

LLANGFNI TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Meeting of Llangefni Town Council held on **Monday Evening, 3rd of June 2019** at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Llangefni.

PRESENT : Cllr. Margaret Thomas – Chair
Cllr. Arwel Môn Hughes
Cllr. Llinos G. Jones
Cllr. Non W. Parry
Cllr. Christine Roberts
Cllr. Huw Owen

Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies
Cllr. Victor Hughes
Cllr. Terry Jones
Cllr. Dylan W. Rees
Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis
Cllr. Ann Williams.

ALSO PRESENT : Mr. Rhys Parry - Clerk
Ms. Linda Powell - Clerical Assistant

The Chair, Cllr. Margaret Thomas, extended sincere condolences to Cllr. John Lee at the sad loss of his brother.

19/031 **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. Richard Parry
Police.

19/032 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** : Cllr. Dylan W. Rees - Item 19/036.7 – Draft Lease,
Club House, Talwrn Road, Llangefni.

19/033 **NORTH WALES POLICE** - No Representative. The Chair expressed disappointment there was, again that month, no Police Representative available to report back on policing matters in the Town. The Chair further reported that antisocial behaviour was a daily occurrence around the town, including a serious incident when a fight broke out in the SPAR Shop. Members reported they were aware of the cuts at the Police Station and were concerned there was insufficient PCSO presence around the town to deter antisocial behaviour. **Accept.**

19/034 **PRESENTATION – Place Shaping**
An Officer from Llangefni Regeneration Group introduced herself to the Meeting. She was there to answer questions on the Minutes of the Group dated 09.04.2019 and 09.05.2019. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to the above Item referring to a Place Shaping Presentation. The Clerk explained that the Place Shaping Officer was unable to attend the Meeting and the Regeneration Group officer explained that she was not leading on Mapping but assisting. Cllr. Margaret Thomas and Cllr. Non W. Parry had put their names forward to take part in the Place Shaping programme and had been informed of the dates. **Accept.**

19/035 **TO ACCEPT THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 07.05.2019**
Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to Item 18/403.6 – CCTV System; from the Minutes, following the Meeting of the Cemetery and Playing Field Sub-committee 29.05.2019, Item 19/029. This was further discussed under Item 19/038 of the Agenda. Following the above, Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Proposed that the Minutes be Accepted for accuracy and Cllr. Dylan W. Rees Seconded. **RESOLVED** to accept the accuracy of the Minutes.

19/036 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 07.05.2019

- 1** **Item 19/036.1 – Llangefni Flooding Partnership** – Following the recent meeting, Cllr. Non Parry reported as follows :

 - The Chair had retired due to health matters;
 - A Logo designed by means of a competition at Ysgol y Graig and Ysgol Corn Hir – winners to be announced in the local papers;
 - Plans in place to distribute Sandbags and a Flood Plan;
 - Complaints received from those who had suffered flooding. No grants available to assist sufferers in Wales. The Group to ask Rhun Ap Iorwerth to look at this;
 - It was suggested that Afon Cefni be cleaned;
 - Modelling to begin in July with a Drop In Centre;
 - Anyone was welcome to join the Group to assist.
- 2** **Item 19/036.2 – GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations** – The Clerk reported that the password and username were in place for the Members to complete On-line training, either at the Office or from home. The Clerk asked the Members to contact the Office to make arrangements and to return the certificate to the Office. **Accept.**
- 3** **Item 19/036.3 – Railway Bridge, Glanhwfa Road, -** Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis expressed concern, following removal of the bridge and height restriction, that lorries were travelling through the centre of town rather than through the Industrial Estate. Because of this, and health and safety matters, Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis suggested a solution with Network Rail and the County Council that a temporary barrier be put in place to prevent lorries travelling through the town. Members stated there was a need to emphasize to Anglesey County Council Highways Department that the safe route for lorries travelling to Llangefni was through the industrial estate rather than the town centre. **Accept.**

Cllr. Victor Hughes expressed concern at the content of an email dated 23.05.2019 received from an Anglesey County Council Highways Department Officer following recent correspondence between Llangefni Town Council, Anglesey County Council and Network Rail. Cllr. Victor Hughes asked, through the Chair, for an explanation from Officers of Anglesey County Council Highways Department why between five and six months elapsed before it was stated that neither the Railway Bridge nor its supporting structures were in good enough condition and therefore unsuitable to be used as a Bridge. **RESOLVED** to send a letter to the Highways Department expressing discontent at the contents of the email, particularly regarding the above.
- 4** **Item 19/036.4 – Extending the Cemetery** – The Chair reported, in accordance with the Notes following the Meeting of 22.05.2019 with Officers from Anglesey County Council, to look at suitable locations for a New Cemetery. There was further discussion under Item 19/038 – Cemetery and Playing Fields Meeting 22.05.2019. **Accept.**
- 5** **Item 19/036.5 – C.C.T.V. System -** The Chair reported there was a need to look at pruning the trees that caused a lack of clarity in the C.C.T.V. Camera pictures, in order to get clear views on film. Members added that work was needed on all the town's trees, particularly around the area of the Iceland Shop and Public Lavatories, where antisocial behaviour was occurring regularly. The Chair reported further that a clear view was needed towards those locations. **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to make further enquiries.
- 6** **Item 19/036.6 – Llangefni Golf Course – NALC** – A letter dated 20.05.2019 from NALC explained the correct steps to take under Regulation 2015 of the procedure for Local Authorities following disposal of Playing Fields. The letter explained further that a breach had occurred if Anglesey County Council had not followed the steps outlined in the letter. Cllr. Terry Jones reported that Anglesey County Council had not acted correctly, because the golf course was closed since September 2018 and the Consultation was dated March 2019, and he asked who should be answerable for this?

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Cllr. Dylan Rees responded, explaining that the Consultation did not ask for people's views. Two decisions had been made, to close the Golf Course and Social Enterprise with a sustainable agreement. Cllr. Llinos Jones supported Cllr. Terry Jones and stated that the Consultation process needed to be followed before a decision was made. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis proposed providing NALC with more information following their enquiries into use of the land as agricultural land. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Proposed and Cllr. Llinos G. Jones Seconded writing again to NALC regarding the above. **RESOLVED** to accept the above.

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Item 19/036.7 – Draft Lease, Club House, Talwrn Road – The Clerk reported that the Draft Lease had been revised following the decision of the Special Meeting 24.04.2019. The Clerk read a letter dated 21.05.2019 received from the General Manager, Llangefni Football Club, following his visit to the Office to ask for a copy of the Draft Lease. The Chair responded, following legal advice, that the Draft Lease was not to be discussed with other parties, and that this had been stated earlier, because of confidentiality. The Chair reminded the Members of the contents of Standing Orders relating to confidentiality within the Chamber. Cllr. Dylan Rees reported that discussions regarding the Draft Lease had been ongoing for months and the Football Team was keen to move forward and bring matters to an end. The Chair reminded Members that any enquiries should be received in writing through the office, in order to keep to the rules of the Code of Conduct. Cllr. Victor Hughes responded that Town Council Members were responsible to the residents on matters involving the town and that it was a duty on Councillors to ensure they obtained a satisfactory response.

Following discussions, the Clerk restated the request of the General Manager of the Football Club that when the Draft Lease was available for consideration, he be given a copy of it for the Football Club to review. Then he would send the Lease to the Club's Legal Representative for comments. Cllr. Llinos G. Jones Proposed and Cllr. Victor Hughes Seconded that the Draft Lease be sent that evening to the General Manager. Cllr. Llinos Jones reiterated that everyone had agreed to this.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to send the Draft Lease to the General Manager.

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TO ACCEPT THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE 22.05.2019

Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to Planning Applications on the Monthly List for May and the need to consider Section 106 Agreements through Anglesey County Council on Applications in future. Cllr. Lewis suggested that an Item be included on the Planning Committee Agenda to progress this. Cllr. Llinos G. Jones responded that the process was to ask Anglesey County Council early enough by letter, when the plans had been registered and the infrastructure of the development was in place, before making an application. In accordance with the above. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis referred to the Notice of an Outline Application for the Peboc Site before the former chemical works was demolished, together with erecting 7 business units. Members stated that Units on the Industrial Estate did not affect the infrastructure of the town and therefore did not come under the criteria for Section 106 Agreements. Cllr. Llinos Jones reported on a Notice of an Application to build 52 affordable dwellings with associated development on a site near Huws Gray, Bridge Street, and the Planning Sub-committee 22.05.2019 had not supported the application due to concerns about the location of the Flats etc. and had expressed residents' concerns about this. Cllr. Llinos Jones further reported that, following the residents' concerns, the Application was by then, one to remodel the site and there was a change to the plan, including relocation of the flats.

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Following the above, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes for accuracy.

19/038 TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS SUB-COMMITTEE 29.05.2019

- 1 Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis drew attention to Item 19/029 of the Minutes, referring to pruning trees around the town. Cllr. Lewis stated there was a need to know the cost before coming to any decision. It was agreed, due to a matter of accuracy, to remove the final sentence from Item 19/029. Following the above, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes for Accuracy.

2 **Matters arising from the above Minutes :**

Item 19/022 – Extending the Cemetery - The Chair reported that members of the Cemetery and Playing Fields Sub-committee had arranged to visit sites for relocating the Cemetery following the Meeting of 29.05.2019. The site visit had not occurred, due to bad weather, but a Shortlist of three suitable sites will be prepared and sent to Officers of Anglesey County Council, who have agreed to collaborate and support the process, with the Town Council leading on the matter.

Item 19/023 – Playing Fields – The Chair reported that damage had been done to the Bowling Green, Lôn Las. The Clerk reported that he would contact Members of the Bowling Club to try to solve the problem.

Following damage to the swings, Plas Tudur Play Area, the Chair thanked the Clerk for arranging to fit new swings immediately and confirmed that it had been paid for by claiming from the Insurance Company.

Item 19/024 – Groundsmen's Work Programme – Bus Shelters – The Clerk reported that work was in hand to clean the Shelters and that Perspex Panels had been ordered for two of the Shelters. **Accept.**

Item 19/028 – Clubhouse Site, Football Ground, Talwrn Road – The Clerk reported that the Town Council's External Workers had started to tidy up the entrance to the Parking Ground, for the 2019 Island Games in June. Cllr. Victor Hughes stated that he had assisted with that work. **Accept.**

Item 19/029 – To Consider any Urgent Business by the Chair – Pruning Trees around the Town – The Chair stated that trees around the town needed to be pruned and suggested asking the Police for a letter of support, explaining that some of the trees restrict the CCTV footage. **Accept.**

19/039 ANNUAL MEETING 13.05.2019 – MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED AND CONSIDERED

- 1 (a) **List of Members on Council Committees** - Cllr. Dylan Rees suggested that Cllr. Ann Williams be included on the List of Sub-committees. Cllr. Williams responded by saying she would call in to the office to arrange that;
(b) **Representatives on Outside Bodies** – No changes;
(c) **List of Members** – The Clerk asked the Members to check whether their details were recorded correctly and to inform the Office if not.
RESOLVED to accept the above.
- 2 **Review of the Financial Regulations** - **RESOLVED** to adopt the Financial Regulations 03.06.2019. The Clerk confirmed that bilingual copies of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were available in the Office. **RESOLVED** to accept the above.

19/040 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION BY THE MAYOR

- 1 **Llawr y Dref – Open Day 19.05.2019 –** The Chair reported that she had visited the Units,

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and she praised the good work done in tidying the site but drew attention to the untidiness around the paths. There would be another opportunity to visit the Units on Thursday Evening, 13.06.2019 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. The Chair further reported that illegal parking near the bollards was causing difficulties for residents when accessing the Units.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to send a letter to Anglesey County Council drawing attention, in accordance with health and safety matters, to the need to find a solution to the above problems.

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Armed Forces Day and Granting Freedom of the County to the Navy Submarine Service 25.05.2019 – Apologies.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MEMBERS - None

The Chair reminded the Councillors to go to the Office if they had any concerns, with a written record if the Item was to be included on the Agenda of a Full Meeting/Sub-committees of the Town Council.

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REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

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Shire Hall - The Clerk stated there had been no contact with the new Landlord since 9th of May 2019 and therefore there were no developments to report back. The Clerk further reported that in the meantime an email had been received, then forwarded to Members, from the Chief Public Protection Officer, Anglesey County Council, stating that the Registration Service for Births, Marriages and Deaths was relocating permanently to the Business Centre, Llangefni Industrial Estate.

Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis expressed concern that moving this service to the Industrial Estate would be unacceptable and would not be of help to the public. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis added that the Town Council should object to this. Cllr. Ieuan G. Davies supported Cllr. Lewis in stating there had been no consultation on the future of the Shire Hall, which was a Civic Building and historical. There was also reference to the Court Service, Town Council Office and the Memorial outside the Building.

Cllr. Llinos Jones expressed disappointment with the content of the email and Cllr. Victor Hughes suggested asking Anglesey County Council to reconsider relocating the Registrar's Office asking whether Unit 1 of the Business Centre was suitable for the purpose.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to respond to Anglesey County Council expressing disappointment and opposition to such a valuable Service being relocated from the Shire Hall, and pressing the County Council to look further at this.

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Llangefni Carnival Committee – The Clerk explained that he had received an enquiry from Llangefni Carnival Committee, asking permission to place a Memorial Plaque on the Clock in the Town centre. The Clerk had responded by explaining that the Clock was a Listed Building due to its historical significance, and was subject to the Heritage regulations.

Members supported the request and suggested a number of memorable locations around the Town. Cllr. Dylan Rees suggested that the Carnival Committee write officially to the Office, with a formal request when appropriate. Cllr. Ieuan Davies thanked the Clerk for his clear and correct response.

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- 3 **Declaration of Interest Form for Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Registrable Interests** – The Clerk reminded the Members to complete the Form and return it to the Office.

7.45pm Coun. Arwel Môn Hughes left the Meeting.

19/043 REPORTS OF EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Llangefni Regeneration Group Meeting – 09.05.2019 – An Officer from Llangefni Regeneration Group was prepared to respond regarding the Minutes of 09.04.2019 and 09.05.2019. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis asked what the composition of the Group was and said that significant matters around the town needed to be discussed e.g. transport, before paying detailed attention to less important matters. The Officer responded that the Group was open to individuals bringing matters for discussion to the Officers' attention before the Meetings. Following discussion, it was agreed there was a need for communication with the Highways Department, Anglesey County Council, regarding transport etc. and further discussion at the next Meeting of the Group.

The Officer of Llangefni Regeneration Group further reported that she was waiting for information about a joint fund for Market Towns, guidelines for grants and putting plans in place. It was hoped to move forward on this during September/October 2019. The Officer confirmed that Mapping work would commence the following week, with some Town Council Members assisting it. Coun. Dylan Rees was appreciative of the above information and stated the Minutes should be accepted and the above matters should go ahead during the coming months.

- 1 **Flooding Meeting 09.05.2019** – Already discussed under Item 19/036.0 of these minutes.

- 2 **Allotment Society Meeting 07.05.2019** – The Minutes had been distributed to the Members, for information. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis confirmed he would attend the next Meeting on 7th June 2019 at 7.30pm. Anyone else who wished to attend was also welcome to do so.

- 3 **One Voice Wales – Training – Chairing Skills - 16.05.2019** – No discussion.

- 4 **Guided Tour of the Dingle – 18.06.2019** - Everyone was welcome, and a Warden would guide people along the paths. **Accept.**

19/044 FINANCE

Cllr. Llinos G. Jones Proposed Acceptance of the Financial Statement for May 2019 and Cllr. Terry Jones Seconded. **RESOLVED** to Accept the Financial Statement for May 2019.

19/045 ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

Cllr. Dylan W. Rees reported on the following :

- The Executive had annulled their previous decisions on the Schools Consultation process, presenting an Official Report;
- Ysgol y Graig to full capacity, Ysgol Corn Hir was very disappointed with the above result and there was an offer of a Meeting with County Council Officers to discuss the way ahead;
- Support for a Request from the Island Games Committee for a Welsh Government Grant to bring the Games to Anglesey in 2025.

19/046 CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS :

Correspondence : Railings, High Street, Llangefni – Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis was concerned

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about the condition of railings on the High Street near the Rowlands Pharmacy Shop. The Clerk reported that the Town Council had received confirmation from an Engineer, Anglesey County Council, that new railings have been ordered. Since the railings were specific to Llangefni and were made especially, taking 4 – 8 weeks to get them made and delivered.

Accept.

19/047 CORRESPONDENCE : For information – Matters sent by email

1 One Voice Wales – Accept

2 Other Matters – Accept.

19/048 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR

Police and Crime Matters: The Chair expressed disappointment at the absence of the Police Representative from Full Meetings of the Town Council, with so many serious problems of antisocial behaviour occurring daily around the Town. There were appropriate matters for discussion, namely “No Alcohol” zones, Drug Abuse, suggestion of a Centre for offenders to visit in order to keep them off the streets. Members suggested contacting the Local Police Inspector to discuss the above in accordance with the Town Council’s concerns at the absence of a Police Representative from Full Meetings and also from Meetings of Llangefni Regeneration Group.

Cllr. Dylan Rees Proposed asking the Clerk to contact the Inspector, stating that it was required they send a Representative to the above Meetings. Cllr. J. Egryn Lewis Seconded the proposal. **RESOLVED** to accept the above and prepare a list of problems for discussion with the Inspector and Town Mayor ahead of the next Full Meeting.

19/049 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING : Monday Evening 1st of July 2019.

Coun. Margaret Thomas
Chair