



MINUTES OF FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held on
Wednesday 21st May 2025 at The Public Institute, Llanfyllin

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Peter Lewis
Cllr Andrew Griffin
Cllr Sean Cowham (RFO)

Cllr Jackie Griffin (Interim Clerk)
Cllr Steve Wilkinson
Cllr Ann Williams

Cllr Lynnette Kretchmer
Cllr Sophie Nazar

1	Apologies
Cllr Ian Jones Cllr Darren Mayor	
2	Declaration of Interests
No declarations of interests were made.	
3	Previous Minutes
Members confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th April 2025 and RESOLVED that they are a true record of the meeting.	
4	Matter Arising from Minutes
Clerk advised a freedom of information act request has been submitted to Powys CC Housing Department and a letter has been sent to Powys Dyfed Police regarding Police provisioning in Llanfyllin.	
5	Mayor & County Councillor's Report
Cllr P Lewis reported good feedback on VE Day celebrations. It was agreed that the Beacon will stay in place until after VJ Day and will then be removed and placed in storage. Llanfyllin Depot have 4 extra staff to provide short term support for road maintenance issues. Cllr P Lewis advised that William Powell, who represents the Talgarth ward, was elected chair at Powys County Council AGM on Thursday, May 15, succeeding Cllr Jonathan Wilkinson, local member for Llangyniew and Meifod ward.	
6	Correspondence
SP Power Networks: Some land registry issues have been highlighted in respect of the proposed siting of the new sub-station and EV charging points on the Car Park. Clerk will continue to work with all parties to resolve issues and report back at the next meeting. Negative feedback regarding the benches on the Square. Cllr Cowham, working with the ground's maintenance contractor has relocated planters and benches to resolve concerns. Councillors reported residents' concerns about restricted pavement access caused by street furniture between Crosskeys and the Bistro Fish & Chip Shop. The area has become overcrowded, making it difficult and intimidating for wheelchair and buggy users, often forcing them to cross a busy road. Cllr A Griffin will contact business owners to request the removal of some furniture, and the Town Clerk will review pavement license requirements.	

7	Finance
a) Schedule of Payments: All Councillors present RESOLVED to approve the payments presented. b) Bank Account Changes: Cllr S Cowham will complete a comparison of HSBC vs Unity Bank. To be presented at next meeting.	
8	Planning
No planning items to discuss. Clerk to send planning decision notices to all Councillors for awareness.	
9	Events
a) VE Day – Good feedback received. All agreed it was a good building block for future events. b) St Myllins Day (7th June). Managed by Arts Connection. Town Council will have a general 'stall' giving residents an opportunity to discuss any issues with Councillors directly – this needs to be manned during the day with each Councillor requested to cover so it is not left to one or two. c) VJ Day : Royal British Legion would like to be involved. Cllr A Williams suggested inviting the Gurkhas to give a presentation. Details to be discussed at June meeting.	
10	Town Cleanliness
Rubbish is becoming an issue across the town; Car Park, Cae Bodfach and Wetlands bins regularly overflowing; large number of bottles and cans which could be recycled. Councillors RESOLVED to replace the Recycling Bin on the Square with a new design and relocate it to the back of the square. The current one is to be considered for refurbishment and relocated to the entrance to Cae Bodfach. More regular collections for both general bins and dog waste bins are required in the summer months, once a week is not proving to be sufficient. Cllr P Lewis to discuss with James Thomson. Some of the Street Furniture needs to be repainted, repaired or replaced. Councillors agreed to explore the options for these. Cllr S Cowham to create a list of those that need to be addressed with costings.	
11	Town Square Notice Board
Noticeboard was taken down at the request of the building owner to allow maintenance work to be undertaken. Cllr S Cowham recommend that we take the opportunity to refurbish it and recommended relocating it when complete. Councillors RESOLVED to repair, relocate and add a welcome sign to the back of the notice board which will be visible on the Town Square. Cllr S Cowham to assess costs and report at next meeting.	
12	Anti-Poverty Locality Fund
Powys County Council has confirmed the Anti-Poverty Locality Fund for 2025/26, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). Each County Councillor has been allocated £5,000 to support anti-poverty projects within their locality. Councillors may allocate the full £5,000 to a single organisation or divide it between up to three organisations. Guidance Notes to be distributed to all Councillors; Ideas and suggestions to be sent directly to Cllr P Lewis by 7th June.	
13	Market
Complaint received from a stall holder related to competitive traders being allowed to attend the market. Although the concern was acknowledged, Councillors decided that we are not in a position to refuse stall holders, we need to continue to push for more traders. However, it was suggested we could implement a premium charge for those located on the square, with others being accommodated elsewhere at a lower/no cost. Market & Events Committee to review option and report back with recommendations.	

14	Llwyn Woods Update
A few more delays encountered but proceeding slowly. Lease has been signed with Powys CC. Contracts have been reviewed, awaiting approval from Cycling Wales. When agreed, Town Council will invoice Cycling Wales for the grant value. Agreed that a collaboration agreement would be put in place with Llanfyllin Community Initiative who will manage day to day operations.	
15	Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 18th June @ 18:45, Llanfyllin Public Institute	