



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN**

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**2006 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER**

**PRESENT:**

**Cllr.** Mayor Hazel Davies (**Chairperson**)

**Cllrs:** Dorothy Williams (Deputy Chairperson)  
Cecilia Barton, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Robert Harris, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya, Chris Thomas and Derek Wilson.

County Councillor Ivor Williams

P.C.Sgt. Stephen Glynn

Mr Ron. Whithead and Anna Palliser; Falcondale Lake Action Group (FLAG).

Two residents of Lampeter: Mr Geoff Carter and Mrs Trish Carter.

Prior to the commencement of the full meeting Mr Ron Whithead and Anna Palliser of the *Falcondale Lake Action Group (FLAG)*, addressed members. Their presentation outlined their views on the proposals, which may be the basis of future plans for the lake. One proposal is to develop a Carp Fishery at the lake, which means denoting the site as a *Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)*. The *Countryside Council for Wales (CCW)* is currently considering this proposal. Another proposal, which is backed by FLAG activists, is for the lake to remain as a *Site of Special Scientific Interest*. This could become a reality as an opportunity exists of turning the lake into a community project. An agreement is now sought between FLAG and the CCW and hopefully, a solution will ensue. A settlement between the views of the conservationists and the fishery development is now needed.

At the conclusion Ron Whithead and Anna Palliser were thanked by the Chairperson for attending the meeting and for their contribution.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Andrew Carter, Tarquin Lubran Selwyn Walters and the Police Inspector Paul Williams.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Declaration of interest in an item under consideration at this meeting of the Town Council:**

- 2.1 Cllr Deputy-Mayor D.Williams declared an interest, when the quotes for Grass Cutting at Parc yr Orsedd and Footpaths' Maintenance were discussed and vacated the premises.
- 2.2 Cllr. R.Phillips also declared an interest, when the purchase of a sign at Barley Mow was considered.

### 3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was resolved to confirm as a true record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006. They were signed by the Cllr. Mayor Hazel Davies.

### 4. **POLICE MATTERS**

P.C.Sgt. Stephen Glynn updated members on recent events.

#### 4.1 **Application for a licence to serve food from a van at Harford Square, very late at night: Oz Bar, Lampeter**

It was resolved unanimously to make a formal objection to this licensing application, as members of the Town Council could foresee numerous problems arising. The congregating of people on the square, very late at night, after leaving licensed premises could have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the local residents. In addition, it was reported that many inhabitants were very concerned that Lampeter's entry into the "Britain in Bloom" competition could be adversely affected. It was also decided to forward the petition, from members of the public, who were in strong opposition to this application, to Ceredigion County Council.

4.2 A number of parking tickets had been issued to motorists who had parked their cars on bus stops.

4.3 The season of Traffic Wardens would be starting shortly.

4.4 The Magistrates' Court had suffered a break-in recently.

### 5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

5.1 **Barley Mow: re: Street nameplate sign: Minute 8(a)** According to John Lumley of One Voice Wales, who has contacted CCC on behalf of the Town Council, CCC does hold responsibility to finance road signs. This includes street name-signs. Nevertheless, a very low priority is placed on this type of sign and due to budgetary constraints, CCC is unable to meet this obligation, during the present or the next financial year. They are, however, prepared to assist in other ways and have provided quotations: £400 for a free standing sign and £200 for a wall mounted sign. It was resolved to opt for the latter. Some councillors felt that the Town Council should not pay for the provision of this sign, as it could start a precedent where they could be expected to fund projects, which were essentially the responsibility of the County Council. It was stressed that this was a one-off outlay, which would assist in resolving a very long drawn-out matter. (The Town Council is also awaiting a reply from the legal dept of One Voice Wales regarding "double-precepting".)

5.2 **Parc yr Orsedd: re sign and remedial work following the Play Wales Inspection: Minute 44/2005** - a suitable sign has now been ordered and arrangements for the remedial work are in hand.

5.3 **Quotes: Grass Cutting at Parc yr Orsedd and Footpaths' Maintenance:** Only one response was received, from Mr Eirwyn Williams, Blodfryn, Lampeter-Grass Cutting at Parc yr Orsedd during May, June, July, August and September + cuttings removed £425; Footpath maintenance £90/day. Public Liability

Insurance in place. Cllr G.Evans proposed to accept this quote. This was seconded by the Cllr. D.Wilson. It was agreed to accept this proposal.

- 5.4 Lampeter Town Council Website- Menter Llambod: Minute 50(b):** A few amendments have now been undertaken. The minutes and agenda are posted monthly to the site. It was decided to delete the information stored under the "Duties and Powers of Councillors" section and direct browsers to the information provided by *One Voice Wales*. Members also discussed the possibility of displaying their phone numbers and e-mail addresses on the site, bearing in mind the implications of the Data Protection Act. It was decided to find out each councillor's preference, before allowing members of the public access to this information.
- 5.5 I.T. System:Minute 50(a):** It was resolved to purchase an IT system from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Windows XP Pro, 3 years warranty £670.
- 5.6 Opening an account at the Alliance and Leicester B.S.:** this application is now being processed. £70,000 will be withdrawn from the Lloyds TSB a/c and £10,000 from the "Bequest a/c" i.e. a total of approx £80,000 (+ interest accumulated on the Bequest a/c) will be transferred to this *Alliance and Leicester 30 days Community Account* ( 4.2% interest/annum).
- 5.7 Notice board:** Cllr. D.Wilson has, by now, repaired the notice board.
- 5.8 Return of gown: Cllr. Walsingham:** It was decided to contact Cllr. Walsingham's at his new address, which had been found by the Police, to request the return of the gown. Two similar letters would be sent - a recorded delivery and an ordinary letter.
- 5.9 Dog fouling and rodent issues: CCC: (St Thomas' Street, adjacent to the Castle and at Bryn Road in close proximity to the school):** A communication received from CCC stated that the Council's Dog Wardens and Environmental Protection Officers have been asked to keep the above mentioned areas under observation and to issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate, for failure to remove dog faeces. It was stressed that citizens should be vigilant and to report dog owners who fail to comply with current legislation, to the authorities. It was also expressed that these people should be encouraged to take responsibility for their dogs' actions and to be made aware of the potential health risk of such malpractice.
- Regarding the rodents' issue, Victoria Hall Minute 37/05 11.1:** Mr Dewi Roberts CCC stated that he was not aware of any recent reports of rodent sightings in the Victoria Hall area. Treatment of drains etc (undertaken last October) in this area appear to have been successful in eliminating the problem. The matter will, however, be kept under review.
- 5.10 Acceptance of office: Mayor/Deputy Mayor Elect:** Letters received from Cllr. D. Williams and Cllr. Chris Thomas confirming acceptance of office.
- 5.11 Venue of the AGM:** It was decided that The Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony will be held at the Old College Hall, UCW Lampeter on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.
- 5.12 Parking in Harford Row:** Communication received from CCC notifying the Town Council that the Cwmins (the common/carpark) has a restriction placed upon it under the "Off Street Parking Order". This states that HGVs over 7.5 tonnes are prohibited from parking between the hours of 08:00-18:00. As most commercial vans are under this weight, they are entitled to park at this location day or night. This will be considered further.

- 5.13 Using New lamp columns, Bridge Street to power and mount Christmas decorations:** The funding of the proposed Christmas lights connections to the new lamp columns at Bridge Street was discussed at the last meeting. It was conveyed that Ceredigion County Council, in its role as a Highway Lighting Authority it is not involved in providing Christmas lighting. Mr Garrod stated that he would be prepared to modify the design specifications accordingly but the Town Council will have to fund the additional equipment costs involved. When a final lighting scheme has been prepared, he will forward a copy to the Town Council who will have to indicate on the drawing, which columns will be required. An estimate of the costs will then be provided.
- 5.14 Traffic Calming measures in “Picton Lane” Lampeter:** It was resolved to request a site meeting at this location, between the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor and a representative from CCC.
- 5.15 Nomination of Cllr. Mayor H.Davies and Mr Noel Davies to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party on the 11<sup>th</sup> July:** A letter received from the One Voice Wales organisation, informing the Town Council that the application has been successful.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE Minute 65/2005**

### **List of correspondence received from the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to the 30<sup>th</sup> March (inc)**

- 6.1 Menter Llambled Cyf: requesting letter of support:** It was resolved to support Menter Llambled’s initiative to return the Town Hall into community use. It would be expressed that the Town Council would be prepared to continue to rent a suitable room in the Town Hall under the new building management of Menter Llambled. However, it would be mentioned that the present room provided is small for the Town Council’s purpose and a larger accommodation would be appreciated.
- 6.2 “Footprint” newsletter produced by the “Waste Management Section” of CCC:** information regarding recycling in Ceredigion and other “green” issues. The newsletter can be downloaded from the County Council’s website [www.ceredigion.gov.uk](http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk).
- 6.3 Urban Scope Furniture: benches, street furniture, bins etc:** for information
- 6.4 The Countryside Code: North Wales Tourism Publications:** for information
- 6.5 Traws Cambria: Get 2 Work 4 Free Week (3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> April) offering free travel to work.** The week is funded by the W.A.Government and is organised by CCC and FBA as a means of promoting the Traws Cambria bus services, X40(Aberystwth to Carmarthen); X50 ( Aberystwyth to Cardigan) and X550 (Aberystwyth-New Quay-Cardigan). It was decided to thank the FBA, CCC and the TrawsCambria bus service for arranging this initiative.

## **7. MENTER LLAMBED MINUTE 66/2005**

Cllr. G.Evans, Chair of Menter Llambled Cyf informed members of recent and future events.

- The Business Plan re the Town Hall will be presented, for consideration to representatives of Ceredigion County Council in the imminent future.

- The Business Club's first anniversary was recently celebrated.
- Members were reminded of the Public Consultation to be held at the Victoria Hall on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Projects exhibited by Menter Llambod Cyf, UCW Lampeter; Lampeter in Bloom Association and Longwood Community Woodlands.
- Cllr Evans encouraged members to log-on to the Menter Llambod's website.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Minute 67/2005 (within the Lampeter ward)**

**It was reported that the following planning applications had been permitted by Ceredigion County Council.**

- 8.1 Extension to curtilage and replacement garage, North Lodge, Falcondale.
- 8.2 Conversion, alterations and extension to form new Social Activity Centre, Old Technology Block, Peterwell Terrace.
- 8.3 Formation of Access, Old Technology Block, Lampeter Sec.School.
- 8.4 Change of use from retail to dental surgery: The Barn, 2 Market Place.
- 8.5 Erection of a first floor extension: Mydroilyn, Mount Walk.

**Withdrawn: The following application has been withdrawn:**

- 8.6 Units 20+21, Lampeter Industrial Estate, Tregaron Rd. These two units will revert to business outlets.

### **Planning Applications**

**The following applications were received:**

- 8.7 Change of use to bakery, 40A High Street.
- 8.8 Erection of a house and garage-Aberdan.
- 8.9 Erection of plantroom as extension: Lampeter Sec. School.
- 8.10 Operations to provide and improve access for the disabled: HSBC Bank.
- 8.11 Erection of an extension: Gerllan, Bryn Road.

**No objection was raised to any of the applications under review.**

## **8.12 Ceredigion Unitary Development Plan: notice of proposed modifications to Proposals for a Unitary Development Plan: CCC:**

A Public Local Inquiry was held in 2005 to consider objections to proposals for the Ceredigion Unitary Development Plan. As a result of considering the Inspectors' Report, CCC are proposing to modify these plan proposals. The Authority does not intend to accept all the recommendations in the report. An opportunity is offered to object to the proposed modifications and the intention not to modify the plan proposals in accordance with certain of the recommendations in the report. No objections were declared at this meeting. If no objections are received before midday on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, CCC intends to adopt the proposals. The Inspectorate Report regarding housing development stated that too many sites had been included in the local development plan e.g. Troedrhwi, Brondeifi.

**9. FINANCE  
MINUTE 68/2005**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£	£	£
	<b>Admin.</b>	<b>Maint.</b>	<b>Sec 137</b>
a) BT Bill	51.66		
b) Cambrian Offices Supply	5.25		
c) Planning Aid Books O.V. Wales	15.00		
d) Zurich Municipal: additional annual premium	66.02		
e) Ffynnonbedr School Disco: Refreshments	35.67		
f) Photocopier/Ink/Toner for computer/Stationery	258.38		
g) Young at Heart Insurance	178.25		
h) Swalec Christmas Lights		601.74	
i) 3 months MLL Telecom		5,757.50	
j) Lampeter in Bloom Association			500.00
k) Lampeter Eisteddfod			1,000.00
l) Lampeter Food Festival			351.00
m) Campaign Protection Of Rural Wales			20.00
n) Air Ambulance Wales			25.00
<b>INCOME</b>			
o) Payment for Planning Aid Books	10.00		
p) Christmas Lights' grant CCC		475.00	
q) CCTV Payment UCW Lampeter 5/12 x £1,000		416.67	

- 9.1 **A request for financial support was received from Lampeter Swimming Pool.** It was revealed that £1,000 had already been donated during the present financial year (August 2005). It was decided to enquire if this request was for the forthcoming year.
- 9.2 **A request for financial support was also received from the SEREN organisation.** It was agreed not to make a contribution at this present time.
- 9.3 **CCTV System:** CCC has reported that all the six Lampeter cameras are now fully functional with telemetry and recording facilities. The County Council has also advised the Town Council to pay for the amounts demanded from MLL Telecom. £1,633.33/month (ex VAT). The refund of £11,433, for the malfunction from July to January is awaited. The new contract of £12,000/annum, as opposed to £19,600/annum is yet to commence.
- 9.4 **BDO Stoy Hayward LLP:** informing the Town Council that they will not be able to issue the Annual Audit Packs for 2005/06 at the beginning of April as per usual but rather at the beginning of May. The timetable for the audit of Lampeter T.C. is set as follows –  
 Display notice from 29/05/06-11/06/06  
 Make records available from 12/06/06-7/07/06  
 Date for submission of audit/audit date 14/07/06
- 9.5 **Thank you letter re: donation of £50-National Eisteddfod of Wales.** Representatives of the Executive Committee of the above mentioned Eisteddfod. were very appreciative of this gesture and asked if their gratitude could be

conveyed to members of the Town Council at their next meeting. They stated that receiving financial contributions from Eisteddfod friends all over Wales is a great assistance, considering that it currently costs over £2 million to stage the event.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEES**  
**Minute 69/2005**

**PAVEMENTS' SUB-COMMITTEE**

10.1 Cllr. D.Williams reported that a representative of CCC had accompanied her around the town recently. The aim of the exercise was to draw the County Council's attention to the pools of water which accumulate at different locations after spells of heavy rain e.g. outside the secondary school, ambulance station, Hafan Deg Residential Home.

**10.2 It was decided to report to CCC that problems existed on pavements situated:**

- Outside the Boots store, College Street.
- Adjacent to the Fire station.
- At Bridge Street: From the bridge (by the Co-op store) to the entrance to New Street.
- Outside Buckingham House, Church Street.
- In front of the War Memorial

**11. AOB: Minute 70/2005**

11.1 **Christmas Lights:** Cllr. J.Davies reported that Llandysul Community Council had received a grant of £5,000 in order to improve their Christmas Lights' display.

11.2 **Cllr. Mayor Hazel Davies** was concerned that the floodlight on the War Memorial was illuminated continuously. She stated that she would pursue this matter further.

11.3 **Leasing a parcel of land:** it was decided to contact the UCW Lampeter in order to ask whether it is possible to lease a parcel of land, from them as an amenity for the people of Lampeter.

11.4 **Family Centre Committee:** It was resolved that Cllr C.Barton would be nominated as a representative on this committee, should a vacancy exist.

11.5 **Victoria Hall, Lampeter:** It was stated that CCC are opposed to selling the Victoria Hall on the open market, but would support a future for the hall which brings in community projects. It was decided to discuss this matter further, at the next meeting and members were encouraged to collate their ideas by that time.

**As no other matters were raised, the meeting closed at 10.15pm.**

**12. Date of next meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006, 7.30pm.**