

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 25th March, 2004 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

Cll. Robert Harris, Mayor, Cll. Kistiah Ramaya, Cll. Selwyn Walters, Cll. Dorothy Williams, Cll. Greg Evans, Cll. Ivor Williams, Cll. Cecila Barton, Cll. Andrew Carter, Cll. Hazel Davies, Cll. John Davies, Cll. Mrs. Margaret Davies Evans.
Cll. Robert Phillips.

APOLOGIES.

None

Before the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr. Harris introduced Ruth Edwards who spoke to members on the subject of making Lampeter a Fair Trade Town. The procedure in regard to obtaining such a status was explained and items of Fair Trade goods were shown around amongst members. It was further explained to the meeting that the initial step was for the Council to make a resolution that they supported a Fair Trade, followed by other steps such as traders stocking Fair Trade Goods. Following the talk, Mrs Edwards was thanked by the Mayor. Members then resolved that they would be prepared to make the required resolution and would support the application that was being considered by the Lampeter Chamber of Trade. It was further agreed that members of the Council would be prepared to sit on any committee formed to progress the project. Chamber of Trade to be informed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 4th March, 2004 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

Highway matters-minutes – 12b.

Reply to the effect that Ceredigion did not intend to re line the car parking spaces in the near future and that they had no plans to have a Pay and Display scheme in the Car Park, although it would be legal to do so. Resolved to write accepting the replies, but requesting that in any future re line plans, the Council's views be considered.

Bus time Tables-minute-43i.

Response received from County Council stating that all suggestions had been considered and that the current time tables were considered to be the best on offer. There was no end date projected, hence it could not be published on the time tables.

Misuse of Public Seats-minute 48a.

Reply from W.I. suggesting that seat be moved to King George Gardens. Seat has already been moved from in front of Library. Resolved to forward the W.I. request to the County Council. It was also noted that the Notice Board had been damaged. Cllr. Ivor Williams agreed to repair the damage to the Notice Board. It was also suggested that replacement seats be located on the King George Gardens and at a spot near the rear of the Library buildings.

Sewage Works Odour-minute 48b.

No indication that the work had been completed yet

CCTV costs-minute 49a

Cllr. Phillips had been in contact with Mark Elliot outlining the position. He had been requested to seek costings from MLL in respect of a new 5 year contract or a 12 months extension on current contract. The cost involved may dictate the course of action to be taken.

Old Technology Block-minute 55e

No reply from County Council. It appears that the County Council have a number of Departments interested in its use, but have no funds allocated for renovation. In view of the Youth Club aspect, it was resolved to invite the Head of Youth Services in Ceredigion to address the next meeting.

Kalix Trip-minute 58e.

Response from the High School to the effect that they do not wish to pursue matter.

Royal garden Party-minute 63c.

Nomination had been made but was unsuccessful.

Dog Warden Scheme-minute 63e.

Meeting on 8th April, 2004 at Llanina Arms, Llanarth if any member interested.

Hywel Williams Letter-minute 63h.

Reply letter from Inland Revenue defending the policy- Chancellor not in a position to reply to all letters.

Town hall-minute 63i.

Matter passed to the Highways, Property and Works Department, reply awaited.

Farmers Market Meeting-minute 68a.

Cllr. Dorothy Williams had attended and updated the members. Market now to be held at side/rear of Somerfield Store, with up to 12 stalls, which were provided by the County Council. Mayor or member of the Council to be requested to attend AGM. Committee congratulated by the Council.

Street Lighting Bryn Road-minute 68b. Other lighting defects – minute 68c.

No reply received from County Council in respect of Bryn Road, other defects repaired.

Request to purchase seat-minute 63a.

No reply to date from County Council.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 69/2003

No police officer present, no apology received.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 70/2003.

Closure of Rural Surgeries-minute 70a.

Correspondence from Community Health Council re closure of rural surgeries. Resolved to oppose the closures.

Lampeter Town Nameplates-minute 70b.

Reply from County Council offering two options. One was replacement signs at cost of upwards of £2500 or two the addition of small plates indicating the town twinning. In view of the price it was resolved to request a price in regard to the second option and request Menter Llambled to research possible grants for the manufacture and erection of new signs.

Draft Fire and Rescue Report-minute 70c.

Was to be circulated to members and any comments made at next meeting

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 71/2003 Alterations to Proposed Unitary Plan-minute 71a.

It was agreed that the suggestions put forward by the Council had been adopted and that no further action required at this stage.

Maengwyn, North Road-minute 71b.

Alteration to driveway – no objection offered.

Lampeter High School-minute 71c.

Temporary siting of office- no objection offered.

Lampeter Bowling Club-minute 71d.

Change of use of land to a bowling green-no objection.

Falcondale Hotel-minute 71e.

Retrospective permission re demolition of dangerous sheds and walls- no objection but concern to be expressed re the original demolition without permission.

Llanfair Road-minute 71f.

Outline planning for 20 dwellings- no formal objection to be offered, but development to be within the existing designated planning area and concern re the current proposed density within this area.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 72/2003.

Beudy Bach, Drovers Road-minute 72a.

Extension at Fire Station-minute 72b

FINANCE.

Minute 73/2003.

B.T. line rental. calls-minute 73a.	£45 20p.
Teifi Computers-minute 73b.	£47 50p.
Postage/misc.-minute 73c	£34 76p.
Clerks salary-minute 73d.	£729 66p.
One Voice Wales-minute 73 e.	£189 00p.
Derby/Joan Insurance-minute 73f.	£117 46p.
Mayors allowance- minute 73g – resolved that £200 to be paid to current Mayor and £2200 to incoming Mayor due to AGM being in June as opposed to may this year.	

NOTE.

All donation requests and the grass cutting contract for Parc yr Orsedd held back until April meeting when the new Financial year would begin.

MENTER LLAMBED.

Minute 74/2003.

Cllr. Walters reported that the current projects were the use of the Town hall, Broadband, Town Trail and Town Brochure. The Menter were still awaiting a decision by Ceredigion County Council re the future use of the Town Hall, but Rod Emberton had produced some plans in respect of part of the building. These were handed to the Clerk for safe keeping. Broadband had now reached 300 names but many more were required and members could assist by obtaining signatures. The Town Trail was progressing and would be complete in early summer. The Town Brochure was now seeking adverts for its support.

A.O.B.

Minute 75/2003.

Nuclear Weapons Free World-minute 75a.

It was resolved that the Mayor could sign declaration.

Town hall-minute 75b.

Complaints re lack of heating at Town Hall during meetings, Resolved to complain to County Council.

Wall rear Black Lion Hotel-minute 75c.

The boundary wall between the hotel and the adjoining flats was dangerous, resolved to inform County Council

Tennis Courts-minute 75d.

Concern re current condition. Information to hand that funding has been obtained from the Opportunities Fund for renovation work and thereafter facility to be run in partnership with other authorities such as County Council.

Vehicles parking on pavements-minute 75e

Complaints re vehicles parking on pavements, particularly in High Street and Bridge Street. Matter to be forwarded for attention of Police.

Parc yr Oresdd-minute 75f.

It was suggested that an official re opening be arranged at a suitable time.

Web Site-minute 75g.

Site had now been updated.

Mayors Dinner- minute75h.

Has been arranged for Thursday 6th May, 2004, venue to be arranged and notified later.