



MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr A Griffin

Cllr S Cowham

Cllr J Griffin (Interim Clerk)

Cllr D Mayor

Cllr L Kretchmer

Cllr S Wilkinson

Cllr F Waldron

Cllr S Nazar (18:50)

Cllr I Jones

NOT PRESENT

1) Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Lewis and Cllr A Williams

2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Nazar declared an interest on Agenda Item 14 – Christmas Lights

3) Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public registered to speak.

4) Previous Minutes

Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as an accurate record, and they were signed by the Chair.

5) Matters Arising from Minutes

No matters arising from the minutes.

6) Mayors Report

Met with Dewi Morris from Severn Rivers Trust. Will be coppicing willow and using for shoring up the riverbank in other areas. They also advised that the tree's by the Spar should be removed.

Deputy Mayor reported that he had congratulated Woofertz on their fundraising event for Kennel Club Canine Cancer Appeal.

7) County Councillor Report

Clerk provided an update on the closure of the Pharmacy on behalf of the County Councillor. Cllr Mayor suggested writing to PTHB to make them aware of empty properties in the town that may be suitable.

8) Clerks Report

Schedule of Payments – approved. Validation was completed by Cllr S Nazar and countered-signed by Cllr A Griffin.

Environment (Wales) Act 2016 - Section 6 Biodiversity Report. Thanks to Cllr Kretchmer who completed on behalf of the Council. Clerk to submit before deadline.

9) Planning

No planning notices to review.

10) Correspondence

Danby's Correspondence – covered under County Councillor Report.

Welshpool Town Council requested support for a County wide Public Spaces Protection Order. The Councillors **RESOLVED** to support the initiative, subject to the condition that the Town Council is consulted and gives approval of the designated sports fields. The Clerk has been instructed to provide a formal response.

11) Grant Applications

Cllr Mayor proposed that the Council reverse the motion agreed at the last meeting to fund St Myllins Church Youth Music Group on the basis that it covers running costs which is outside of our scope of granting. Councillors **RESOLVED** to reverse the decision – no funding will be provided.

Cllr Mayor declared an interest in the request for funding from Open Studios Event. Councillors **RESOLVED** to fund the leaflet printing to a value of £62.36. Clerk to refund organisers.

12) Public Amenities Committee

- a) **Toilet refurbishment:** Cllr Mayor and Cllr Wilkinson questioned using emergency powers under Financial Regulations Clauses 5.12, 5.15, and 5.18 to approve required Health & Safety upgrades, preferring closure until more quotes were obtained. The Clerk recommended that Councillors review the Financial Regulations and, should they find any aspect unsatisfactory, propose amendments for Council approval at the subsequent meeting.
- b) **Dog Waste Bins.** An additional bin and dispenser is needed by the Ford. Clerk to ascertain cost and report back. Recommendation to move one bag dispenser from Cae Bodfach to the bin by Church View. PAC Committee to check feasibility.
- c) **Dog First Aid Kits.** Cllr Cowham shared that Woofterz plans to buy a Dog First Aid Kit for the saloon and suggested another for Cae Bodfach. Cost £42, with Woofterz handling upkeep. Councillors approved the purchase for Cae Bodfach, and Cllr Cowham will provide more details.

13) Policy & Finance Committee

There were no comments or questions related to the Q2 Financial Report issued. Chair advised that the draft budget was underway and would be available for review at the next meeting with the intention of presenting the final budget for Council approval at the December meeting to ensure that we meet the precept timelines.

14) Market & Events Committee

- a) **Additional Christmas Event.** Cllr Nazar presented a new event. A coach day trip to Chester Christmas Market - Saturday 6th December. Open to all residents, target price £5 per head. Councillors **RESOLVED** to fund the coach up to a value of £300. Cllr Nazar and Cllr Cowham to progress.
- b) **Christmas Market** – 26 stalls currently booked – looking at the potential use of the Cadet Centre in addition to the three other venues.
- c) **Purchase of Christmas Lights.** The Market & Events Committee recommended a professional Christmas light installation, costing £3,962.18 (infrastructure) and £2,127.50 (annual maintenance including installation, removal, and storage) using Section 144, Local Government Act 1972 as the legal power to spend. With no unanimous agreement, the motion passed via recorded vote: Cllrs I Jones, D Mayor, F Waldron, S Cowham, and A Griffin voted in favour; Cllrs L Kretchmer and S Wilkinson abstained; Cllr S Nazar did not participate due to a declared interest. Cllr A Griffin will meet with the contractor to discuss sponsorship options.
- d) **Football Club Sponsorship.** Sponsorship board at Football Club – cost £150. The motion was not agreed as sponsorship via the football shirts had already been provided.

15) Confidential Session

Was planned to discuss pharmacy closure but was not required as all information was already in the public domain.

Next meeting is on November 19th 2025 at Llanfyllin Public Institute.

Agenda items to be sent to the Clerk no later than **Thursday 13th November**. Members of the Public wishing to speak should contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

December Meeting: 17th December – agreed to start at the earlier time of 18:30. Cllr Cowham to circulate Christmas

Meal menu to all Councillors.