor G Morgan in any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.
Councillor G Preston in any matters relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor.
Councillor K Hawkins in any matters relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member.
Councillor G Davies in any matters relating to Llanidloes Charter Market as a Committee member.
Councillor T Davies with item 504.2.2.ii relating to planning application on behalf of Bradleys Garage in her position as a local retail business.

504.2. ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2024 were approved as a true record.
2. The following planning applications were considered:.
 - i) REF:24/0466/FUL – Bradleys Garage, Victoria Avenue, Llanidloes, SY18 6AS. Change of Use of Workshop space to Retail, creation of mezzanine floor and alterations to building. No objection.

- ii) REF:24/0566/FUL – Llanidloes Football Club, Victoria Avenue, Llanidloes, SY18 6AS. Erection of spectator stand including disabled access. Site visit to be arranged to view the proposed site.
- 3. Local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community:
 - Llanidloes High School – inspection report
 - Llanidloes Primary School – inspection report
 - Brian Hamer – local firefighter in respect of outstanding service.
- 4. New committees had been approved at the Annual Meeting. First meeting dates of 10/11/12 June were proposed and agreed with hybrid option.
- 5. Items 5, 6, 7 in respect of Council policies were deferred to enable the Town Clerk to produce updated policies for review and approval.
- 6. Review of Council’s policies, procedures and practices in respect of obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation – see 5.
- 7. Review of the Council’s policy for dealing with the press/media – see 5.
- 8. A Review of Council expenditure under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for 2023/24 was undertaken. £911.69.
- 9. The time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council were agreed as follows:
 - Ordinary meetings will be held at 7pm on the 4th Monday of each month, save no meeting in August, in the Chamber, Town Hall, Llanidloes. The Annual Meeting will be held in May.
- 10. The ongoing management of Llanidloes Charter Market was confirmed with a new Committee, already set up, being part of the Town Council remit.
- 11. The Mayor provided feedback on the first drop-in session at the Library/Museum on 27 April 2024. After a slow start there were many visitors and a variety of local matters were discussed. Chamber of Trade, Market Hall, Gro car park skips, a possible craft fair, were all raised.
- 12. No Councillors Questions had been received.
- 13. Date of next Council meeting agreed – 24 June 2024, 7pm.

504.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

- 1. The following updates from County Councillor were received:
 - Councillor G Preston: Further detail on the proposed Active Travel Scheme from Caegwyn to the Schools.
 - Yellow Lines – final proposals had already been received and Councillor Preston agreed to re-circulate to Councillors.
- 2. Town Clerk reported no progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre. Waiting for contact from Powys County Council – had chased several times. Councillors suggested strongly worded letter should be sent to Jake Berriman, Portfolio Head.
- 3. Progress with acquiring a lease on land at Maesydre was limited. An expression of interest had been lodged with Powys County Council but no acknowledgement had been received at the time of the meeting.
- 4. Email from local resident regarding sewage discharge at Severn Porte was discussed. Councillors suggested strongly worded letters should be sent to the appropriate organisations and Welsh Government.
- 5. Gro Toilets – Town Clerk provided a report on the assumption of responsibility for the toilets from the Llanidloes Community Services Committee. A cleaner had been

transferred with contract signed. Powys County Council had been contacted in connection with the licence/lease. An original licence had expired some time ago and no lease had been completed due to the village green nature of the Gro area. Further contact awaited from the County Council.

504.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE PANEL/TOWN CLERK

1. Received and approved Bank Reconciliation with CCLA PSDF valuation and aged debtor list as at 30 April 2024. Aged debtors total £4,281.83 and now include Dolhafren Cemetery.
2. Approved accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £4,658.82 + vat.
3. Noted and ratified payments made through an ongoing variable instruction totalling £12,431.21 during April 2024. £10,448.22 of this figure related to staff costs which included £5k of PAYE/NIC representing 3 months outstandings and some backdated amounts. Delay was due to change to direct debit facility.
4. Considered and approved new fee structure for Dolhafren Cemetery, effective 1 June 2024. Movement towards Powys County Council fee structure with 10% discount for Llanidloes residents. Fees will be subject to annual review. Vote saw 8 in favour and 6 abstentions.

504.5 COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following items:

No items brought forward.