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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 25 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7PM.

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

1 member of the public

A presentation by representatives of the Wilderness Trust (Hanging Gardens) was received prior to the meeting.

A delegation from Llanidloes Cubs were provided with a tour of the Town Hall, met the Mayor and attended the opening of the meeting, asking several questions about procedure and Town Council business.

MEETING NUMBER: 509

509.1 PRELIMINARIES

1. Apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor A M Jones.
Councillor G Macarthur was not present.
2. Received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business as follow:

Cllr Mayor J Jones – Member of Christmas Lights Committee

Cllr G Morgan – any items relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor

Cllr G Preston – any items relating to Powys County Council as a County Councillor

Cllr K Hawkins-Selly – Llanidloes Youth Club, Christmas Lights Committee & Millenium Garden Committee - member

Cllr G Davies – Christmas Lights Committee - member

Cllr T Davies – Millenium Garden Committee – member

Cllr D Craig – Christmas Lights Committee - member

509.2 ADMINISTRATION

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2024 were approved as a true record.
2. Planning applications for consideration were received as follows
 - i. Mount Severn Activity Centre, Glan y Nant, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6PQ. Erection of a loggia (garden building), external steps and landscaping works. Ref: 24/1625/LBC
 - ii. Mount Severn Activity Centre, Glan y Nant, Llanidloes, SY18 6PQ. Erection of partially glazed loggia on existing raised terrace with external steps and landscaping works. Ref: 24/1624/HH
 - iii. The Birch, High Street, Llanidloes, SY18 6DB. Replacement windows and external doors. Ref: 24/1605/HH.
 - iv. Sandringham Leather Building Development. Demolition of Factory Building and erection of 10 no.1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms dwellings and associated works. Former Sandringham Leather Goods Factory, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6HE. Ref: 24/1590/FUL. This item had been circulated via email due to late receipt for meeting.

No objections were raised.

3. Letters of thanks for services to the Community were agreed as follows:
 - i. Millenium Garden volunteers
 - ii. Minerva Arts Centre
4. Received an update regarding Llanidloes Hospital Action Committee. There is a need for another meeting to take forward the recommendations from the initial meeting. Cllr Preston advised that Bishops Castle had successfully overturned a decision in their area and the local Mayor had offered to speak to the Council on how this had been achieved.
5. No Councillors Questions had been received.
6. Date of next Council meeting – 16 December 2024, 7pm.

509.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

1. Information and updates from County Councillors were received as follows:

Cllr G Morgan – Foundry Terrace, Llanidloes. The repair to the collapsed culvert had been completed by the County Council. Recommended that a letter is sent to Powys County Council suggesting some traffic restrictions to prohibit certain vehicle movements on this road is required or the possibility of a similar issue arising again is high.

Cllr G Preston – Active Travel Scheme – a Teams meeting had been arranged for 27 November 2024 with Powys County Council.

The display unit next to the Gro Car Park Bus Stop was being replaced by Powys County Council.

Trees – still waiting for Powys County Council to undertake normal pruning.

The road from Eastgate Street, Llanidloes to Cerist is scheduled for resurfacing. Any further areas requiring resurfacing attention should be referred to Cllr Preston.

Llanidloes Leisure Centre – the proposal to potentially close the Leisure Centre had been withdrawn by Powys County Council. Cllr Preston would be meeting with the District Sports Partnership in due course.

Llanidloes Market Hall – a road traffic management plan was needed as a vehicle had damaged the roof recently. This had been reported to Powys County Council.

2. Progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre – 1 refurbishment quotation had been received and a further one was expected. A meeting is being arranged between the Town Council and possible stakeholders to take this project forward.
3. Confirmed arrangements for Christmas Lights Switch on – 30 November 2024 - and approved the Event Risk Assessment.
4. Planters in Great Oak Street – Councillors confirmed a majority wish to retain.
5. Playparks provision in Llanidloes – agreed that the project to improve play provision had identified Victoria Avenue play park as a possible venue for a full upgrade. Local parents had agreed to take the project forward on behalf of the Town Council.
6. VE Day 80– 8 May 2025 – agreed to register with organisers and await instructions.

509.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Received and approved the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 31.10.24 with CCLA PSDF statement.
 - ii) Reserves Statement highlighting possible expenditure on the clock, fire alarm system, Victoria Avenue play park fence and subsidence issue at Dolhafren Cemetery Lodge.
 - iii) Aged debtor list as at 31.10.24 totalling £8,499.53 of which £7,500 were Cemetery debtors. These can take longer to receive due to funeral plans, bank issues.
 - iv) Actual vs Budget figures to 31.10.24. Better than expected results from Cemetery operations coupled with a non-recurring rates refund of £9.5k had resulted in better than expected performance. Actual figures were £12k better than budget.
2. Approved accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £13,321.69 which included c£3.9k in respect of replacement of gate and fences at the entrance to Allt Goch woods. This project had to proceed urgently due to the poor condition of the gate/fences/notice board supports and a recent issue with a wheelchair user being unable to access the walkway through the kissing gate. The repairs had included expanding this gate to accommodate. The invoices included urgent repairs to wooden panel fences at the Recreation Ground playpark which had been vandalised. The Mayor had been informed and Council were now being advised as per financial regulations.
3. Accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions totalling £12,552.05 were noted.
4. Considered report from Town Clerk and approved expenditure in relation to electrification (auto wind) of the Town Hall clock – 3 quotes received. Agreed to accept the lowest quote from Smith & Derby who are the existing service providers.
5. Considered and adopted revised Financial Regulations.

509.5 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):

Considered and approved backdated staff pay awards for 2024/25 as per Appendix 8.