



LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2006
AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

PRESENT:

Cllr. Dorothy Williams (**Chairperson**)

Cllrs: Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Kistiah Ramaya and Derek Wilson.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mayor Hazel Davies, Rob Harris, Robert Phillips, Chris Thomas, 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 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 resolved to confirm as a true record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council, held on the 30th March 2006. They were signed by the Cllr. Deputy Mayor Dorothy Williams.

4. POLICE MATTERS

As no representatives were present, no discussions took place.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 **AGM arrangements (5/05/06):** Copies of the agenda and details of the order of service were circulated to members.

5.2 **Victoria Hall, Lampeter:** Minute 70/2005 11.5: Certain points were discussed about the local use of the hall as a community centre. Although it would be a great asset for the town, certain objections were drawn attention to, e.g. the limited parking, the need to upgrade kitchen facilities, toilet facilities and disabled access. Further discussion is imperative.

5.3 **CCTV Report for March 2006: CCC:** It was reported that all six Lampeter cameras were now fully functional. Members felt that further details regarding the monitoring of these cameras would prove beneficial. It was resolved to contact the Police Inspector.

5.4 **Barley Mow: re Street nameplate sign** Minute 8(a): In the absence of Cllr R.Phillips, it was decided to postpone this matter until the next meeting.

- 5.5 **Shelter Cymru re relocating to Lampeter:** Notification received from Norma Giddings, Housing Law Caseworker, Aberystwyth Branch stating that this enquiry has been forwarded to the Cardiff office, for attention.
- 5.6 **Return of gown:** Cllr. Walsingham: The two posted letters had been returned to the clerk, declaring that the addressee was not known at this address. It was decided to seek further advice from the police and the insurance company. It was also resolved to inform Mr Owen Watkin, the Chief Executive, Ceredigion County Council of the vacancy, as a result of this event.
- 5.7 **Request for traffic calming measures in "Picton Lane" Lampeter:** Minute 58/2005 11.3:Cllr. K.Ramaya reported on the site meeting, which had been held between a delegation from the Town Council and the Traffic Management and Strategy Assistant, Mr Tom Delph-Janiureck of CCC on the 13th April. A number of possibilities were discussed. A formal letter, received shortly afterwards, did not voice a positive response to this request. It was resolved to contact CCC again, to state that the reply given was not satisfactory and that further consideration should be allocated to this matter.
- 5.8 **Floodlight: War Memorial:** It was decided to postpone this discussion until the next meeting, in the absence of Cllr. Mayor Hazel Davies.
- 5.9 **Leasing a parcel of land:** UCW Lampeter: A response received from the Estates' Manager, University of Wales, Lampeter communicated that the only parcel of land that the University leases, is the Bryn Field. This has recently been leased to Mr C.Price.
- 5.10 **Family Centre Committee:** Cllr C. Barton reported that she is, by now, a member of this committee and had attended a recent meeting. New premises are sought.
- 5.11 **Parc yr Orsedd Sign:** the sign has now been installed.
- 5.12 **Food Festival Committee:** The secretary of this committee has been reminded to inform Cllr D.Williams of the dates and venues of future meetings.
- 5.13 **Application for a licence to serve food from a van at Harford Square very late at night: Oz Bar, Lampeter:** Cllr D. Wilson had submitted another petition from members of the public who were opposed to this application. This had been forwarded to the County Council.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE
Minute 1/2006

- 6.1 **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:** Important Changes: From 1 April 2006, the Commission for Local Administration in Wales will cease to exist. The role of Local Commissioner has now been subsumed into the new role of Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, which has been created by the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005.
- 6.1 **Summary of the Fire and Rescue Authority Risk Reduction Plan: Wales a Safer Country- A Summary :** W.A. Government: for information
- 6.2 **Community Health Council, Ceredigion:** consultation (3rd April- 25th June) on "Shaping Acute Services" in Mid and West Wales. Public meeting 18/05/06, University of Wales, Lampeter.

- 6.3 **Elin Jones AM, Mark Williams MP: Public meeting 28th April, Penparcau Memorial Hall** – to discuss the actions to be taken to protect and develop services at Bronglais Hospital: for information.
- 6.4 **One Voice Wales:** Area Committee Meeting: Cllr Deputy-Mayor Dorothy Williams reported on the OVW meeting, which she had attended on the 20th April. During this meeting, the Chief Executive Officer of the Ceredigion Local Health Board, Derek Jones and other representatives of this organisation gave a presentation outlining the proposals and the need to change, in relation to the recently published “Acute Services Review”. Mr Jones explained that the health services in the mid and west Wales region had to change to meet the demands of the 21st century. Numerous examples were quoted of the modern way of providing services and the role technology was taking in the shaping of the services. It was stated that the recruitment and retention of specialist staff was a significant problem during a period when medical procedures required a greater degree of specialism. He urged members to consider the proposals dispassionately and respond in a positive manner. The Chair, Mrs Mary Griffiths stated that some of the reforms were already being implemented but that others would take a while longer. The realignment of the Health Boards would take sometime. Concern was expressed that the proposals would inevitably mean that services would be concentrated away from the area and the example of the demise of the Aberaeron Hospital was mentioned. The use of modern technology was also queried, as the technology would have to work consistently to be of benefit.

Cllr. D.Williams also reported that the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales had resigned.

- 6.5 **Temporary Road Closure: Location: C1023 from Blaenplwyf Isaf to Llanfair Fach, Llanfair Clydogau, Lampeter: (10/04/06-12/04/06)** The closure is necessary to ensure public safety whilst resurfacing works are in progress.
- 6.6 **Zurich Municipal:** Local Council Advisory Service (LCAS): Health & Safety service dedicated to Town and Parish Councils: for information
- 6.7 **Land Registry:** a guide for parish, town and community councils: it was resolved to find out if “Parc yr Orsedd” was registered.
- 6.8 **Spring edition of “Rural Wales” CPRW:** for information
- 6.9 **Clerk’s Contract of Employment:** Cllr. K.Ramaya had received a communication from the clerk, accepting the permanent position of Town Clerk .
- 6.10 **Age Concern Ceredigion: Coffee Morning and Information Day, St Thomas’ Church, Friday, 26th May, 10.00am - 2.00pm:** an opportunity to inform people 50+ of the *Strategy for Older People* and the possibility of starting a forum in Lampeter.
- 6.11 **Western Power Distribution: Unmetred Connection Agreement: Christmas Lights:** for completion
- 6.12 **“A Good Practice Guide” W.A.Government** – a focus on what a good council can do: to accompany *The Good Councillor’s Guide*.

7. MENTER LLAMBED MINUTE 2/2006

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

- CCC's cabinet members will consider the Business Plan, re the Town Hall, very shortly.
- The Court House may be used to hold future meetings and Mayoral Installation Ceremonies.
- Meetings have been arranged with the Sports Council for Wales.
- Work is ongoing with Interreg, partners in Ireland, regarding the "Heritage Project".
- The Public Consultation held at the Victoria Hall on the 31st March had proved a successful event, apart from the negative comments received, regarding helping the youth of Lampeter. Some members of the public felt that more could be done for them. Menter Llambled, in partnership with youth workers from Ceredigion County Council will form a sub-committee in order to try to alleviate this position.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Minute 3/2006

(within the Lampeter ward)

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

- 8.1 Erection of an extension: Gerllan, Bryn Road.
- 8.2 Erection of plantroom as extension: Lampeter Sec. School.
- 8.3 Change of use to builders, timbers and plumbers' merchants – Units 1-4 Lampeter Business Park.

The following applications were received:

- 8.4 Application no: A060341: Discharge of Section 106 Obligation, Glynfaes, St Thomas Street, Lampeter
- 8.5 Application No: A060352: Change of use from house in multiple occupation to a single dwelling: Glynfaes, St Thomas Street, Lampeter.
- 8.6 Application No: A060423CD: Erection of a science block extension: Lampeter Comprehensive School, Lampeter
- 8.7 Application no: A060379: Change of use of shop to restaurant: Ground floor, 13 Bridge Street, Lampeter.
- 8.8 Application No: A060461: Erection of 6 houses (affordable homes): Nos 17-22 Cwrt Dulas, Mill Street, Lampeter.

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

9. FINANCE
MINUTE 4/2006

9.1

EXPENDITURE

	£	£	£
	Admin.	Maint.	Sec 137
a) Install Sign: Parc yr Orsedd:		18.00	
b) Purchase of Sign: Parc yr Orsedd (Inc P&P)		72.50	
c) H.Williams: Children's Disco	50.00		
d) Clerk's salary 3 months (net)	970.27		
e) Tax and NI	278.76		
f) Postage Claim	24.74		
g) Adran yr Urdd, Llanbedr PS			100.00
h) Lampeter Swimming Pool			1,000.00

INCOME

o) Payment for Planning Aid Books	5.00		
p) Refund: CCTV Malfunction: CCC		11,433.00	
q) Precept 2006-07: CCC		43,220.00	

9.2 A request for financial support was received from the "Forget-me-Not" Appeal, Waunfawr, Aberystwyth: Methodist Homes for the Aged. It was agreed not to make a contribution at this present time.

9.3 Thank you letter re: donation of £500 - Lampeter in Bloom Association: Letter received from Mr Geoff Carter on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Lampeter in Bloom Association, expressing their gratitude to Lampeter Town Council for its generous donation of £500, towards the activities of the Association. It was much appreciated, as the association is responsible not only for the entry into the *Wales in Bloom* competition, as in the past, but also the *Britain in Bloom*.

9.4 Ceredigion Funding Fair: 11th May, 2pm-9pm, Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigaid, Tregaron: for information.

9.5 VAT Refund: A VAT claim for a refund of £ 3,754.67, has been submitted to the HMS Customs and Excise for the year 2005-06.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES
Minute 5/2006

10.1 PAVEMENTS' SUB-COMMITTEE:

It was decided to report to CCC that slabs were loose, opposite to the Gwilym Price Store, Market Street.

10.2 FOOTPATHS' SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Paths' Scheme 2006-07 CCC

A grant of £327.15 has been allocated for this work:

Footpath maintenance No: 61/20 820 metres@ 20pence/m	£164.00
Footpath maintenance No: 61/15 640 metres@20p/m	£128.00
Footpath maintenance No: 62/18	£125.00
Footpath maintenance No: 62/11 96 metres @20p/m	£ 19.20.

TOTAL £436.20 x 0.75 £ **327.15.**

The application for funding for work on the other footpaths, stiles and Creuddyn Footbridge had been refused. This work was considered unnecessary or will be undertaken by the County Council. Cllr A. Carter agreed to contact Wendy Champion, to query the money apportioned to this project, as it is substantially less than the amount requested (£2,600 x 0.75=£1,950).

Claims for completed works should be submitted before the 1st September 2006.

11. AOB: Minute 6/2006

- 11.1 It was decided to send a letter of congratulations to Cllr. Hag Harris, on his new appointment, as a member of the Sports Council for Wales.

As no other matters were raised, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

12. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th May 2006, 7.30pm.**