

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
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MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2005 AT  
THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

Present: Councillor Mayor Hazel Davies (**Chairperson**)  
Councillors:- Dorothy Williams (Deputy Chairperson),  
Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, John Davies,  
Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans,  
Christopher Thomas and Selwyn Walters.  
P.C.Sgt. Phill Edwards

For the Recycling Address: Mr. Nick North and Mr. Matthew Grey  
(Total Recovery Systems:T-recs)  
Mr. Rif Winfield  
(Chair of Board: Ceredigion Recycling  
Association - C.R.A.)

Prior to the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by Mr. Nick North, the operator of the T-recs' (Lampeter's "green box") scheme. His presentation was based on the subject of recycling in Ceredigion. \*\* He was accompanied by Mr. Matthew Grey another representative of this company and Mr. Rif Winfield, Chairperson of the Ceredigion Recycling Association (CRA). *The collection service offered by T-recs at present will shortly be taken over by Ceredigion Recycling Association (CRA).*

The following points arose from the "Question and Answer" discussion.

Recyclate is defined to be materials collected and processed ready for recycling. About 84% of plastic recyclate is sent to China for reprocessing. It is possible, in future, to have this reprocessing facility in Ceredigion, which will help unemployment in the county.

Even though it costs marginally more to collect waste in green boxes as compared to plastic bags, the cost of separating items is cheaper with green boxes.

The balance sheet of T-recs shows a profit. The European Union, British Government, Welsh Assembly Government, Cylch and banks have confirmed these figures. The recent Independent Audit was fully supportive of this scheme.

A grant of £1.5 million was given by the Welsh Assembly Government to install this recycling scheme. Once this grant has been used no more will be required from the public purse. The whole scheme runs at a profit on its own merits.

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\*\* Absent members please refer to the enclosed copy of the presentation.

Before the plastic bag scheme came into operation in Lampeter, T-recs collected 2-3tonnes of waste per week. This has recently decreased but the amount is increasing again.

Mr Winfield stated that the company could not tolerate landfill. They are aiming for zero waste and that nothing is sent to landfill. Hopefully 100+ jobs will be generated.

Another question that was discussed was the opting out of one scheme. According to Mr North, if the CRA was supported, it would save £6.2million annual expense, which is presently spent by Ceredigion County Council.

At the conclusion the three representatives were thanked by the Cllr.Mayor H.Davies for attending the meeting and for their contribution.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Robert Harris, Tarquin Lubran, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya, Richard Walsingham, Derek Wilson and the County Cllr. Ivor Williams.

## 2. Declarations of Interests

**Declaration of interest in an item under consideration at this meeting of the Town Council:** Cllr.C.Barton: Planning Application: Record footpath from County Rd to Falcondale Lake.

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July were a correct record and signed by the Cllr. Mayor H.Davies.

## 4. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Phil Edwards updated members on recent events viz.:

- The parking issues, which have developed in recent months, have been addressed. A seasonal traffic warden has been patrolling the streets of Lampeter over the summer in an attempt to resolve the parking problems in Drivers' Rd, outside Spar (on the pavements and zig-zag lines) and on the yellow lines in College St. Some problems have been caused by deliveries being made by articulated lorries.
- Sgt Edwards reported that racers in the town could have their cars seized. If a person is seen driving in an erratic manner, he/she could be issued with a *section 59 notice*, and if this person repeats this malpractice another *section 59 notice* could be issued. As a result the car could be seized.

- Cllr. Mayor Hazel Davies also expressed concern at the speeds reached by some drivers in the town and the reckless driving she had witnessed of 65/70 miles/hour from High St. through the square and down College St. Sgt Edwards stated that the police were aware of this problem and would be vigilant.
- The Licensing Laws were discussed and their implications on the town. Staggering closing times could have a diluting effect on anti-social behaviour.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

### 5.1 Bus Services - Timetables - minute 78(b)

These have now been installed.

### 5.2 Bequest £10,000 - minute 5(o)

No further suggestions have been received. This matter was not considered further.

### 5.3 Black Lion, Lampeter - minute 76(a):

Enquires have revealed that the cobbles to the left of the arch, when looking from the road (in front of the shop) are the responsibility of *Principality Developments, Cardigan*. Their spokesperson namely Mr. Dick Martin was of the opinion that these cobbles had been re-laid properly. Should the Town Council wish to improve their aesthetic appearance he suggested that photographs should be taken and the sub-standard areas located on the photographs. These should then be sent with an accompanying letter to Principality Developments, Tŷ Canol, The Ship Inn, Cardigan where the request would be considered.

The area to the right of the arch is the responsibility of S.A.Brain & Company. Their building surveyor would be visiting the area in September and agreed to repair the two displaced slabs and the other small areas which need repair beside the windows and door of the Black Lion.

This conflict of interest led members to believe that the property had been split. Since the Black Lion is a listed building it was resolved to contact *Cadw* and the Planning Dept, CCC to ask for an explanation regarding ownership.

### 5.4 Mart Site - minute 14(f)

A response was received to the letter, which enquired if there was a suitable place in Lampeter, which could be used by young people. It stated that the Council did not own any property in Lampeter suitable for this end. The letter would be retained on file, and should the situation change the Town Council would be informed immediately.

It was decided to contact the Youth Services CCC to invite a representative to attend a meeting in order to give this matter further consideration.

**5.5 Barley Mow: Street Nameplate Sign - minute 8(a)**

This request is receiving attention with CCC.

**5.6 St Peter's Church Hall: Parking Bay - minute 8(b)**

Subject to funding being available to investigate and implement a scheme, this would involve a long legal order. A formal consultation would take months-involving consultation, investigation and feasibility. It would also depend if there was an existing order in place. It was decided to convey this information to Canon Aled Williams.

**5.7 Closure of Council managed car park adjacent to the Station, Carmarthen - Minute 13(a)**

**5.7.1 Letter from Mark Williams MP** expressing his concern about the effect of this closure on residents from Lampeter and the south of the county. He hoped that the Town Council could appreciate that as this car park is situated outside his constituency, he was somewhat limited in his ability to resolve the concern.

**5.7.2 Communication from Trevor Sage, Head of Transport, Carmarthenshire County Council:** stating that the completed scheme would bring many benefits i.e. new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the River Tywi would greatly improve access between the railway station and the town centre, a coach park and parking facilities were also being provided across the road from the station and the area in front of the station was also being improved. During the construction phase it was necessary to temporarily close off the unsurfaced area which had been used for parking in the past, as this area was required for working space by the contractor in connection with the bridgeworks. He apologised for any inconvenience caused by these works and assured that every effort was being made to minimise the disruption. Access to the railway station was being maintained at all times and the station continued to be served by buses and taxis. Motorists were also able to drop off and pick up passengers.

**5.8 Six seats - For the town of Lampeter - Minute 45(a)**

Mr. Eirian Jones of CCC was contacted and he reported that there were two new chairs available. Cllr. D.Williams stated that this information was not in line with what had been promised last autumn. LTC had been offered 5 seats from CCC. Placements: 2 at King George's Garden, one at the Rookery and 2 at Bryn y Eglwys (Sept, Oct 2004 minutes). It was agreed to pursue this matter further.

It was also decided to ask Cllr.R.Phillips, during the next meeting, to explain the situation regarding the Japanese visitors who had contributed towards the cost of a chair.

**5.9 Cymru ar Lein: Meet the Mouse – Minute (19/05:10.8)**

Information was sought regarding the I.T. workshops for beginners (Welsh Assembly Govn. Initiative). Workshops were already in place at Aberaeron and Cardigan on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September respectively. After discussions with their co-ordinator, it was conveyed that one workshop could be arranged at the UCW Lampeter on the 28<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed to accept this offer. \*\* It is hoped that 3 workshops can be arranged in Lampeter during the next year.

**5.10 Pavement, Bridge St (19/05,10:6)**

Mr S.Dowdall, Divisional Engineer, CCC communicated that a major refurbishment scheme was being designed for Bridge Street and it was anticipated that work would start early in 2006 (dictated by Capital Budget). Until this work commences Bridge Street would be inspected monthly and any defects liable to endanger the public would be rectified.

**5.11 Water stagnating on the entrance to the Ambulance Station (19/05 10:6):**

Mr. S. Dowall CCC also conveyed that the entrance to the Ambulance Station would be inspected during the next period of heavy rain. It was resolved to ask Mr. Dowall to contact Cllr. C.Thomas directly to help with this matter.

**5.12 Age Concern: Community Buddy: Minute (20/05:6.1)**

Enquires ongoing.

**5.13 Dog Fouling Signs: (Minute 25/05 11.2)**

Temporary plastic signs have now been displayed at different locations in the town. Twelve metal signs have also been ordered, which should be in place during the month of September. Cllr.M.Davies Evans requested that a sign should be placed on the Comins in addition to the following places: Parc yr Orseddx1, Rookery Car Parkx2, High Stx4, College Stx2, Bridge Stx2, Council Officesx1, Memorial Gdnsx1.

**5.14 Parking Restrictions: North Rd: (Minute 25/05:11.3)**

This would involve a long legal order which could take 6-17 months to materialise should funding allow, according to information received from CCC. A letter was sent to the Police regarding the above who have also forwarded the information to the Highways Dept, Ceredigion County Council. They have requested to be kept updated with regards to the matter. Cllr. S.Walters stated that parking in this area seemed to have intensified in recent times.

**5.15 Work In Progress: Lampeter Comp.School:(Minute 25/05:11.4)**

A reply received from Mr. S.Dowdall, CCC stating that the contractor involved had been contacted and asked to clear all debris arising from the construction works off the highway. The footpath adjacent to the site

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\*\* If you are interested in attending this workshop, please complete the attached form.

had also been closed for the remainder of the contract and pedestrians directed onto the opposite footpath of Greenfield Terrace.

A response was also received from the Director of Education and Community Services stating that the entrance to the school would be made good and that works were scheduled to be completed in early September. Cllr. J.Davies would convey this information to a member of the public.

#### **5.16 Herbicide to Path Surfaces:(minute 29c)**

A letter received from the Parks & Gardens Officer, CCC confirming that the Parks' Section had not used any herbicide on the amenity grounds or flowerbeds. Pavements were under the jurisdiction of the Highways Division; they would respond in due course.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Minute 26/2005**

#### **6.1 List of correspondence received from the 29<sup>th</sup> July to the 25<sup>th</sup> August (inclusive).**

- ✓ **A Consultation on an Environment Strategy for Wales;** Welsh Assembly's Government Strategy for Wales-for information.
- ✓ **Request for a police presence at night** from A.V.Watkins: Expressing concern about anti-social behaviour, which occurs at night. She was of the opinion that this conduct could be eliminated to a great degree if there was a police presence during this time. It was decided to ask the police to comment on the issues raised in the letter.
- ✓ **Cymdeithas Tai Cantref: AGM:** 15/09/05 Emlyn Arms Hotel, Newcastle Emlyn: Cllr. A.Carter would represent the Town Council at this meeting.
- ✓ **Notice of Application for transfer of the Justices On Licence:** Black Lion, Lampeter: requiring acknowledgement of safe receipt; the clerk to reply to this letter.
- ✓ **One Voice Wales;** National Agreement on Salaries & Conditions of Service-for information.
- ✓ **Ceredigion Unitary Development Plan (UDP) Public Inquiry, Lampeter Town Council:** Consultation period has finished on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2005 and this matter is now in the hands of the Inspectorate who are due to make a report on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006 or earlier, if possible.
- ✓ **Adjudication Panel for Wales:** Annual report 2004-05: Implementing Standards of Conduct for Councillors: aiming towards high standards including keeping abreast of developments and changes in public office: for the perusal of members if required.
- ✓ **Play for Wales:** Issue 16; Summer 2005: circulated to members.
- ✓ **Local Works: Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill:** for those who feel strongly about the degeneration of towns and villages in Wales an

opportunity was given to join the Campaign for Sustainable Communities: support forms were enclosed. Many towns and villages have become ghost towns due to the closure of P.Os, grocery stores, bank branches, police stations, doctors' surgeries etc. This organisation is endeavouring to reverse this trend.

- ✓ **Draft National Service Framework for Older People in Wales:** Consultation Document: circulated to members
- ✓ **National Service Framework for Older People in Wales:** Executive Summary: Consultation Draft July 2005: circulated to members
- ✓ **Medicines and Older People:** Consultation Document July 2005: circulated to members. Consultation responses on the documents for the elderly should be submitted before the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2005.
- ✓ **Lampeter Carnival Committee:** letter to thank the Town Council for their contribution towards this event, as the Carnival is highly dependent on the continued support of organisations such as the Town Council.

## 7 MENTER LLAMBED

### Minute 27/2005

Cllr. G.Evans reported that the AGM would be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.15pm. A meeting had been arranged to discuss the Town Hall. Teleri Morgan, the Development Officer was making enquires as regards to funding.

## 8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Minute 28/2005

#### Planning Permissions

- 8.1 **Conversion to 5 flats. Alterations & extension: Lampeter P.O.** A response was received to the letter, which expressed concern about overdevelopment and carparking. The reply attempted to outline the planning authority's position on the matter. The Highways Authority offered no objections to the proposal and the Local Planning Authority took the opinion that due to the nature of the proposal and its town centre location a pragmatic approach was required. Normally the planning authority would require some off street parking provision to be provided by the applicant. In this case the applicant did not control sufficient land to provide car parking spaces, however the local Planning authority was of the opinion that its location in the town centre and within the conservation area would entail it would be unreasonable to refuse the application on the basis of lack of parking facilities in the adjoining area especially given the proximity of car parking areas within 200 metres of the site and the small number of vehicular movements the proposal was likely to generate. Currently the building already has flats; therefore there would be minimal change in circumstances. Mr. Aled Richards,

Senior Development Control Officer hoped that this information offered some clarification on the matter.

- 8.2 **Change of use to allotments:** *Gwêl y Creuddyn*, Lampeter
- 8.3 **Erection of a conservatory & extension to curtilage:** *Glanyrafon*, Pentrebach, Lampeter.
- 8.4 **Temporary sitting of a mobile classroom/sixth form common room:** Lampeter Comp.School, Peterwell Terr. Lampeter.
- 8.5 **Erection of a house: Pt OS 9524, Lampeter.** Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. J.Evans, Llety Clyd, New St. Lampeter.
- 8.6 **Display of signage,** The Royal Oak Hotel, Lampeter.

#### Planning Applications

- 8.7 **Retention of 6 skips to receive inert dry recyclate:** University of Wales Lampeter, Lampeter: no objection offered.
- 8.8 **Record footpath from County Rd to Falcondale Lake, Lampeter:** Path NO: 61/21/M: the Town Council supported this application so as to maintain public access to the lake. The TC did not oppose the development of the lake.

#### 8 FINANCE: Minute 29/2005

- |  | Maintenance | Donation | Administration        |
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| 9.1) BDO Auditing the Annual Return for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2005 |             |          | £350<br>£61.25 (VAT)  |
| 9.2) Teifi Computers<br>Black Toner-Laser Printer                                  |             |          | £42.51<br>£7.44 (VAT) |
- 9.3 **A Request for financial support** was received for the development of a new building to accommodate the Aberystwyth & District Boxing Club which will also serve as a Community Centre/Drop in Centre: the Town Council decided not to contribute towards this cause at this time.
  - 9.4 **Transmission of CCTV Images Lampeter to Aberystwyth MLL Telecom**  
Letter received from Mark Elliott CCC acknowledging the Town Council's letter of intent to enter into the new contract with MLL Telecom. The Town Council would be kept informed of future developments.
  - 9.1 **Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2005 Lampeter Town Council:**  
Notification received that BDO Stoy Hayward LLP Chartered Accountants had completed this audit. It was agreed that the notice conveying this information would be displayed in a conspicuous place. The Annual Return was approved and accepted by the Council.  
The *Issues Arising Report* was also presented to the Council. BDO Stoy Hayward advised that an action plan should be produced to indicate how the area of weakness could be addressed.

"The Council is recommended to consider the following issue but is under no statutory obligation to act upon it:

*We notice that the balances held by the Council appear high and have been building up over the years. This is an acceptable practice should the Council be saving for capital expenditure as long as the money is invested wisely in a high interest account and is appropriately "ring fenced" for that specific purpose. If the Council is not saving for a large purchase it is recommended that the balances carried forward are reduced to a more appropriate level. The generally accepted level is usually no more than twice the level of the precept."*

End of year balances:

c/f 1/04/01 £51,588.45

c/f 1/04/02 £65,379.79

c/f 1/04/03 £67,870.16

c/f 1/04/04 £74,872.71

c/f 1/04/05 £84,637.04

90 Day Notice A/C 2.86% (gross) @ April 2005

As the annual precept for the Yr. Ending March 2005 was £41,580 and the balance carried forward £84,637, it was considered that the margin was within an acceptable level. It was decided not to respond to this suggestion of reducing balances.

## **10. SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **Minute 30/2005**

#### **10.1 Footpath Sub-Committee**

Cllr. A. Carter reported that he had met with W.Campion from CCC. The contractor had completed the first cut; the second cut should be undertaken in September, the final sum is approximately £900. He had also received quotations for the stiles from TLS Lampeter (to build one by the river and to repair two others) =£60+£15.95(preservative)+£10 (Bolts & nails)+VAT=£120. Cllr.A.Carter received permission to undertake this work. Measurements and design were in accordance to CCC plans. If permission for a dog access was granted, then this would be placed to the side of the stile. Creuddyn Bridge was a cause for concern-the embankment is in need of protection. Mount Pleasant- developments ongoing.

It was reported that the farmer and not the T.C. was responsible for repairing the stile on the Bridle Path, Llanfair Rd.

#### **10.2 Pavements Sub-Committee**

Cllr.C.Thomas reported the following faults:

- Walter Square-slabs broken
- Outside the Co-operative Store-a few slabs broken

- By the Fire Station
- St Thomas' Square-unevenness of the pavements

### 10.3 Lighting Sub-Committee

Lights were reported as defective in the following locations:

Bridge St: outside undertakers, Victoria Hall, Bottom of Bryn yr Eglwys,  
One way system: Bryn Road, Town Hall, New St: near Glenroy, outside  
Rhosawel, opposite Grangefield.

## 11 A.O.B.

### Minute 31/2005

#### 11.1 Application for Grant Funding:

It was agreed that the clerk would initiate enquires regarding funding in the following areas: Parks, Young People, Footpaths

11.2 **Risk Assessment of meeting room:** the clerk enquired on how to carry out a risk assessment on the meeting room. It was decided to contact CCC for assistance.

11.3 **Cllr. C.Thomas was congratulated** for receiving an award for 20 years' service as a paramedic and increasing his qualification. It was resolved to contact the Ambulance Service to ask for a representative to attend a meeting of the Town Council to inform members of new developments.

11.4 **Citizens' Advice Bureau:** The Lampeter's Branch has been closed for the last 2 weeks. It was agreed that an explanation was in order.

11.5 **Lampeter Comp.School, Successes at "A" and "GCSE" Examinations:** it was decided to send a letter of congratulations to the school.

11.6 **"Wife's thanks to people of Lampeter after husband's death"** (letter sent to the Cambrian News)

In the article Mrs. Judith Carvell, 70 Loverock Crescent, Rugby expressed her immense gratitude to the people of Lampeter, for their prompt action in giving her husband first-aid, calling emergency services and in supporting her after he had been knocked down by a car in the town on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005. It was decided to thank her for her kind words and to express the Town Council's deepest sympathy on her sad loss.

11.7 **British Legion Service:** Cllr. Mayor H.Davies emphasised an invitation to all members of the council to attend the Thanksgiving Service, in celebration of 60 years of peace in Europe. This will be held at St. Peter's Church, Lampeter at 10.30am on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Members should meet at 10.15am outside the church. Gowns can be worn.**

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of.....2005