

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER -  
COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON WEDNESDAY, 28  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, MC Alexander, P Davies, J Evans, S M Hayes,  
R Powell and M Weale

In attendance: County Councillor DR Jones.

The Leader thanked everyone involved in the Council run events at the Winter Fair. Receptions had been held for voluntary groups, charities and businesses.

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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All members of the Cabinet were present.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
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The Leader was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a correct record.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest reported.

<b>4.</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2019-2020</b>
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Cabinet considered the Council Tax Base for 2019/20.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>				
<p><b>1. That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2019-20 of 62,123:50 be approved.</b></p> <p><b>2. That the calculation of the Tax Base for each Town &amp; Community Council as set out below be approved.</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;"><b>Community</b></th> <th style="width: 30%;"><b>Tax Base 2019-20</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Abbeycwmhir</td> <td style="text-align: center;">126.79</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Tax Base 2019-20</b>	Abbeycwmhir	126.79	<p><b>To meet the legal requirement of the Council to set a Council Tax Base for 2019-20</b></p>
<b>Community</b>	<b>Tax Base 2019-20</b>				
Abbeycwmhir	126.79				

Aberedw	139.34
Aberhafesp	218.30
Abermule with Llandyssil	737.34
Banwy	320.87
Bausley with Criggion	364.73
Beguildy	377.70
Berriew	758.87
Betws Cedewain	225.48
Brecon	3454.84
Bronllys	438.10
Builth Wells	1072.08
Cadfarch	450.76
Caersws	710.33
Carno	354.87
Carreghofa	318.08
Castle Caereinion	304.23
Churchstoke	848.49
Cilmery	236.05
Clyro	421.45
Cray	137.17
Crickhowell	1116.33
Cwmdu and District	563.11
Disserth & Trecoed	549.15
Duhonw	153.90
Dwyrhiw	278.81
Erwood	252.79
Felinfach	384.37
Fordeu	797.35
Gladestry	225.77
Glantwymyn	650.32
Glasbury	563.71
Glascwm	262.85
Glyn Tarrell	302.44
Guilsfield	867.62
Gwernyfed	485.94
Hay-on-Wye	881.98
Honddu Isaf	226.68
Kerry	952.26
Knighton	1322.87
Llanafanfawr	239.63
Llanbadarn Fawr	339.82
Llanbadarn Fynydd	143.64
Llanbister	192.39
Llanbrynmair	498.80
Llanddew	121.81
Llanddewi Ystradenny	144.13
Llandinam	440.49
Llandrindod Wells	2381.29

Llandrinio & Arddleen	720.29
Llandysilio	546.64
Llanelwedd	191.39
Llanerfyl	217.21
LLanfair Caereinion	786.19
Llanfechain	270.74
Llanfihangel	277.81
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	121.31
Llanfrynach	329.15
Llanfyllin	710.43
Llangammarch	261.26
Llangattock	558.61
Llangedwyn	199.46
Llangorse	565.10
Llangunllo	206.43
Llangurig	381.68
Llangynidr	595.29
Llangyniew	310.61
Llangynog	196.47
Llanidloes	1186.01
Llanidloes Without	314.50
Llanigon	283.20
Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant	592.90
Llansantffraid	719.11
Llansilin	363.93
Llanwddyn	122.21
Llanwrthwl	105.86
Llanwrtyd Wells	402.02
Llanyre	587.21
Llywel	254.68
Machynlleth	877.20
Maescar	474.64
Manafon	178.73
Meifod	708.33
Merthyr Cynog	141.84
Mochdre with Penstrowed	249.70
Montgomery	724.49
Nantmel	350.38
New Radnor	233.85
Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn	4333.35
Old Radnor	404.21
Paincastle	289.88
Pen Y Bont Fawr	252.89
Penybont & Llandegley	204.54
Presteigne & Norton	1286.19
Rhayader	915.38
St Harmon	314.00

Talgarth	741.43
Talybont-on-Usk	398.73
Tawe Uchaf	570.28
Trallong	204.95
Trefeglwys	463.32
Treflys	227.87
Tregynon	394.74
Trewern	652.92
Vale of Grwyney	492.75
Welshpool	2660.89
Whitton	210.52
Yscir	261.16
Ystradfelte	257.77
Ystradgynlais	2912.75
<b><u>62,123:50</u></b>	

## 5. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND FORECAST AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2018

Cabinet considered the financial outturn report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The Portfolio Holder for Finance advised that in future Cabinet would receive savings reports every quarter.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision</b>
<p>1. That the contents of the report are noted.</p> <p>2. That a further specific report on savings is submitted to the Cabinet on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p>To monitor the council's financial performance and ensure that spending remains within approved limits and that the 3% minimum general fund reserve is maintained.</p>

## 6. REVIEW OF FARMS POLICY

Cabinet considered the Farms Estate Development Plan. In introducing the report, the Leader made it clear that there were no plans to sell the estate. The estate was an operational asset which returned £700k revenue annually as well as capital receipts. She noted that sales had supported corporate Council projects, particularly the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme, for years but that this target could not go indefinitely and that she wanted to see more capital returned to the estate for investment. The Leader explained that she had delayed bringing the plan to Cabinet for the comments of Scrutiny to be addressed.

County Councillor David Jones, who had led the Scrutiny review, welcomed the changes made to the report as a result of Scrutiny's comments although he did

not accept that the choices before Cabinet were simply to adopt the new plan or keep the old one. He highlighted tender prices which in some cases had been double the estimate. Officers explained that the estimates had been taken from the 2015 condition survey and that the longer the delay in carrying out repairs the more costs would increase. Councillor Jones referred to inaccurate press reports which had caused great concern amongst tenants and he clarified Scrutiny's comments were directed at the Cabinet to make it clear what the expected level of capital receipts would be in the immediate and medium term. The Leader reiterated that there was no intention to sell off the estate or of tenants being required to make a contribution towards capital.

Members of the Cabinet spoke of the positive contribution made by the estate offering new entrants a way into farming and helping new businesses start up. It was noted that the estate was a resource for the future giving the opportunity for development and diversification. Subject to the inclusion of an additional line reflecting these comments it was

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b>The Farms Estate Development Plan 2018 in Appendix 3 to the report is adopted as the estate management plan for the County Farms Estate.</b>	<b>To maintain the Estate as a viable operational asset.</b>

## **7. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOTTERY**

Cabinet considered a proposal to establish a local authority lottery for Powys which would support the local voluntary and community sector. There were over 50 such lotteries in England but this would be the first in Wales. Developing such a lottery in Powys would help fund discretionary support for local third sector and community groups, and enable such organisations to raise funds directly for themselves. Additionally, all funds raised by the lottery would be spent within Powys, and provide benefits to the people and communities of Powys. The proposal had received a positive reaction from voluntary and community groups when it had been discussed with them at the Winter Fair.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b>1. To use the services of an ELM to manage a local authority lottery in Powys, with proceeds being used to support the third sector/community groups in Powys.</b>	<b>To enable voluntary and community organisations within Powys to develop new fundraising capabilities with minimal or no cost, and allow the Council to continue to support good causes by supplementing the community grants budget.</b>
<b>2. To agree that 50% of the proceeds will directly support an organisation of the player's choice (or a central fund), an additional 10% of proceeds will contribute to a central fund for community/third</b>	

<p><b>sector grants.</b></p> <p><b>3. To adopt the eligibility criteria for participating organisations as outlined in Annex A to the report.</b></p>	
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**8. SCHOOLS CASHLESS PROJECT - CLOSING REPORT**

The Leader and Portfolio Holder thanked everyone involved in the successful introduction of cashless payments systems into all 96 Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in the County, which includes payments for school meals and other parental payments such as trips, music lessons, exam fees, and breakfast and after schools clubs. Powys had become the first local authority in Wales to achieve this.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<b>That Cabinet note the content of the report.</b>	<b>To acknowledge the closure of the Schools Cashless Project</b>

**9. PROPERTIES ISSUES IN HAY-ON-WYE**

This item was deferred to the next meeting on 18 December.

**10. IMPROVEMENT AND ASSURANCE BOARD MINUTES**

Cabinet received the minutes of the Improvement and Assurance Board meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**11. JOINT PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

Cabinet received the minutes of the Joint Partnership Board meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER 2 REPORT**

Cabinet considered the Treasury Management report for the second quarter.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision</b>
<b>That the Treasury Management Quarterly Report be received.</b>	<b>To ensure Cabinet remains informed about current Treasury Management performance.</b>

<b>13. CORRESPONDENCE</b>
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The Leader reported receipt of a letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education advising that the proportion of Welsh Government funding for Band B schools projects was increasing from 50% to 65% and 75% in the case of special schools. The news was welcomed by the Cabinet.

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care reported that following representations he had made to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services a Welsh Government consultation event on loneliness and social isolation would be held in Powys in January.

<b>14. DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING</b>
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Details of delegated decisions taken since the last meeting were noted.

<b>15. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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The forward work programme was noted.

**County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)**