

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD WITH SGT JONATHAN REES, COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERGEANT,  
DYFED POWYS POLICE ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 6.30 PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

PRESENT      Cllr J. Whittal Williams (Mayor)  
                  “ E. J. Breeze  
                  “ Mrs R. Brunt  
                  “ Mrs E.L. Evans  
                  “ Mrs A.M. Jones  
                  “ G. Morgan  
                  “ G. Powell  
                  “ P. Rees  
                  “ Mrs P. Smith  
                  “ N. Venti  
                  Town Clerk

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lady Hooson, Mrs C. Edwardes and D.C Jones

Sgt Rees proceeded to inform Council that the statistics for Powys are improving with the Crime levels remaining average in Llanidloes. There are currently 4 PCs plus a Sergeant based in Llanidloes.

Fancy Dress and Carnival weekends went well with a number of incidents at the Fancy Dress but a reduction this year to previous years. There were 62 police officers present on the night of the Fancy Dress, not only dealing with the crime aspect but also offering support to members of the community. Councillors expressed their concerns that Police officers are not 'visible' on the streets and asked if there were any PCSOs in Llanidloes at the current time. Sgt Rees informed Council that presently there are 3 special officers which are university students so they are not available full time. He informed Council that the best point of call for anyone wishing to contact the Police would be to ring 101.

Clerk expressed her concern regarding complaints from residents of Hafrenydd due to noise from the Skate park on Friday evenings. She had received 3 complaints this week alone and residents stated that the noise went on until 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning. Clerk also stated that it had taken Mr Bob Smith 1 hour to clean up the glass after this week end. Sgt Rees explained that nuisance in this area has been reported on many occasions by the Clerk and the Police are making regular visits on Friday nights.

Sgt Rees offered to carry out a leaflet drop at Hafrenydd and Penygreen road. Councillors agreed this would be a good idea. Cllr Morgan suggested that Clerk records all reported incidents into a diary and obtains a crime number for each one. It was also suggested that Mr Bob Smith should take photographic evidence in the future.

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7 PM ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2010 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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The meeting opened with Prayers

342/01 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs from Cllrs Lady Hooson, Mrs Christina Edwardes and D.C. Jones

342/02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Cllr G Morgan declared an interest in items 7, 8, 11, 14, 15 and 18 and stated he had an interest in item 341/10 on the June Minutes. Cllrs Mrs P Smith, Mrs L Evans and G Powell declared interests in matters relating to Powys County Council as employees of Powys County Council

342/03 MINUTES The following minutes were read and confirmed

*Council meeting held on 28.06.10 Cllr Morgan declared interest in 341/10 and 341/08 and stated that pcc are in the process of allowing special dispensation regarding School proposals. True record*

*Town Hall/Finance Panel meeting held on 12.07.10 Recommendation that a lease is set up for 3 or 5 years was agreed unanimously. Cllr Breeze explained that the Internal Audit report had only been received earlier in the day and therefore Council had not had enough time to digest it. Council agreed to accept the report and discuss the proposals at the next Finance Panel meeting. This was unanimously agreed upon.*

*Environment/Planning meeting held on 12.07.10. It was agreed that the wording should read ' Council will facilitate an initial meeting to enable the Community Land Trust to be set up. Cllr Morgan requested that a member of PCC comes to*

*discuss the matter with Town Council. It was agreed that a public meeting has already taken place and therefore there will not be a requirement for this to take place again. Cllr Morgan questioned how much input and extra work this would mean for the Clerk, it was agreed that the work would be carried out by Mr Henk Van Kuipers, PCC, and would not mean extra work for the Clerk. It was Unanimously voted on.*

*Health & Safety Panel meeting held on 19.07.10 Cllr Breeze explained that due to the urgency of the matter, the 7 points have already been addressed and are currently being looked at or are in the process of being carried out. Unanimous*

342/04 PLANNING Cllr Whittal Williams explained that a meeting has been arranged at the request of this Council, with the PCC Planning department for 5<sup>th</sup> Aug to discuss the Anaerobic Digester plant. Llangurig Community Council and Llanidloes Without Community Councils will also be invited to attend. Cllr Morgan asked if the Planning Panel has delegated powers. Clerk to look at the legal implications.

342/05 MONTGOMERYSHIRE AREA SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT Received

342/06 INFORMATION FROM PCC REGARDING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING Received

342/07 REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF POWYS DRAFT PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES  
Objection to the proposal - Unanimous. Cllr Margot Jones stated that she would prefer to stay within the Llanidloes boundary. It was agreed that Council write a strong letter of objection. Cllr Margot Jones and Clerk will draft and send a letter as soon as possible. A letter will be sent to the Press as well as to the Boundary Commission. This was Unanimously agreed.

342/08 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS Received and will be discussed at the next Finance Panel meeting.

342/09 NAT WEST LETTER. Cllr Breeze declared an interest. A letter from a resident was read out and received. Cllr Morgan read out an e mail from Mick Bates to Carwyn Jones and a reply. Natwest state they are keen to keep a presence in the 3 towns mentioned. It was pointed out that the ATM was out of money over the week end. Cllr Breeze has spoken to a Natwest spokesperson who has suggested that this is just a trial period. Cllr Brunt

stated that she is a personal and business customer and that the effects have been devastating. The Bank Manager asked Cllr Brunt to wait for two weeks before considering moving her accounts to another Bank. Cllr Margot Jones suggested that Council join with Chamber of trade to take this project further. The Chair of Chamber, Mrs Joycelin Grey was asked to speak. Ms Grey stated that she is unsure of how to take the matter further. She is trying to push for an additional day which would throw the staffing rotas out. Cllrs Margot Jones, Rachel Brunt, Pam Smith, John Whittal Williams and Gareth Morgan volunteered to join a rota to observe the queues. A meeting was set up for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.

342/10 PCC LICENSING ACT Received

342/11 ONE VOICE WALES NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME Clerk to send out dates and take to next Finance panel meeting

342/12 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER - Received

342/13 OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT - Received

342/14 LETTER FROM TENANT OF TOWN HALL Received

342/15 CONSULTATION PAPER RE: LOCAL AUTHORITY BYLAWS Received. Mayor also mentioned millennium garden green pennant award.

342/16 UPDATE ON SKATEPARK Cllr Rees informed Council that 12 Youth Forum members have set up their own committee to take the Skatepark over. The Constitution has not yet been adopted but will be very soon. Cllr Whittal Williams has set up a meeting of the old committee and the new committee for w/c 23rd August. The new committee are discussing lighting issues in the area. Cllr Lynne Evans read out a progress report on behalf of Cllr Rees. Clerk to chase up the paint from old committee. Cllr Whittal Williams thanked Cllrs Rees and Powell for their help in setting up the committee. An Open Day will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August – all Councillors are invited to attend.

342/17 SCHOOLS MODERNISATION PROGRAMME - Cllr Morgan declared an interest. Cllr Margot Jones gave a brief resume of the public meeting held recently in the Community Centre. Mr Andrew Capel was asked to summarise - 320 surveys have been returned and parents are satisfied with education received at Llanidloes High School. On average Journey times would increase by up to 30 mins . 66% of parents felt that 6<sup>th</sup> form is an

important aspect of the School. Having primary next to High school - 50 % of parents were influenced by that. If the High School closed, it would have a negative effect on after school activities. 25% of people said that they are likely to move (80 households) if school closed down. Cllr Breeze thanked LEAG for all the work they have done so far and suggested that Town Council should be behind LEAG for the future. Cllr Whittal Williams thanked the committee on behalf of the Council for the work carried out to date.

342/18 INVITATION TO HOSPITAL FETE Received

342/19 ACCOUNTS The following Accounts for JUNE were confirmed

Chq No		
104153	Wages & P. Cash (03.06.10)	922.28
104154	Sarpa	7.00
104155	Burial Board	7,000.00
104156	P.C. q	202.87
104157	Inland Revenue	1,144.03
104158	Llani Ltd	100.00
104159	Wages (10.06.10)	890.43
104160	Community Centre	5,500.00
104161	Wages & P. Cash (17.06.10)	924.45
104162	Wages & P. Cash (24.06.10)	941.87
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>17,632.93</u>

342/20 The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September

342/21 STAFF HOURS Further to suggestions by the Internal Auditor, Clerk brought up a request to employ an administrative assistant to carry out some of the duties the Clerk was unable to get around to doing during her working week. Clerk left the room while Councillors discussed Clerks' contracted hours. It was agreed that a small panel will look into the Contract of employment as well as the way in which other similar sized Councils organise their business, ie. How many staff are employed, Job descriptions etc. Clerk was asked to keep a diary of her day to day duties during a working week and will meet with Cllrs J. Whittal Williams, E Breeze and A.M Jones to discuss the proposals.