

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 29th August 2002 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

Cll. Andrew Carter, Mayor.
Cll. Cecilia Barton.
Cll. Ivor Williams.
Cll. Selwyn Walters.
Cll. Kistah Ramaya.
Cll. John Davies.
Cll. Greg Evans.
Cll. Mrs. Margaret Davies Evans.
Cll. Robert Phillips.

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Dorothy Williams.
Cll. Robert Harris.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meeting on 25th July 2002 were agreed as being accurate with one small addition, “is lodged” item 19a.

MATTERS ARISING

The Objective 1 and Menter, Llambed. – Minute 4c.
Interviews had now been held in respect of the appointment of a Development Officer, a short list of 5 were interviewed and a person had been offered the post. Premises had also been found in the High Street for an office for the Menter and it was hoped that a launch day would be held on 1st October 2002.

. CCTV. – minute 69e 2000 and minute 9a 2002.

Mark Elliot had acknowledged receipt of the letter requesting confirmation that the defective camera would be attended to, but no other information received to date. A member had viewed the whole system at the Police Station at Aberystwyth again and found that it was much improved. The Police stated that they system was now effective in that it deterred potential offenders as well as assisting in the detection of crime. Members requested to again visit the Control Centre when at Aberystwyth and view the

system. Mark James of PDS was also available to meet groups of members if they so required.

Highway Matters.

A475 Llanwnnen to Lampeter Road-minute 44b.

Members felt that they needed an update and that there was a need to press for the urgent necessity for the pavement extensions. It was noted that there were speed assessment equipment on the road at the present, placed there by the County Council.

Church Gate-minute 40a.

The Parochial Church Council has been contacted, but to date there was no progress. She was planning a meeting very shortly to progress the matter further.

Lamps at Bridge Street – minute 7b.

Two tenders had been received, one for £845 plus vat and one for £1110 plus vat. The Chamber of Trade were meeting on 16th September 2002 when the matter would be discussed. The Chamber had been given copies of the quotes. The County Council would adopt these lights if they are up to standard. Concern was expressed as to the continual vandalism of the lamps concerned and the advice of the police officer was present was sought. It was also agreed to write to the Lighting Division of the Ceredigion County Council requesting their advice on anti vandal measures.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

Work was still progressing. However due to the efforts of the Mayor, who had attended a meeting at Aberaeron, LINC S Ceredigion had made a provisional offer of a grant of £2000 towards the cost of the rebuild. An application had now been submitted and the result expected in September, 2002.

In Town Without My Car- minute 19c.

Notice had been received that the High Street would be closed from 9a.m. to 9pm. on the day. It was understood that the County Council had received a grant of £6000 towards the day, but no money would be allocated to the organisers of events on the day. There was also a need to arrange public liability insurance. The Town Council were requested to pay half of the cost of this insurance and agreed to do so.. The events planned were listed.

Letter from Mrs. Conti – minute 19b.

No reply received to date in respect of letter forwarded and it was felt that since this matter had now been under discussion for 6 to 8 years, there was need for urgent progress. County Council to be made aware of the Town Council's view in respect of delays and requested to provide an update.

Ymlaen Ceredigion-minute 25a.

The Course planned had been cancelled and the fees forwarded by the Town Council reimbursed.

Town Twinning-minute 25g.

Permission had been granted by Ceredigion County Council for the siting of a possible stone at the area of land opposite the Police Station. No information received from Carmarthenshire County Council in regard to the banners to be placed near the Teifi Bridge. Mayor had identified a suitable stone. Matter now to be left to the Town Twinning Committee. The items concerned in minute 29f had been placed in the Library.

Airwave Cymru-minute 25h.

Consultation letter received in respect of the work to be carried out on the existing mast at Barley Mow. No views expressed.

Bus/Train Timetables-minute 29a.

It appears that Kath Timothy of the Carmarthenshire County Council was still dealing with the matter, but she had not replied to an e-mail forwarded, requesting an update. Enquiries to be continued.

New Printer-minute 29b.

Quotes had been received from Teifi Computers. It was suggested that another contractor should be offered to quote. Thereafter the matter to be left to the discretion of Cllr. Robert Phillips.

Parking Bridge Street-minute 29d

The Police had been monitoring the area and had reported several offenders. They would continue and make an effort to obtain the services of a traffic warden on some days in the future. The yellow no parking lines in the area had become faded.

Dental Surgery-minute 29e.

Reply had been received from the Dyfed Powys Health Authority stating that they were aware of the problem and attempting to find a dentist, who would open a practice in Lampeter offering National Health services. A grant of £40 000 was available for any suitable applicant. They requested that the Council, assist in any way they could in obtaining the services of a suitable person. Members agreed to write expressing their full support.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 30/2002.

P.S. Kevin Davies was in attendance and updated the members in regard to parking at Bridge Street and the CCTV system. Cllr. Mrs. Barton also updated members on her patrol with the police and stated that she wished to thank the officers for the success of the event. It was agreed that any other member who wished to go out on police patrol, could contact the police station and make their individual arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 31/2002.

Lampeter Ruby Club-minute 31a.

Letter of appreciation and receipt in respect of the donation made towards the replacement sign on the Rugby Club ground.

Tai Cantref AGM-minute 31b.

It was resolved that Cllr. Ivor Williams attend this meeting and represent the Council.

BK Signs-minute 31c.

The Mayoral Board had been updated, but they stated that the materials used in the previous year was slightly of a different colour. Resolved to request the contractor for the forthcoming year to attempt matching.

British Austin Society-minute 31d.

Information to the effect that the Society would be in the area between the 14th and 21st September, 2002 and had a free day on the 18th, when members had been advised to consider a visit to Lampeter. The members were advised to visit the Town hall and sign visitors book etc. It was agreed to write to the Society, informing them that the Town Hall is owned by the County Council and is shut all week. However the current Mayor, Cllr. Carter would be prepared to meet a group of the Society members.

Mid/West Wales Fire Authority-minute 312e.

Structure report available for perusal of all members.

Commission for Racial Equality-minute 31f.

Code of Conduct available at the Clerks Office for the use of all members.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 32/2002.

Gwarcoed, Maestir Road-minute 32.

Extension to annexe. Approved.

Brynsteffan, Lampeter-minute 32b.

Construction of 13 new dwellings. Approved.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 33/2002.

3 Dwellings at gatefield, Lampeter-minute 33a

Erection of Dwelling at plot 3 Peterwell Estate, Forest Road, Lampeter-minute 33b.

Demolition and rebuild of garage at Tudor Hall, Lampeter-minute 33c.

FINANCE.

Minute 34./2002.

Ceredigion halls hire-minute 34a.	£123 00p.
BK Signs-minute 34b.	£47 00p.

INCOME.

Sale of mugs.	£176 00p
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 35/2002.

Lampeter in Bloom-minute 35a.

Concern was expressed in regard to the current state of external decoration of Priordy Flats, Lampeter. During the recent Lampeter In Bloom Competition, all areas of the two were a credit, with the exception of these flats. Resolved to write again to the County Council requesting action.

Bollard at rear of Somerfield Store-minute 35b.

The bollard concerned had been disconnected and as a result vehicle could use the rear service road as a through road. It was suggested that the fault had been rectified by means of re locking the bollard. Enquiries to be made to ensure that the information to hand was accurate and that the fault had been rectified.

Standing Orders-minute 35c.

The new Standing Orders were now ready for final decision by the Sub Committee concerned. It was resolved to call a meeting of this Sub Committee at the Town Hall at 7-30p.m. on Wednesday 4th September, 2002.

Lampeter Market-minute 35d.

It as suggested that the lack of stallholders at the Lampeter Market may be due to the excessive rent charges. There was also some discussion on any option to move the market stalls onto the High Street to bring that market into line with the location of the Farmers Market. However the size of the market stalls maybe a problem for other traders. Resolved to write to the County Council requesting information re current charges and requesting consultation re any removal from current site.

Tennis Courts-minute 35e.

Complaints received in regard to the state of the tennis courts. Information to hand of negotiations between the trustees of the Tennis Club and other bodies, with a view to repairs and combined usage. Agreed to take no further action at his time.

Dewhurst Factory, Lampeter-minute 35f.

Discussions regarding the current position in relation to the letting of the old Dewhurst Factory at Lampeter. Concern also expressed that with the new closures of large businesses in other areas, the Lampeter area had been pushed into the background. Resolved to write to Andrew Davies A.M., Elin Jones A.M. and Cllr. Ray Quant of Ceredigion County Council, pressing the Lampeter case.

Rubbish at rear of Black Lion-minute 35g.

Some rubbish had been deposited near a drain at the rear of the Black Lion Hotel. IT was resolved that since the matter was in regard to private land, the Council would not take any action at this time.

Lampeter Eisteddfod-minute 35h.

The Mayor commented on the success of the recent Lampeter Eisteddfod.

Anwen Butten, Commonwealth Games Medal Winner-minute 35i.

Following a discussion it was resolved to invite Mrs. Butten to the next Council meeting to congratulate her on her success. Comment was also made in regard to the Friends and family welcome home event, which members had been invited to. IT was resolved that this event was in no way a Civic Reception and that in future invitations of this nature to members should be directed through the Mayor and the Clerk. The Clerk stated that he was very concerned in regard to the fact that he was only informed at 2-6p.m. on the day of the event, the event being schedules for some 20 minutes later. He further stated, that contrary to rumours, he had not resigned.

Street lighting-minute 35j

Complaints in regard to lamps lit all day at North Road, Aberaeron Road and Brynyreglwys. Resolved to inform Ceredigion County Council.

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of2002.