

LLANELLY HOUSE COMMITTEE

6th September 2023

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 the Meeting of the **LLANELLY HOUSE COMMITTEE** of LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL was held **REMOTELY** and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Wednesday, 6th September 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors P.T. Warlow (Deputy Town Mayor, Chair), M.D. Cranham, A.R. Bragoli (Substitute for Councillor S.A. Curry), D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), A. Lochrie (Vice-Chair), N.J. Pearce (Town Mayor), A.S.J. McPherson, and J.R. Williams.

APOLOGIES: S.A. Curry

1. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest was made on item No. 2 as noted below.

2. BRIEFING FROM THE LLANELLY HOUSE TRUST

Councillor D. Ll Darkin (Leader of the Council) declared his personal interest regarding this matter, as he had a working relationship with a number of the contractors under discussion.

An introduction was made to Alison Evans from The Llanelly House Trust, who then addressed members on the current situation regarding Llanelly House, providing an update on the fire incident and the ongoing action being taken to bring the House back into use.

It was noted that the fire started on the 8th July in the Plant Room, which has two boilers and a battery unit (used for emergency lighting) inside. It had been confirmed by specialist investigators that the fire started in the battery unit. Damage was limited to the plant room, but the rest of the house had filled with smoke, which required cleaning to be carried out.

A project manager had been appointed to take forward the remedial works and repairs required.

A timetable for completion of all necessary works and the re-opening of the House was not currently available but a great deal of activity was being undertaken.

Security

It was noted that Llanelly House staff are managing security in the day with Safe House Security providing an overnight service. The cost of the Security Service and Cabin was

currently being met by the Town Council with discussions ongoing with the insurance company to ensure this was refunded in full.

Thanks were expressed to the Town Council for its ongoing support.

RESOLVED – the members of the Committee thanked Alison Evans for her time, and for addressing the committee with an update. The Town Council noted it's eagerness to be of assistance when it became possible to arrange the re-opening of Llanelly House.

The Meeting concluded at 4.20 p.m.