

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 30th JUNE 2005 AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

PRESENT: Councillor Mayor Hazel Davies (Chairperson)
Councillors:- Dorothy Williams (Deputy Chairperson),
Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, John Davies,
Margaret Evans-Davies, Tarquin Lubran,
Kistiah Ramaya, Christopher Thomas,
Richard Walsingham and Derek Wilson.
County Councillors: Robert Harris and Ivor Williams.

It was reported that the Cllr. Mayor H. Davies had recently spent a brief spell in hospital. Councillors wished her well and were pleased to see that she was now on the road to recovery. For this reason, Cllr. D. Williams (Deputy Chairperson) chaired a certain percentage of this meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Greg Evans, Robert Phillips, Selwyn Walters, Police Inspector Williams and Mr. N. North (TRecS representative).

Before the commencement of the meeting Mr Idris Williams, the former Town Clerk was presented with the shield, in appreciation of his services to the council over the past five years. A dinner has been arranged for Mr and Mrs Williams on Friday 8th July at the U.C.W. Lampeter.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th May were a correct record and signed by the Cllr. Mayor H. Davies, apart from two amendments:

2.1 Mart Site minute 14(f) pg2

It was recorded that Cllr. C. Barton had suggested that a part of the site could be used as a skatepark. Her actual proposition was that a part of it could be used to help young people in general and not

skateboarding in particular.

2.2 The Fair Trade Resolution minute 7(e)

The minutes of the 28th April should be read as:

"We agree to support the principle of fairtrade and to the products that carry the "Fairtrade" mark."

3. POLICE MATTERS

As there were no representatives present no discussions took place.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Wales in Bloom Competition minute 29(c)

The Parks and Gardens Officer, Ceredigion County Council was contacted to ask for more details of the spray which was used in the treatment of the weeds, in preparation for the Lampeter in Bloom competition. A letter of acknowledgement was received stating that the matter was receiving attention and a full reply would be sent in due course.

4.2 Bus Services -Timetables - minute 78(b)

This matter remains unresolved.

4.3 Sewage Treatment Works - minute 84(d)

Cllrs. C.Barton, H.Harris and D.Williams attended the site meeting at the Sewage Treatment Works on the 17th June in the presence of Mr R.Wilson from the Water Board. Despite the fact that half a million pounds was invested by Welsh Water last year in trying to improve the sewage works, some people still complain about the smells which seem to originate from this place - even though their occurrence are fairly infrequent and short lived, when compared to the much worse problems of the previous year.

In the meeting, the Water Company reported that they believed the problems were down to individuals and lorries opening manhole covers to dump waste. Mr. Wilson agreed to look at operational procedures at the sewage works and one of the main issues discussed was illegal dumping into drains. Cllr. Harris urged people to report any sightings of dumping into drains to either Welsh Water or to the County Council's environmental services.

4.4 Bequest £10,000 - minute 5(o)

The £10,000 has been transferred into a separate bank account. Two suggestions were received regarding the spending of the anonymous legacy:

- From Sue Moules, 44 Maesyderi, Lampeter: transforming the old technology block in Temple Terrace into an Arts Centre.
- From Anna Palliser, 27 Parc-Y-Felin, Lampeter: converting a part of Falcondale Lake to a nature reserve.

A letter would be sent to each person thanking them for their suggestions and to state that their proposals would be considered in due course.

4.5 Black Lion, Lampeter - minute 76(a)

No reply has been received regarding the cobbles within the curtilage of the Black Lion. It was decided to contact S.A.Brain & Company Limited yet again.

4.6 Planting Excess Bulbs, Parc yr Orsedd - Minute 77(g)

The daffodil bulbs have now been planted.

4.7 Recycling - minute 73(b)

It had been arranged for Mr. N.North and Mr M.Grey to make a presentation on the TRecS company, but the clerk received communication a few hours previously that Mr North would have to postpone his visit, due to a knee injury. It was decided that they would be invited to the next monthly meeting.

Mr H.Morgan from Ceredigion County Council will also address the Town Council on the 28th July.

4.8 Mart Site - minute 14(f)

A response was received to the letter sent to Ceredigion County Council asking if a part of the site could be utilised as a Skate Park/BMX Track.

This was not a request that they were prepared to recommend as several parties have the right, on a short term basis, to use different parts of the site for the storage of timber and unloading of building materials. As a result, there are a number of large lorries accessing the former mart on a regular basis. This would pose a potential

Health and Safety Issue, if the request was permitted. The County Council is also in discussion with several parties regarding the future use of the site and would not wish to enter into any arrangements that may prejudice these discussions.

It was resolved to contact them again expressing that an area for the use of young people is still urgently required.

4.9 Barley Mow: Signing - minute 8(a)

The request for a Street Nameplate sign, erected on the street leading to Barley Mow has been forwarded to the Street Scene Co-ordinator within C.C.C.for information and action.

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

No reply has been received from Ceredigion County Council. Cllr. Harris agreed to remind them of this request.

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

Responses were received from certain organisations: -

- **Rail Passenger Council:** they are concerned with passengers on trains only.
- **Strategic Rail Authority:** do not make any provisions in respect of car parking.
- **Arriva Trains Wales:** it was closed without prior consultation with Arriva Trains and without provision of alternative car parking facilities.
- **Elin Jones AM:** would like to receive more information regarding the problems, which may arise as a result of the closure of the car park.

It was decided to contact Mark Williams MP and Elin Jones AM regarding this issue.

4.12 Road Humps, Maesyfelin Rd, Lampeter - Minute 13(b)

Cllrs. H.Davies, M. Evans-Davies, H.Harris and D.Williams attended a site meeting at 2pm earlier today under the direction of Rachel Thomas, Highways, Property & Works Dept, Ceredigion County Council. Two propositions were discussed as alternative solutions to the installation of road humps. These plans would be completed by

September/October and displayed in a prominent place for the public to view and to consider. Grant aid could be given.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 14/2005

5.1 List of correspondence received from the 27th May to 30th June 2005 (Inc)

- **Llandysul Community Council**

A request for copies of Complaints Procedures, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of Lampeter Town Council. It was agreed to forward the Standing Orders booklet and to direct them to One Voice Wales for the receipt of the other regulations.

- **Disclosure Of Personal Interests**

Letter from Ceredigion County Council stating that an item entitled "Disclosure of Personal Interests" should be included early on every agenda. Directives on this issue have been circulated to each councillor, for future implementation.

- **Jobcentreplus**

Details of amendments to the opening hours at Lampeter Job Centre, due to falling register numbers and to the increased use of information technology. Commencing on the 18th July 2005, opening hours for Lampeter JobCentre will be curtailed to (9.00am-1pm) & (2.00pm-5pm) for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

- **King's Head Inn, 14 Bridge St, Lampeter, SA48 7HG**

Notice of application to transfer the justices' licence in respect of the above. A formal acknowledgement would be sent giving the unanimous support of the town council.

- **SMP (PLAYGROUNDS) LTD**

Commercial offers in children's playgrounds-for information.

- **Play Grant Scheme**

It was decided to make further enquires about this scheme.

- **Rural Wales Magazine**

Featuring 2 new campaigns; information about the AGM held on the 25th June 2005 in Newtown and details of the Snowdon Summit Appeal - for information

- **Be Ready**

Practical information for Welsh Employers, regarding age legislation-for information.

- **Urdd:** Newsletter: for information
- **One Voice Wales**
Copy of minutes of Annual meeting held on the 12th May 2005.
- **HLBVM audit (External Auditors for L.T.C.)**
Change of name to BDO Stoy Hayward as from 1st June 2005.
- **Fire & Rescue National Framework for Wales**
for information - circulated to members

6. MENTER LLAMBED

Minute 15/2005

The Business Club meeting took place at *Tŷ Nant* on the 28th June at 6pm.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Minute 16/2005

Planning Permission

- 7.1 Remodelling of existing pedestrian & vehicular access & provision of replacement hard play areas, Lampeter Secondary School, Peterwell Terrace, Lampeter. minute 16(a)

Disposed

- 7.2 Extension to dwelling & alterations/refurbishment of existing barn, land & barn adjacent to Hen Fferm, Maesypwll, Lampeter. minute 16(b)

Planning Application

- 7.3 Conversion to 5 flats, Alterations & Extension, Lampeter P.O. High St, Lampeter: concern was expressed regarding over development and car parking. minute 16(c)

8. FINANCE

Minute 17/2005

- 8.1 The council approved the statement of accounts contained in the annual return for the year ending 31 March 2005. A copy of the Receipts & Payments Account has been circulated to each member. These accounts will be forwarded to the internal auditor before being transferred to the external auditors (audit date 15th July 2005). The general public will have the opportunity to view these accounts and relevant documents over a period of 20 working days. (7th July - 3rd August from 18.00-21.00). This information would be displayed in

the glass cabinet adjacent to the Town Library. Minute 17(e)

8.2 **Lampeter Swimming Pool Committee:** Request for a donation from Tracy Harrison Little. It was agreed to ask for a copy of the balance sheet (2004-05). Minute 17(f)

8.3 **Lampeter Carnival Committee:** request for sponsorship, balance sheet enclosed. £350 donated. Minute 17(c)

Administration	£
17a) Redirecting mail (1 month)	13.40
17b) BT Bill (13/03-13/06) and connection charge	121.37
Donations	
17c) Lampeter Carnival	350.00
Maintenance	
17d) CCTV Link Rentals 1/07-30/09	5,757.50

9 SUB-COMMITTEES

Minute 18/2005

9.1 Pavements Sub-Committee (Minute 18a)

It was noted that there was a marked improvement to the pavement at Troedriw, North Rd since the recent work undertaken by Ceredigion County Council.

9.2 Footpath Sub-Committee (Minute 18b)

Footpath Clearance: Eirwyn Williams has won the tender for grass cutting and for the clearing of the paths. Two stiles need to be repaired. It was decided to ask for quotes.

9.3 Lighting Sub-Committee (Minute 18c)

It was reported that lights were required in Bryn yr Eglwys and North Rd.

10 A.O.B.

Minute 19/2005

10.1 Car Parking

Concerns were expressed relating to car parking in the town. Discussions took place regarding the cars parked on the pavements outside Spar, on the double yellow lines in College Street and about the heavy congestion which is a common feature of Drovers' Road. It was resolved that the clerk would ask the police to look into these concerns.

10.2 Clerk's Job Contract

The clerk has not, as yet, received an employment contract. It was resolved that a delegation of the town council would convene in order to draw up this statement.

10.3 Notice Board

Cllr Wilson is awaiting the shipment of a special material before embarking on this work.

10.4 The Town Hall's Clock

The Town Hall's Clock has stopped chiming due to the recent electrical power cut. It was agreed to report this fault to C.C.C.

10.5 Six seats - For the town of Lampeter

It was agreed that the clerk would make enquires regarding the acquisition of these chairs.

10.6 Pavement, Bridge St: -Update Highways Dept, C.C.C.

10.7 Water stagnating on the entrance to the Ambulance Station

Inform C.C.C.

10.8 Cymru ar Lein: The clerk to make enquires regarding this resource.

10.9 Request from the clerk to purchase a phone offering 1471, 1571 and caller display features - permitted to do so.

10.10 The purchase of a photocopier-

To investigate further

10.11 Request from the clerk to tape record the meetings in order to assist with the recording of the minutes

Granted permission on the condition that the information is for personal use and that it is deleted after the minutes are printed and are found to be correct.

10.12 Hafan Deg Fête- 2nd July 2pm

Details were given of this event.

Signed.....

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