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MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, LLANIDLOES ON 17 DECEMBER 2024 AT 7PM.

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

No Zoom contributors.

MEETING NUMBER: 510

510.1 PRELIMINARIES

1. The Mayor congratulated Councillor E Leguay on becoming a qualified Barrister and Councillor T Davies on her recent National Lottery award.
Apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor K Hawkins-Selly.

2. Received and accepted personal and pecuniary interests in items of business as follow:

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 G Macarthur – any items relating to Rotary Club of Llanidloes as a member.

510.2 ADMINISTRATION

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2024 were approved as a true record.
2. Planning application for consideration was received as follows:

The following application had been emailed to Councillors on 11 December 2024:

Demolish two existing WC buildings and erect new replacement building. Cae Hafren Llanidloes RFC, Newtown Road, Llanidloes, SY18 6JB. Ref: 24/1740/FUL. No objections raised.

3. Letters of thanks for services to the Community were agreed as follows:
 - i. Christmas Lights Committee
 - ii. Llanidloes Cub & Scouts
 - iii. A general thank you message to everyone in the Community who had contributed to the wellbeing of the town.
4. One Voice Wales Practice Development Note, PDN7 – 6 months rule. Note presented for information and reminder.
5. One Voice Wales Practice Development Note, PDN8 – Code of Conduct. Note presented for information and reminder.
6. Equality & Diversity Policy – updated version presented and adopted.
7. Council noted donation of £67 to the Samaritans by Llanidloes Guided Walks.
8. No Councillors questions received
9. Date of next meeting – 27 January 2025 – 7pm.

510.3 ESTABLISHMENT – MAYOR/TOWN CLERK

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

Cllr G Morgan – a resident had produced a letter advising that an appointment at Llanidloes Hospital had been rearranged to Newtown as ‘Llanidloes cancelled due to no computers on site’. Town Clerk was requested to write to Health Boards to obtain explanation.

Cllr G Preston – reported on budget briefing with Powys County Council (PCC). Costs increasing including recent NI increase and PCC were bottom but 1 of settlements from Welsh Government.
2. Progress with acquiring a lease on Llanidloes Youth Centre – 2 refurbishment quotes had been received. No contact from PCC re issuing lease. A meeting is being arranged between the Town Council and possible stakeholders to take this project forward.
3. 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.
4. Active Travel Scheme on Llangurig Road – reported that scheme was going ahead in January 2025 and phase 2 is planned. Mayor confirmed that a Teams meeting was held with representatives of PCC on 27 November 2024. PCC representatives produced a plan of scheme which they had only received 2 weeks prior. Town Council had not seen these plans before. Mayor and Councillor expressed strong reservations about the scheme in respect of traffic management and suggested that a proper consultation and impact assessment was required. Were informed that the Town Council were being advised out of courtesy, there was no requirement for formal notification, consultations had already taken place and that work was commencing in January 2025 as money had to be spent by 31 March 2025.

510.4 FINANCE – MAYOR/CHAIR OF FINANCE/TOWN CLERK

1. Minutes of Finance, Staffing and Town Hall Committee meeting held on 5 December 2024 were noted with the following recommendations duly approved:
 - i. New Rates for hire charges, effective 1.1.25 for the Town Hall as follows:
Hourly Booking charge increased from £20 to £25
Council Chamber – 1 session – increased from £38 to £45
Day Booking – increased from £100 to £100.
 - ii. The Draft Budget for 2025/26 was approved, save 1 abstention, with a precept request of £128,750 (+3% of £125,000 in 2024/25).
2. Received and approved the following financial documents:
 - i) Bank Reconciliation as at 30.11.24 with CCLA PSDF statement.
 - ii) Aged debtor list as at 30.11.24 totalling £947.98 – 1 debtor. No action proposed.
 - iii) Actual vs Budget figures to 30.11.24. 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 £6.9k better than budget.
3. Approved accounts for payment awaiting authorisation totalling £8,635.18
4. Accounts paid through ongoing variable instructions in November 2024 totalling £9,067.04 were noted.
5. SLCC membership payment of £240 for 2025 on behalf of Town Clerk approved.
6. Councillor G Morgan was approved as a member to verify the bank reconciliation as per Financial Regulation 2.6.
7. Considered a proposal from the agents, JJP Services, for the owners of the Sandringham Leather Factory building where planning permission is being sought to demolish and erect 10 1 & 2 bed houses. No green space is planned on site due to space and viability so suggestion is that donation is made to the Town Council for use with other green spaces in the town. Councillors rejected the £5,000 offered suggesting a higher figure of £15,000. Town Clerk to negotiate with developers, JJP Services, on increased figure.

510.5 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 brought forward.