

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR

LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of

Llwchwr Town Council

held on 4 December 2017

PRESENT: Councillor C. Phillips (Chairman)
Councillors J. Bowen, Wendy Evans, William Evans, H. Huelin,
I. James, C. Richards, P. Parsons, K. Roberts, R. V. Smith, W. Smith,
J. Williams, P. Williams and R. Williams.

(Welfare Hall, Loughor: 7.15pm – 8.20pm.)

96. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that she had attended a number of functions including the Remembrance Services on the 12th November; Tre Uchaf Primary School Open Day on the 22nd November; Mr and Mrs Hargreaves 70th Wedding Anniversary; St John Carol Service on the 2nd December and also the Lantern Parade on the 29th November which was extremely good.

97. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillor S. Beynon.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

99. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 6th November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

100. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

101. WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee held on the 6th November 2017 were noted.

102. FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub-Committee held on the 2nd October 2017 were noted.

103. LANTERN PARADE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Lantern Parade Committee Meetings held on the 1st February 2017; 24th August 2017; 5th October 2017; and 2nd November 2017 were noted

104. POLICE REPORT

The Mayor welcomed Sergeant Morris to the meeting. Sergeant Morris indicated that the crime figures were extremely low and there were no problems to report. The Lantern Parade had gone without any incident as usual.

The Mayor thanked the officer for his report.

105. WORKWAYS PLUS PROJECT

The Mayor welcomed Angela Law to the meeting. Angela reported that she was a Mentor for the above project which aimed to help people back into work through jobs, training or volunteering. She held drop in sessions in Gorseinon to help to raise awareness. The project was aimed at the over 25's and currently has exceeded its targets.

The Mayor thanked Angela for her presentation.

106. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Community Council Precepts 2018/2019

It was reported that the Council was required to set its budget and notify the City and County of Swansea of its Precept by the 31st January 2018.

It was **NOTED** that the Clerk would present a draft budget to the January Meeting of Council.

(b) Petition to the Welsh Assembly – Access Certificate

It was reported that there was a petition being raised on behalf of the Disabled to improve premises across Wales to make them more Disabled friendly.

It was **RESOLVED** that details be sent to members for them to decide whether or not to take action.

107. MEMBERS REPORTS

It was **NOTED** that many members had attended the Lantern Parade on the 29th November 2017.

108. REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Police Matters

It was **NOTED** that there were no matters to report.

(b) Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised

A W Davies - postage for this meeting -	£7.80
A W Davies – SLCC Membership -	£208.00
A W Davies – Mayor’s Christmas Cards -	£100.00
Vaughtons – Refurbishing Council Chains -	£2767.20
A W Davies – Stamps -	£53.76

- (c) Anti- Litter Campaign in Loughor
It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report in relation to Loughor but a campaign was being organised by Gower College students to undertake a litter pick on Mondays from the 9th January 2018.
- (d) Council Grants
- (i) Gorseinon and Loughor Cage Bird Society
It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £200.00 be awarded.
 - (ii) Cancer Information and Support Services
It was **NOTED** that the above organisation were seeking financial assistance.
 - (iii) Welsh Hearts
It was **NOTED** that the above organisation were seeking financial assistance.
- (e) Local Development Plan
It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.
- (f) Christmas Competition for the House with the best Exterior Christmas Decorations
It was reported that the Council traditionally held the above competition.
It was **RESOLVED** that the prizes be awarded on the 20th December 2017.
- (g) Loughor Rovers Loan
It was **NOTED** that a repayment of £250.00 had been received.
- (h) Meeting of Council
It was reported that the meeting scheduled for the 2nd April 2018 would be on Easter Monday.
It was **RESOLVED** that the Meeting be changed from the 2nd April to the 9th April 2018.
- (i) Website Links
It was reported that from time to time the Council was approached regarding links being placed on the website.
It was **RESOLVED** that authority be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors K. Roberts and J. Williams to determine requests to place links on the Website

109. PLANNING REPORT

- (i) The Council considered the following planning applications upon which the observations of the Town Council had been requested.
- (a) It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the following:-
- (i) No.2017/2328 – 9 Clos Melin Mynach, Gorseinon – Mr J Williams - Proposed single storey rear extension (application for a certificate of Proposed Lawful Development);

(b) It was **RESOLVED** that in relation to the following application there would be an objection to the felling of a horse chestnut tree unless a properly qualified officer advised differently:-

(i) No.2017/2347 – 4 Claire Court, Loughor – Mr D Llewellyn

110. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

111. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.

112. FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be authorised

(i) A W D – salary (November) -	£1964.83
(ii) A W D – office expenses (November) -	£83.33
(iii) HMRC – Town Council PAYE/NI (November) -	£772.48
(iv) NL – Wages (November) -	£989.91
(v) HMRC – Welfare Hall PAYE/NI (November) -	£20.91
(vi) Smart Pension – Pension Payment -	£19.40

(b) Receipts and Payments

The current receipts and payments of the Council were **NOTED**.

(c) Works to the Welfare Hall

It was **NOTED** that the scaffolding had been erected and the old render removed and the pine end would be re-rendered and re-roofing completed when the weather was favourable.

(d) Mr A W Davies – Clerk to the Council

It was reported that the Clerk was to retire and that he would need to be replaced. His period of notice would end on the 31 March 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the Clerk would terminate his employment on the 30th April 2018 or such other later date as may be agreed;
- (ii) the Ad Hoc Pay and Performance Sub-Committee be authorised to take such action as is necessary to agree a contract of employment, advertise the vacancy and short list candidates;
- (iii) the appointment be made by Council;
- (iv) Councillor R V Smith be co-opted onto the Committee; and
- (v) the Committee to meet as soon as practicable.

(e) Annual Leave

It was **NOTED** that the Clerk would be away on leave from Friday the 8th December to the Monday 11th December and from Sunday 31st December 2017 until Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Chairman