



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs J. Davies, A. Jones, S. Jones, advised 19.20 T. Van-Rees, L. Pace-Avery, G. Watkins, N. Price and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

### MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

**35. Apologies:** Cllr C. Rickard **Absent** Cllr M. Pigott. Cllr J. Davies in Chair.

**36. Town Centre Liaison Offer, Rhys Howells and Sam Lloyd-Clayton Lead Town Centre Liaison Officer.**

The Town Council expressed their frustration and disappointment over the Regeneration Funding, the Town Plan and on the support given. The grants are biased towards bigger Councils who are able to match fund the 30% match funding required by funding applications like Regeneration Funding.

Response was that match funding can come from third parties such as Pavo or The Lottery fund. The Town Plan is a living document and can be changed as required. It is recommended that the Town Plan is reviewed every year to see if it still relevant to what the Town requires or is aiming for. Information will be coming out shortly, but to also watch for the funding coming through Pavo and there will be new information coming out about the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Cllr Davies thanked Sam Lloyd-Clayton and Rhys Howells for their time. 19:44

**37. Minutes of the May meeting and Matters arising –**

Meeting minutes, Cllr Van-Rees proposed and Cllr Pace-Avery seconded as a true reflection of the May Meeting. All in agreement.

**38. Finance:**

**38.1 - May balance sheet considered.** Two outstanding Cheques still not presented through Bank, even though had been submitted through Post Office system in November 2024. Bring back for next meeting on decision whether to cancel. May accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Van Rees and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery. Also, hourly rate for Handy man contractor reviewed to increase to £15 per hour Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr James, all in agreement.

**38.2 Cheques/Online payments –** Clerk went through payments that had been made on-line. All authorised signatories now up and running for on-line payments. New payment for SW Hygiene for Sani bins in public toilets for this month.

**39. Councillor Updates –**

- **Dolwen Fields –** Committee are to continue. Event being held on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, more to come on that.
- **Scaffolding on Chapel –** Facebook announcement that the scaffolding is due to come down soon. There is also going to be a local competition to help design the gardens around the Chapel. More about that coming soon.
- **Abergwesyn toilets –** Painting and repairs are nearly completed but due to a large water leak the paint on the ceilings had bubbled and will need further repairs. There will be a further £80 for this work to be carried out. Cllr Pace-Avery proposed to accept these costs, Cllr Price seconded, all in agreement.
- **Tillhill and Loftwen - Tillhill** had been in touch and will come back to us with regard to meeting with owners. Loftwen – Cllr Watkins had been in touch with owner and will be working with him with regard to Flood management system on the hills above Llanwrtyd. Still need to meet with owner to discuss future co-operation. Concern over tree stumps along the Abergwesyn Road raised by Cllr S. Jones. **Action:** Clerk to liaise with Cllr S. Jones on contact with owner.
- **Skate Park Action -** Due to adverse weather this had not yet been carried out but would also need help in removing the skate, Park. Cllr Watkins and Price would lend a hand. Also need other volunteers to help with this.
- **Replacement Laptops and mobile phone costs -** Due to the removal of the 3G network the Town Council mobile will need to be replaced before August. Samples of costs/phones was submitted by the Clerk for consideration. The cost of the phone had been accounted for in the yearly budget and had accumulated over the last four years. The cost was below budget. Cost of £263.00 for non-sim phone agreed. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr A. Jones. All in agreement. Replacement of both of the Town Council laptops, Clerks and Mayors was required due the withdrawal of Windows 10 support. Samples of costs/laptops as well as new Microsoft Office package were presented. The cost of

new laptops had been accounted for in the yearly budget over the last five years and the cost to replace was below budget. Cost of £279.99 per laptop was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr A. Price. A yearly subscription for Microsoft Office was also agreed, £60 x 2, although the Clerk would try and secure a one time deal instead of yearly plan. **Action:** Clerk to purchase phone and laptops and try and secure one-time deal for Microsoft Office.

- **Flooding:** Carry over to next month
- **Update of Asset Register:** Updated Asset Register presented. Clerk advised that we'd had a response from the valuation team at Morris Marshall with costings. Proposed to accept quote Cllr Van-Rees, seconded by Cllr Price, all in favour. **Action:** Clerk to respond to authorise.

40. **Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:** Cllr James had nothing to report on this occasion.
41. **Planning Applications received and Decisions** – Notification had been received that the Planning Permission for The Old Court House had been refused. Noted.
42. **\*\*\*\*\*Closed Session \*\*\*\*\* Victoria Hall.** Council went into closed session to discuss Victoria Hall 20:30.  
**\*\*\*\*Session reopened\*\*\*\*\* 20:54**
43. **Duke of Edinburgh Award:** Agreed to allow for this. Cllr Davies would go through Health and Safety as before. **Action:** Clerk to advise and buy P.P.E. to carry out.
44. **Damage to Plant boxes on Llandovery Road:** Cllr James reported that Highways were only using their usual equipment to clean the pathways. The boxes were allowed there but if they become a problem they may have to be removed.
45. **Sewer outfall** – This was not for Tir Gorsaff but the sewage outfalls in general along the River Irton. The number of hours that raw sewage was allowed to flow into the River Irton was rising. Welsh Water were going to be concentrating on where higher breaches were happening. However, if you add up all the hours that sewage is pouring into the river it all adds up. Reed beds are being proposed in some areas where space allows. Comments are being asked for from NRW about whether they are happy about Welsh Water proposals. It was asked if we need to get Welsh Water back to speak to us about this. Cllr Watkins is in contact with both Welsh Water and NRW and would feedback next month.
46. **This had already been covered under Councillors updates, Tillhill and Loftwen.**
47. **Andrew Davies E-Transport** - Cllr Pace-Avery reported that Andrew had left Smart Money Cymru and moved to E-Transport and would like to come and speak to the Town Council. Possible invite for September.
48. **Annual Payments to Councillors** - Forms to be completed in Councillors packs.
49. **Pond Agreement** - The agreement between Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council and the River Irton Project to create a pond on Dolwen Fields had been signed. This was to be a 10-year agreement.
50. **Goodwins Forestry-** Need to re-establish communication with this family run Forestry project. Agenda for next month.
51. **Town Council Risk Assessment** - Bring back for next month.
52. **Correspondence** –  
**Twining Association** – Visit to Cesky Krumlov October'25. **Action:** Clerk to write to advise of visit.  
**Library Update** - Cllr Pace-Avery reported that Communication was not good between the school and the Library and information were not being cascaded down. Some of the volunteers had not accessed their training yet. Memorandum of Understanding would be brought back as an Agenda item next month.  
**Emails and Website** – One Voice Wales had issued new guidelines on emails and accessibility of website. These were only guidelines. Councillors need to be aware that Town Council emails would be included if a FoI was requested. Look at the issue again if it becomes mandatory as there will be costs associated with this.
53. **Any other business for inclusion on next month's Agenda.**  
 Biodiversity Plan – Victory in Japan Night (8<sup>th</sup> August) – Winding up of the Llangammarch and District Disaster Relief Fund. Cllr Van-Rees asked for a letter to be sent to all of the Committee to thank them for their service with this.

Councillors are reminded that if there is anything they would like on the agenda for next month needs to be submitted to the Clerk a week before the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting - 18/07/2025**

Meeting closed at 21:27

Verified at meeting on the 16/06/2025

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: