

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2005
AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

Present: Councillor Mayor Hazel Davies (**Chairperson**)
Councillors:- Dorothy Williams (Deputy Chairperson),
Cecilia Barton, John Davies,
Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans,
Robert Harris, Tarquin Lubran, Robert Phillips,
Selwyn Walters and Derek Wilson.

Ambulance Locality Officer for Ceredigion:
Mr Huw Davies

PC Richard Marshall

Prior to the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by Mr Huw Davies, ambulance locality officer for Ceredigion. He answered concerns by council members regarding the present ambulance service in Lampeter. He was reassuring and stated that cover had actually increased. He emphasized that a dedicated crew was always on call to implement the new system imposed by central government. The introduction of the first responder scheme to Lampeter, six months ago, meant that trained volunteers were also on hand to provide extra support for the community.

At the conclusion Mr Davies was thanked by the Cllr. Mayor H.Davies for attending the meeting and for his contribution.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Andrew Carter, Kistiah Ramaya, Christopher Thomas, Richard Walsingham, County Cllr. Ivor Williams and the Police Inspector Paul Williams.

2. Declarations of Interests

2.1 No members had any declaration of interests in any of the items under consideration at this meeting of the Town Council.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th August were a correct record and signed by the Cllr. Mayor H.Davies.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PC Richard Marshall updated members on recent events. These included:

- **Damage to the cricket pavilion**
Very young children have apparently caused these acts of vandalism in the cricket pavilion and because of this, the names of the wrongdoers are not publicised. The police are spending large resources to try to combat this problem.
 - **The headmaster's office** at the secondary school has also been damaged.
 - **Two officers** have been assaulted.
 - **The concerns expressed by A.V.Watkins** regarding anti-social behaviour in the town have been discussed at a Meeting between herself and the police.
 - **An extra seat** has been provided outside the library.
- Finally, members of the council pointed out to the illegal parking of vehicles on the pavement outside the Spar store. This proved to be a source of inconvenience for pedestrians.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Black Lion, Lampeter - minute 76(a):

A recent conversation with Mr Gareth Johns, Estates & Acquisitions Manager for *S.A.Brains Ltd* ascertained that the building had not been split. This company is the new owner of the entire building and has leased the shop to the previous owners (*Principality Developments, Cardigan*).

- **The areas under and to the right of the arch** (when looking from the road) are the responsibility of *S.A.Brain & Company LTD*. On behalf of this company, Mr Johns has asked for the Town Council to point out which improvements are needed and to stipulate, "what has to be done and why?" Their building surveyor Mr Roger Mably has been contacted on a number occasions and has agreed to repair displaced slabs, the stones under the arch and other small areas.
- **The area to the left of the arch** and in front of the proposed *Tŷ Hafan* charity shop:
Awaiting the development of photographs pinpointing the sub-standard areas. These will then be forwarded to *Principality Developments, Cardigan* for consideration.

5.2 Mart Site/ Area for young people- minute 14(f)

Arrangements have been made for Ann Sweeping, Principal Youth Officer, Ceredigion County Council to address members of the Town Council during the next meeting regarding facilities available for the youth.

- 5.3 Barley Mow: Street Nameplate Sign - minute 8(a)**
This matter remains unresolved. CCC to be reminded of this request, yet again.
- 5.4 Closure of Council managed car park adjacent to the Station, Carmarthen - Minute 13(a)**
5.4.1 Letter from Elin Jones AM: stating that she has contacted Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the issue and will inform LTC of the outcome.
- 5.5 Six seats - For the town of Lampeter - Minute 45(a)**
Mr. Eirian Jones of CCC was contacted for an explanation regarding the situation. He emphasised that the seating around the town of Lampeter was continuously being monitored. Repairs were being carried out and replacements provided subject to budgetary constraints. He revealed that during this financial year, the seating near the fountain at Harford Square had been refurbished and two seats in the Cwmins area. The latter had been considered repairable rather than replaceable because of the need to match the existing seats.
He confirmed that five seats had been available in the September of last year but as LTC had not responded promptly to this offer, 3 seats were allocated to another Town/Community Council. The two remaining seats would be located at King George Gardens imminently. Mr Jones mentioned that should LTC wish to acquire more seats during this financial year then funding could be provided from its own budget. CCC would be prepared to meet the maintenance costs of the purchased seats.
Mr Eirian Jones mentioned that ten second-hand seats had also been available from Aberystwyth Town Council but this offer had been declined by LTC.
The situation is to be reviewed in the next financial year.
Cllr.R.Phillips explained the situation regarding the Japanese visitors who had contributed towards the cost of a chair. A seat needs to be ordered after viewing a catalogue of possible chairs. The price must be determined before contacting the Japanese visitors.
- 5.6 Cymru ar Lein: Meet the Mouse - Minute (19/05:10.8)**
An IT workshop had been arranged at the UCW Lampeter on the 28th September but due to lack of response, it was cancelled. It is hoped that 3 workshops can be arranged in Lampeter during the next year.
- 5.7 Water stagnating on the entrance to the Ambulance Station (19/05 10:6):** This matter remains unresolved. CCC to be reminded of this request.
- 5.8 Dog Fouling Signs: (Minute 25/05 11.2)**

A communication from Mr Gareth Payne CCC revealed that the metal signs would be displayed at the following locations during the next month: Parc yr Orseddx1, Rookery Car Parkx2, High Stx4, College Stx2, Bridge Stx2, Council Officesx1, Memorial Gdnsx1, Cwminsx1. It was arranged that a councillor would accompany Mr Payne when undertaking this work.

5.9 Application of herbicides to Pavements:(minute 29c)

A letter received from Ceredigion County Council assuring citizens of the town that the practice currently adopted by this county was safe and necessary to maintain the smart appearance of Lampeter. The material in use is *Nomix Enviro Ltd's "Touche,"* a very advanced formulation, developed from well over twenty years of continual research and development in fluid hydraulics. Its use would not result in the danger to humans, animals or wildlife and would not wash into the drainage systems when applied correctly. Mr Philip Evans, Engineering Manager, concluded by stating that the removal of the unsightly pavement growth encouraged the development of trees and other ornamental plantations, thus ensuring that people continued to reside in a clean and healthy environment.

5.10 Citizens' Advice Bureau: (Minute 31/2005 11.4)

An apology for the closure was received. This had been due to many reasons but primarily because of the shortage of trained advisers. *Shelter's* withdrawal of attendance had also been influential but it was anticipated that this situation would improve shortly when a caseworker for *Shelter* would be re-appointed. An appeal for assistance was requested - in the recruitment of volunteers willing to train or to "chaperone" an adviser and in finding a more suitable location to St Thomas' Chapel.

5.11 Grant Funding: (Minute 31/2005 11.1)

The clerk contacted CAVO (Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organizations) to enquire about grant provision available under the headings of "Youth," "Parks," and "Footpaths." It was decided to give further consideration to the availability of grants in the "Footpaths" category. An additional grant in this area could be used in conjunction with the CCC Community Path Scheme 2006/07.

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

Kevin Aldridge Highways, Property & Works CCC communicated that a site meeting regarding the feasibility of this request would be arranged for the following week.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 32/2005

6.1 List of correspondence received from the 26th August to the 29th September (inclusive).

- ✓ **Property Asset Plan, Public Convenience Improvement Programme:**
C.C.C. - the County Council will embark upon a Capital Investment Programme (£2,975,000) over the next ten years of upgrading, improving and refurbishing the 54 public conveniences located within Ceredigion; phased capital expenditure of approximately £250,000/annum; (Lampeter-Rookery & Saint Thomas' St -£75,000 each -refurbish-full disabled access.) Views were sought regarding these improvements. Members welcomed the provision in little villages as well as in the town itself.
 The Town Council was also asked to consider taking responsibility for the maintenance including daily cleaning of the Public Conveniences in Lampeter: (Rookery, St Thomas' Street, Town Hall & Victoria Hall). This was not a request that the Town Council was prepared to accommodate as members felt that present arrangements deemed satisfactory.
- ✓ **Proposed Amendments to the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001:** Welsh Assembly Government-inviting comments on proposals to amend the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001. Responses to the consultation were requested by the 25/10/05. It was proposed that this information would apply to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the previous Mayor and copies would be forwarded to them for further consideration, should they wish to respond.
- ✓ **One Voice Wales** Newsletter: "The Voice"-for information
- ✓ **Play Innovations 2005**-Kopan Ltd-Play Equipment-for information
- ✓ **New Gemini:** Litter Bin/Recycling Bank-for information
- ✓ **Earth Anchors:** simple solutions- seats & benches, tables etc-for information
- ✓ **Night Out** scheme run by the *Community Touring Unit of The Arts Council of Wales* in partnership with Welsh local authorities - for information
- ✓ **Letter from Mrs Dilys Morris**, 29 Bridge Street, Lampeter stating that she had experienced a fall outside Somerfield Store when she tripped over an uneven part of the ground. As a result, she fractured her arm and has experienced a great deal of physical pain and discomfort since this incident. It was resolved to forward the letter to the Director of Highways, Property & Works, Ceredigion County Council. It was also agreed to send a letter to Mrs Morris to sympathise with her comments and to wish her a full and rapid recovery.

7. MENTER LLAMBED

Minute 33/2005

Chairman, Cllr. G. Evans reported that Menter Llanbed had experienced a busy time during recent weeks.

- **Town Hall**

A meeting had been convened with cabinet members of the county council to discuss the future of the Town Hall. Cllr. H.Harris informed members that the county council had no intention of using the hall for offices and therefore the building could revert to local public control. Cllr G.Evans appealed for suggestions from local people on ways to develop the upper floor. The strategy is to locate shops on the ground floor and to use this income to fund the development of the first floor. It was emphasised that the new developments should contribute to the cultural and economic welfare of the town.

- **Cwmann Gateway:** awaiting replies
- **Business Club:** Its success was going from strength to strength.
- **Welsh Rural Life project:** ongoing.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Minute 34/2005

Planning Permissions

8.1 **Lampeter Post Office, High St, Lampeter:** Conversion to 5 flats

8.2 **Land & barn adjacent to Hen Fferm, Maesypwll, Lampeter:** alterations/refurbishment of existing barn

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8.3 **West Lodge, Pontfaen Drive, Lampeter:** alterations & extensions - no objection to this application.

8.4 **Replanting of trees: Lampeter Secondary School, Peterwell Terrace,** Recent remodelling of the pedestrian & vehicular access and the provision of replacement hard play areas have resulted in the removal of many trees. The TC requested that new trees be planted on the land which is available in front of the school.

9. FINANCE: Minute 35/2005

	Maintenance	Donation	Administration
9.1 BT 3 months' bill			£57.31 £10.03 VAT
9.2 T.L.Thomas, Crossroads, Llanllwni: Materials for repairing Footpaths	£80.83 £14.14 VAT		
9.3 Eirwyn Williams Grasscutting	£400		

9.4 A Request for financial support was received from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre. It was decided not to contribute to this cause at the present time.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

Minute 36/2005

10.1 Footpath Sub-Committee

Mount Pleasant- work has now been completed.

The invoices for work carried out as part of the *Community Paths Scheme 2005/06* have been submitted to Wendy Campion, Ceredigion County Council: TOTAL £935.83 The estimate for the work had been £1,250.

It was decided to send a letter to Cllr. A.Carter to thank him for his invaluable contribution to Lampeter and for his diligence in completing the CCC's Community Paths Scheme 2005/06.

10.2 Pavements Sub-Committee

- Mill Street & North Road: work has not been carried out.
- Saint Thomas' & Victoria Terrace: pavements remain uneven although some remedial work has been undertaken
- Drovers' Rd: when walking up the right side from the town, paving slabs behind barriers are in need of relaying.
- Bryn-yr-Eglwys: Water stopcock covers need attention. Edges are sticking up from the tarmac.

These faults would be reported to CCC.

11 A.O.B.

Minute 37/2005

11.1 Cllr D.Williams disclosed that rats had been sighted in the vicinity of Bryn Rd. It was decided to inform the Dept of Environmental Services, CCC.

Signed.....

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