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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 22 JULY 2024 @ 7PM

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

Youth Panel: Cassia Hawkins-Selly.

506.1 PRELIMINARIES – MAYOR

In the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor took the Chair and read a passage from ‘If’ by Rudyard Kipling.

1. Received and accepted apologies for absence from Mayor J Jones, Mr A Morel, Mr D Craig, Mr G Davies, Lisa Schultz, Alice Turner.
2. Received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business from:

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-Selly – in any matters relating to Llanidloes Youth Club as a Committee member.

Councillor G Macarthur – in any matters relating to Llanidloes Carnival Committee as a Committee member.

506.2 ADMINISTRATION – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2024 were approved as a true record.
2. Planning applications were considered as follows:
 - i) 1 Eastgate Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6HD. Ref:24/0888/DEM. Demolition of garage. No objections.
 - ii) 11 High Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6BY. Ref: 24/0938/FUL. Change of Use of ground floor premises to holiday let. Notice was emailed to Councillors on 18 July 2024. Some concerns raised about the loss of a business premises. No objections.

3. To agree local organisations/individuals to receive letter of thanks for services to the Community: Garfield Evans for the donation of 2 flower baskets hanging from lights outside Town Hall. Lisa Stead for work with Scouts. Llanidloes Carnival Committee for organising another excellent community event.
4. Information on the requirements for payment of Councillors Allowances for 2024/25 had been provided for information. Clerk would be in contact with Councillors in due course.
5. Considered and adopted the Complaints Policy.
6. To receive Councillors Questions of which a minimum 3 days' prior notification has been given – none received.
7. Date of next Council meeting – 23 September 2024, 7pm.

506.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. To receive information and updates from County Councillors (G Morgan/G Preston).
Councillor Morgan: 1. reported his ongoing concerns over the Market Hall refurbishment with the possibility that there was a rotten beam which would need replacement. 2. China Street - yellow lines (unloading) were causing additional hardship to shop-owners. Proposed that the portfolio holder at Powys County Council be invited to a meeting.
Councillor Preston: 1. Foundry Terrace – Housing Team at Powys County Council were working on the sinkhole issue. 2. Concerns expressed over recently announced Hub towns in Powys. Reductions in services were feared particularly with regard to Leisure Services.
2. Progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre had stalled. Waiting for architect to produce specification so that tender documents can be produced. Community Ownership Fund was currently in limbo due to election. Town Clerk confirmed that will continue to push for progress. Roof quote had been obtained at £11k.
3. Gro Toilets integration into Town Council control had been achieved albeit a formal lease from Powys County Council (PCC) is awaited. PCC confirm they are proceeding with submission to land registry for first registration, expected during August 2024, and will then issue documentation.
4. Email from Clerk to Llanidloes Without Community Council regarding the bottom roundabout into Llanidloes was discussed and agreed to support that Council with their actions.
5. Talking Bench options distributed and agreed that the Lowther Seat from Glasdon was favoured. Clerk would assess costs and return to next meeting for decision.

506.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Received and approved the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 30.6.24 with CCLA PSDF statement
 - ii) Aged debtor list as at 30.6.24
 - iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 30.6.24.
2. Approved accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £8,488.45 inc VAT
3. Noted accounts paid through ongoing variable instruction totalling £7,060.78 inc VAT.
4. Approved Finance Committee recommendation re 2022/23 Audit Wales report and action plan.

5. Approved 2023/24 Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement as per Finance Committee recommendation of 9 July 2024.
6. Town Clerk had prepared a paper re the Insurance renewals due on 1 August 2024. Commercial Insurance: The Council is in the final year of a 3 year Long Term Undertaking with Hiscox Insurance (Brokers are Gallagher). Cover had been reviewed and considered adequate. Council confirmed renewal. Van Insurance: on the suggestion of the Town Clerk an amendment to the excess from £100 to £250 was agreed for a reduction in premium of c£50. Van undertakes less than 3000 miles per annum. Renewal terms agreed.

506.5 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 item(s):

No items advised.