



**Cyngor Tref Y Trallwng
Welshpool Town Council
Y Porth I Cymru | The Gateway to Wales**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Services and Property Committee held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: - Cllr N.Howells (Chairman)
Cllr B.Spencer
Cllr P.Owen (via Zoom)
Cllr M.Bailey (via Zoom)
Cllr S.Fitzgerald
Cllr W.Rowell
Cllr E.Bleivas
Cllr P.Pritchard
Cllr R.Church

Also present - 2 members of the press (1 via Zoom)
1 member of the public
Mr P.McGrath (Operatons Manager)
Mr P.Rollinson (Senior Facilities Assistant)
Ms V.Voysey (R.F.O/Proper Officer)

SP81.2024 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SP82.2024 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to receive an apology of absence for this meeting from Cllr C.Robinson

SP83.2024 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest

P84.2024 Public Question Time and Participation

There were no questions from members of the public

P85.2024 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Service and Property Committee held on Wednesday 11^h December 2024

P86.2024 Canal Bridge Opening

The committee noted that the official opening of the canal bridge is due to take place on 24th January 2025 at 1pm

P87.2024 Football Club roof

Over the Christmas recess, the Clock Tower on the Bowling Green fell onto the football club roof and smashed a window. The area was been secured and made safe. A plan is in place to re-glaze the window. The Clock Tower is not reparable.

P88.2024 Town Hall Roof

This item was moved into private session because of contractual information to be discussed as part of the decision making process

P89.2024 Grounds and Buildings maintenance

The Operations Manager noted the following actions undertaken by the Operations team in January:

- Christmas trees and decorations have been removed, this included helping the vicar at St Mary's
- Christmas lights have been taken down and have been put in storage
- Two new cleaners have started and have done a good job, including clearing up salt from the Town Hall stairs following recent bad weather
- The Community Board has been updated
- The curtain on the stage has been repaired
- The stage lights are now working
- An upcycled cupboard has been built on the stage, this is lockable
- The workshop has been cleared up
- The mental health bench has been sanded and is ready for staining, it will be placed at the entrance to Oldford, subject to permission from Powys County Council
- The paths around the Tourist Information Centre has been cleared
- Work has continued on the sports pitches, football and rugby clubs have both been playing matches
- Various contractors have been met with as part of ongoing works

A vote of thanks was given to the Operations Team for all their work

In response to questions from Committee members, the following was noted:

- The light over the Town Hall entrance is on a schedule of works, it is an electrical issue

- Concreting at Maes y Dre playground is subject to the weather, there has been a meeting with contractors about it. Information will be brought back to the Committee.
- If the photo of the Town Council from 2010-2011 is found, it will be put up

P90.2024 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is the **Wednesday 19th February at 6.30pm**

P91.2024 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, due to the nature of the business about to be transacted which is considered to be prejudicial to the public interest

P92.2024 Legal and Contractual Matters

a) Town Hall Roof

There was a discussion on measures taken by staff to secure the Town Hall roof. RCIS have recommended a Building Surveyor, who viewed the property and proposed that a quinquennial survey is undertaken on all the Town Council's assets.

RECOMMENDED to proceed with the offer of £10,500 (excluding VAT) for a quinquennial report to be undertaken on all buildings as soon as possible.

b) Bowling Club

Consideration was given to the Bowling Club lease, it was agreed that this is to be dealt with as a separate matter from the damaged fencing.

RECOMMENDED to accept the Bowling Club's offer of partial payment of a replacement fencing (£6K) and for the Town Council to cover the other part of the costs (£5.5K).