

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

2nd November 2022

At the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** held remotely and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Wednesday, 2nd November 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P.T. Warlow (Town Mayor)(Presiding)

Councillors

Bigyn Ward

D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of
the Council)
J.R. Williams

Elli Ward

J.P. Jenkins
N.J. Pearce (Deputy
Town Mayor)

Glanymor Ward

A.A. Carter
L. Fenris
J.E. Jones, J.P.
S.L. Rees

Lliedi Ward

A. Bragoli
S. Evans
S. Greaney
A. Lochrie

Tyisha Ward

T. Davies
A.S.J. McPherson

APOLOGIES: Councillors M.D. Cranham, J.R. Elliott, G.R. Lloyd, B.A.L. Roberts.

57. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town Mayor (Cllr. P.T. Warlow) welcomed the Community Development Officer Delyth Jones back to her first Town Council meeting since having major surgery.

58. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Further to Minute No. 53 of the Town Council meeting held on 5th October 2022, the Town Mayor (Councillor P.T. Warlow) noted that no members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

59. VERIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the following minutes of the Town Council, its committees, and joint committees (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received and confirmed respectively: -

Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee - Annual Meeting	8 th June 2022
Llanelli Town Council	5 th October 2022
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	17 th October 2022
Building and Finance Committee	17 th October 2022
Selwyn Samuel Centre	17 th October 2022
Stebonheath Development Committee	19 th October 2022

60. CROWN PARK

Further to Minute No. 54 of the Building and Finance Committee meeting held on 17th October 2022, members considered a report prepared by the Town Clerk (copies having been previously circulated to members).

It had been noted that Glanymor Ward Members had met with representatives of Seaside AFC at Crown Park on the 13th October to discuss the proposal for a pitch surround barrier for the football pitch used by the club (the cost of which would be funded by the club).

Issues discussed included the wish of the club to seek promotion (which would require the creation of a barriered pitch), along with the problems being experienced in relation to dog mess in the area.

It was noted that a number of similar requests were being received from Sporting Clubs utilising the Town Council parks and playing fields. Additionally, the view was expressed that should the Town Council be favourable to the installation of such fencing or barriers that a Community Consultation may be appropriate. Consideration was also given to whether a designated dog park could be created at Crown Park.

The Committee had agreed that the matter should be referred to the Town Council for further consideration and decision and following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that this request be agreed in principle but that a public consultation would be required on the possibility of the creation of a barriered pitch and a possible dog park with the results to be reported back to a future Council meeting before a final decision is made.

61. LAND ADJACENT TO LLANERCH FIELD

Further to Minute No. 51 of the Building and Finance Committee meeting held on 26th September 2022, members considered a report prepared by the Town Clerk (copies of the report together with a detailed plan having been previously circulated to members).

Lliedi Ward Councillors had expressed an interest in the Town Council becoming involved with a project being developed in the area for community growing by obtaining a piece of land for the project.

Members had therefore sought a piece of land for this purpose with an area of land adjacent and across the river to Llanerch field having been identified following discussion with the County Council.

Visits had been undertaken by Officers and while the land may be suitable for allotment gardens or Community growing projects, there would have to be an extensive project carried out to clear the area for such a purpose including the likely need to remove a number of trees which would entail ecological and tree surveys.

If the Town Council were interested in seeking the asset transfer of the land an expression of interest form would need to be completed. Additionally, a number of tests and investigations would need to be carried out to ensure that there is no contamination of the land which would make the proposed use impossible without the importation of substantial amounts of soil, additionally the condition of the river bank would need to be assessed. Planning permission for a change of use would also very likely, be required.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Council does not pursue this matter but consider a piece of land situated behind the Council's Llanerch Community Centre and report back to a future Committee meeting.

62. NOTICE BOARD FOR GREEN SPACE AT ANN STREET

Further to Minute No. 56(11) of the Town Council meeting held on the 5th October 2022, members considered a report prepared by the Town Clerk (copies having been previously circulated to members).

Discussions have been held in relation to the most appropriate location for the Community Notice Board proposed for the Ann Street green space and funded by the Llanelli Community Renewal Fund Project.

The Town Council Working Group agreed that the location should be adjacent the Ann Street Play Area, however a request has been received from the Transforming Tyisha Team for the notice board to be located at the path entrance from Upper Robinson Road on the left-hand side of the path.

It was noted that the original intention was for the notice board to be placed on an area of the green space that is to be asset transferred to the Town Council, the board would then be included in the transfer and be maintained and managed by Town Council staff. However, if it did not prove to be possible to agree a location with the County Council an alternative option would be for the board to be located on land to be retained by the County Council and then managed and maintained through their processes.

RESOLVED – that the Town Council believed that if the board is to be located on land to be transferred to the Town Council it should be located as previously agreed on land adjacent to the play area and if it is to be located at the path entrance by Upper Robinson Street it should be located on land to be retained by the County Council and therefore remain the responsibility of Carmarthenshire County Council.

63. ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Further to Minute No. 52 of the Town Council meeting held on the 1st December 2021, members considered a report prepared by the Town Clerk which provided an update on progress with the Biodiversity and Environmental Development Action Plan (copies having been previously circulated to members).

Vehicle Charging Points at Town Council buildings

Officers have made preliminary enquiries with possible suppliers for the provision of vehicle charging points at suitable Town Council properties. This has included the possibility of a partnership with Dolen Teifi for a community transport scheme to utilise the Selwyn Samuel Centre car park and locate charging points at the centre car park. Additional locations under consideration included, The Old Vicarage, Stebonheath Park and Penyfan Park. Further information will be provided to the Town Council when these become available.

Wildflower Planting

Wildflower planting projects have continued at Town Council green spaces including Penyfan Park, Crown Park and Peoples Park along with at various footpath locations. The project continues to work with several community projects such as the Goods Shed project, Breaking Barriers project, Multicultural Network, Tyisha Regeneration project and a number of schools including Ysgol Penrhos, Ysgol Stebonheath, Ysgol Penygaer and Old Road School.

Environmental Projects

Project development has commenced for the National Heritage Lottery, Local Places for Nature Scheme grant funded project. This would include work to be carried out at several parks and open spaces in partnership with schools and community groups.

Students from University of Wales Trinity St David's, Cardiff University Pharmabee project and the National Botanical Garden of Wales had visited the previously carried out Crown Park Environmental Project and will continue to work with Town Council Grounds Team on the development of the project. Further information to follow.

Pharmabee Project

Following on from last year's very successful Crown Park Project funded by National Heritage Lottery, Local Places for Nature Scheme, the Council has been working in support of the Pharmabee Project. The project works in partnership to create 'bee feeding areas' and a 'bee motorway', supporting the development of the Pharmabee Cardiff University project at Ysgol Penrhos and 6 schools in Llanelli, increasing native habitats and creatures of the parks.

The project also provides opportunities for the Breaking Barriers project for those fleeing conflicts namely the Syrian and Ukrainian families that are settling in Llanelli.

The project by working with the Town Council proposed Environmental Project, would increase plant, tree biodiversity, and encourage pollinators at the Town Council parks and open spaces, creating community gardens in locations which had never been populated before.

Further consultation has been completed with Carmarthenshire County Council and One Voice Wales biodiversity officers, the Breaking Barriers Llanelli Project, Botanical Gardens of Wales, Cardiff University and the Pharmabee project working directly with the Wellbeing Pentre Awel project and the Ffwrnes Fach Community Garden. Further information to follow.

During the ensuing discussion members brought up the issue of air pollution with two streets in the area having the worst conditions in the county with exposure noted as leading to coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath, exacerbation of asthma, increases in respiratory and cardiovascular hospital admissions and mortality. Over longer timescales exposure was noted to lead to reduced life expectancy, due to cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, and lung cancer. In addition, recent research had associated air pollution with affecting the brain causing dementia and cognitive decline; diabetes and affecting early life leading to various birth outcomes, for example, low birth weight and developmental problems.

It was therefore,

RESOLVED – that although members of the Council who sit on the Llanelli Traffic Management Committee have repeatedly raised the matter and are assured that this problem is being 'monitored' or 'modelled', it is now felt that action must not be allowed to be delayed any further.

The Town Council will therefore write to the County Council asking for urgent action to be taken and also ask the County Council to urgently consider introducing a ban on idling in the town centre and promote the further roll out of electric vehicle charging points, promote sustainable transport and introduce planting amongst other measures to tackle these issues.

The Town Council would also urge Carmarthenshire County Council to put its political will behind this requirement and ask for further discussions and consultations on possible solutions being considered by the County Council.

64. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

RESOLVED – that the undermentioned matters be noted (copies of which having previously been circulated to members):

- (1) Llanelli Town Council – Town Council Working Group – Minutes of meeting held on the 20th October 2022.
- (2) Llanelli Community Renewal Fund Project Steering Group – Minutes of meeting held on the 7th September 2022.
- (3) PLTRA – Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September 2022.
- (4) One Voice Wales - Minutes of the Carmarthen Area Committee held on the 23rd June 2022.
- (5) One Voice Wales – Minutes of the Carmarthen Area Committee held on the 19th October 2022.

FURTHER RESOLVED - that the undermentioned matters be noted (copies of which having previously been circulated by email):

- (6) One Voice Wales – Training events.
- (7) Hywel Dda Community Health Council – Autumn Newsletter.

65. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

66. TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT TO LLANELLY HOUSE

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Llanelly House Committee meeting held on 26th September 2022, members considered a report prepared by the Town Clerk (copies having been previously circulated to members).

A visit of Llanelly House had taken place on 5th October 2022, followed by a presentation to members on the current financial position, future maintenance and management of the House.

Members were reminded that at the Committee meeting held on the 23rd November 2020, (Minute No. 2 refers), it was agreed that the Town Council jointly fund the House's continuing £120,000 shortfall on a 50/50 basis with Carmarthenshire County Council for the two financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23, it was therefore appropriate for the Town Council to consider its future plans in relation to this support in order that it can be included in the 2023-24 precept.

It was, therefore,

RESOLVED – as follows:

- (1) That the Town Council continues its support towards the annual projected shortfall of £120,00 on an ongoing basis with the anticipated support being no higher than £60,000 per annum in partnership with Carmarthenshire County Council and hopefully Llanelli Rural Council.
- (2) That the Town Clerk contacts members of Llanelly House and informs them that the Council is very keen to work with them in order to develop their income streams and hopefully see the shortfall decrease in the coming years and express the wish to work closely with them and to see a Business Plan further developed.
- (3) That the Town Council's appreciation be conveyed to the entire team at Llanelly House for their efforts and exceptional dedication to the House. Members also expressed how much they looked forward to continuing an excellent working relationship which benefits the Town Council and wider Community of Llanelli in so many ways.

The Meeting concluded at 6.40 p.m.