



*'Your very Local Council'*

**Locum Clerk to the Council/RFO: Shaun Jones**  
**Chairman: Cllr Mrs. Sharon Lloyd**

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Minutes of the Additional Full Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiell.

Present: Cllrs Francis (CF), (Meeting Chair); Grives (KG); Lydford (KL); Price (WP) & Rathbone (MR).

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer & one Member of the Public.

Not Present: Cllrs Clare Davies, Phil Marriott, William Williams and Vicky Woodhouse.

152.24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs. Sharon & Nigel Lloyd – unwell.

153.24/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None made.

154.24/25 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – 1 member of the public present. There were no points to raise.

155.24/25 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR BUTTERFLY (GLÖYN BYW) SOLAR FARM** – To pick up from the discussion had at our 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 meeting some points and suggestions:-

- It is understood there may be a solar farm under construction in the Shrewsbury area, would there be an opportunity to make a visit and meet interested parties ? This maybe a different contractor – RWE show Myttons, Telford & Wrekin as “under development” (like Butterfly and 25 others) – there are just 2 in the UK “under construction”.
- SJ read through the supplied Consultation document – 8 questions in all, so that members are brought up to speed and also MR covered off the summaries and research she undertook personally.
- No community benefit, Welsh renewables target 70% by 2030 met with a single project on Ynys Môn. It is sited on high quality agricultural land. Visual blight in a rural area – make industrial. The Maelor is protected ? Improve on mitigation to lesson then eyesore. Clarity on the community fund too.
- During construction matters of concern are traffic and HGV access on a laneway. 18 months of disruption. Ugly perimeter security fencing.
- **Members unanimously agreed to state that they Strongly Object to this Solar Farm development.** MR & SJ will draft the full response to the consultation and circulate ahead of submission.

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- 156.24/25      **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – 2022/23 & 2023/24** – Part 1 of the Annual Return - SJ walked through all 9 statements. Where it is a “No” answer provide an explanation. Reference the Practitioners Guide for a more detailed legal reference. **Members agreed that CF and SJ will prepare a draft response and circulate with members once completed.** The completed Annual Return (including the Part 1 section) will come before Council for formal acceptance in due course.
- 157.24/25      **BURIAL GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – Members approved to renew for 2025/26 relying on Financial Regulation 11.1(c) to waive financial regulations.** The contract holder has held their hourly rate and the Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer has been satisfied that the annual contract value of £6,200 and the high standard of the upkeep of the Burial Ground are compatible and the Public Purse is getting good value.
- 158.24/25      **FINANCE REGULATIONS UPDATE – Members approved the revisions that have been recommended,** updates to Regulation 11 by JDH Business Services Ltd the Internal Auditors in recent IA reports members are asked to approve the new wording at 11.1(a) ii and 11.1 (h) as presented.
- 159.24/25      **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS – Members agreed to reappoint JDH Business Services Ltd** for FY 2024/25 and 2025/26 according to their published terms of business.
- 160.24/25      **ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT – Members reviewed and approved** the tabled list of identified risks (incl. financial) and controls to manage.

*The meeting closed at 8:01pm.*

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