



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

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
31st August 2006 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams (Chairperson)

Cllrs: Hazel Davies, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Robert Harris, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya, Selwyn Walters and Derek Wilson.

Police Inspector Mark James

Prior to the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by Mr Michael Freeman, the Curator of the Ceredigion Museum, Aberystwyth.

His address revolved around the Town's property, which is housed presently at the Town Hall. Plaques on display include the names of individuals who saved money for their county during the war, those who gave their lives during the war, as well as names of past mayors, dating back to 1885. The latter display is infested with woodworm. It was suggested that sponsorship could be sought, in order to replace the present plaque with a new one.

It was mentioned that homes were required for the three large Eisteddfod Chairs. One option would be to store them in the attic of the Town Hall.

Councillors expressed concern that objects could be lost to Lampeter. As they represented the history of the town and formed a rich part of its heritage, they were fully persuaded that a suitable home should be found for them in the immediate locality. Mr Freeman stated that it was Ceredigion Museum's Policy to retain objects in their original setting.

It was proposed that a business plan should be collaborated with *Menter Llambed* to consider how these artefacts could be refurbished and exhibited.

The curator notified members that the display at the town's library would shortly be updated, to include, amongst other things, a spinning wheel and the Welsh National Costume. Sensitive objects could not be included in the display.

At the conclusion, Cllr. Mayor D. Williams, thanked Mr Freeman for attending the meeting and for his contribution.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas, Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter and Greg Evans

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item 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 27th July 2006. They were signed by the Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams.

4. POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor Dorothy Williams extended a warm welcome to Police Inspector Mark James, who has been newly appointed.

He had been invited to discuss the concern of residents about anti-social drinking, especially at Harford Square and to explore the possibility of imposing a bylaw, an alcohol ban at this venue.

He responded positively to the Town Council's request and drew a parallel to the town of Aberystwyth, where, by now, a large proportion of the town centre and other areas e.g. the Castle Grounds, are designated "No Drinking Zones". As far as Harford Square is concerned, this measure, appears to be justified, in light of the incidents which have occurred, i.e. it meets the criteria. He stated that there would be advantages in early intervention and the next stage would involve a period of two months' consultation with the Town Council and licensees. A dialogue will then ensue with the legal department of the local authority.

A "No Drinking Ban" would not be restricted to Harford Square, as it was felt that the problem would merely be displaced to other locations e.g. Parc-yr-Orsedd, should it be localised.

As far as the timescale was concerned, past experience dictated that two years had lapsed from conception to materialisation. He was, however, optimistic that this time, the scheme would be in place before the next summer.

The Pub Watch Scheme was mentioned – this involved a co-operative effort between the licensees and the police.

P.I. Mark James reported that the month of August had been quiet.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Public Meeting-Thursday, 14th September 2006 at 7.30pm at the Victoria Hall

The aim of this meeting will be to convey, to the public, the information given to members of the Town Council at the meeting of the 20th July, by representatives from Ceredigion County Council; the context of which, will be the potential of relocating the rugby and football clubs from the existing grounds and for developing the site for retail purposes. The results of the straw polls, which will be undertaken after the discussions, will gauge public opinion and assist members of the Town Council to formulate their responses to the County Council.

5.2 Barley Mow: re Street nameplate sign: Enquiries ongoing.

5.3 Registration of Parc yr Orsedd: it was reported that Parc-yr-Orsedd had, by now been registered with the Land Registry.

- 5.4 **Valuation: Parc-yr-Orsedd:** undertaken by Mr Andrew Morgan , Morgan & Davies Auctioneers – current value of this parcel of land (0.5 acre) £50,000.
Civic Regalia: enquiries ongoing re the valuation of the regalia.
- 5.5 **“Wales in Bloom” competition: Judge’s comments** Lampeter secured joint second with Cricieth in the *Class 6 – Large Village Trophy* and received the *Silver Gilt Medal*. The judge, Mr Jim Goodwin commented on the excellent team effort, resulting in enchanting displays in a clean environment. He also stated that the conservation area by the river was “superb” and could indeed envisage Lampeter winning this class, in the near future.
- 5.6 **Sponsored Planters and Public Liability Insurance (Lampeter in Bloom Association) LIBA, concerning the public liability insurance for planters to be taken into public ownership, for insurance against public liability:** A representative from the Zurich Insurance reported that to include the 4 planters on an all risks basis would attract an annual premium of £27.03. It was decided to convey to the LIBA that the Town Council has now agreed to transfer ownership from sponsor to Town Council. The increased premium will be paid to the insurance company at a time suitable to the take-up of these sponsored planters.
- 5.7 **CCTV July 2006 Report CCC for the town of Lampeter:** The chairperson stated that there had been five requests to view recorded material, by the police, during the month of July. Offences included assault, theft and burglary. Back-up facilities were discussed.
- 5.8 **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority:** Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2007-10 “Making our Community Safer” – The Mayor D.Williams volunteered to complete this questionnaire.
- 5.9 **Modification order: Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Definitive Map Modification Order 2006: Ceredigion County Council: (Footpath 61/21, Falcondale Lake)** Members of the Town Council had felt, at the previous meeting that further clarification regarding the siting of the footpath was warranted. CCC conveyed, that as a right of way existed adjacent to the lake, then the highway Authority is required to make an Order to add this right of way to the Definitive map for the area. Health and safety considerations are not an issue.
- 5.10 **Falcondale Lake Action group (FLAG):** re request to address the Town Council re denotification of the lake as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and to discuss the possibility of the lake to remain as a nature conservation area. It was resolved to invite representatives of the FLAG to the next meeting of the Town Council.
- 5.11 **Bench:** to be donated by Japanese visitors: enquiries ongoing.

6. Correspondence

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- 6.1 **Ceredigion County Royal British Legion:** Festival of Remembrance 10/09/06 Great Hall, UCW Aberystwyth: noted for information

- 6.2 **Gambling Act 2005:** Consultation on the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy for Ceredigion, CCC: circulated to members.
- 6.3 **Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales:** Summer Edition of the “Rural Wales” magazine: noted for information.
- 6.4 **Cantref:** Invitation to the AGM: 7/09/06 at TyGlyn Aeron, Hotel, Aberaeron. Cllr. A.Carter will be representing the Town Council at this meeting.
- 6.5 **One Voice Wales:** notification of Area Committee Meeting: noted for information.
- 6.6 **Adjudication Panel for Wales:** Annual Report 2005-06: for information.
- 6.7 **“Beyond Boundaries”** – Review of Local Service Delivery: Report to the Welsh Assembly Government: for information.
- 6.8 **Designed to Deliver Consultation:** Shaping our Acute Hospitals in Mid and West Wales: Response by Lisa Francis – Welsh Conservative Assembly member for Mid & West Wales: noted for information.
- 6.9 **Other correspondence:** for information only

7. MENTER LLAMBED

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It was resolved that Cllrs. Greg. Evans, John Davies and Selwyn Walters would remain as the Town Council’s representatives on the Menter Llambled Committee.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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The following applications were received:

8.1

Applic. No:	Applicant:	Location:	Permission granted to:
A060929LB	Mr B.G.Taylor 30 High St Lampeter SA47 7BB	Rear of 30 High Street Lampeter	Alterations and renovations
A060915	J & E Woodworks Builders & Joiners Barley Mow Lampeter SA48 7BY	(same as previous)	Erection of workshop
A060897	The E. Mellen Press Unit 17 Lampeter Bus. Park SA48 8LT	Units 16 & 17 Lampeter Business Park	Alterations to offices and new glazed entrance
A060971AV	Boots the Chemist Head office Thane Rd Nottingham	9A Harford Square Lampeter	Display of signage
A060972	Boots the Chemist (same as above)	(same as above)	Replacement of existing shopfront to include provision for disabled access.

A060926 Approval of reserved matters	Mrs S M & M James 42 Bridge Street Lampeter SA48 7AA	42 Bridge Street Lampeter	Erection of an extension
A060928	B.G.Taylor 30 High St Lampeter SA47 7BB	30 High St Lampeter	Conversion of outbuilding to granny flat
A060946	University of Wales Lampeter	(Same as previous)	Temporary siting of portacabin.

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

Applic. No:	Applicant:	Location:	Proposal:
A060671	Mr & Mrs Williams Brongest Llanfair Road Lampeter	Brongest Llanfair Road Lampeter	Alterations & Extensions
A060645	Mr S.A. Fielding Penlan Cottage Cwrtnewydd SA40 9YN	18(a) High Street Lampeter	Change of use of first floor to alternative therapies
A060539	University of Wales, Lampeter	Library, UW Lampeter	Erection of an extension
A060577	CAMFA 4A Drovers Road Lampeter	(same as previous)	Retention of use as day drop-in center & minor alterations/extension
A060675	K. & S. Thomas Llechwedd Capel Iwan	Plot 1 Forest Road LAMPETER	Erection of a house
A050779	Mr D. C. Evans	Nos 9 & 10 Cwrt Dulas Mill Street Lampeter	Erection of a pair of houses

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

**9. FINANCE
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Hire of Town Hall room for meetings of the Town Council, April, May, June	£60.00			
Clerk's salary: net – 1 month	£323.52			
Tax and NI	£92.73			
Heat and Light	£20.00			
Hire of Victoria Hall x5 Derby & Joan Afternoon Teas	£50.00			
Hire of Victoria Hall for School Disco	£40.00			
Lampeter in Bloom Awards' Evening	£50.00			
Land Registry-Parc-yr-Orsedd	£30.00			
MLL Telecom - 2 months CCTV		£3,260.00		£578.00
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP-Ext. Auditors	£350.00			£61.25

- 9.2 **A thank-you letter was received from** "Child-Line Wales" for the donation of £25.00.
- 9.3 **BDO Stoy Hayward LLP-External Auditors:** The external audit has now been undertaken and the "Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2006" and the "Notice for the conclusion of Audit" will now be displayed in a public place for 14 days. It was recommended that additional "Fidelity Guarantee Insurance" be taken out, in order to protect the council from potential loss. Fidelity Guarantee Insurance offers protection against losses of money or property belonging to the Town Council due to the dishonesty of employees or committee members or should the savings provider become bankrupt.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES
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10.1 FOOTPATHS'

An invoice of £405 (Mr Eirwyn Williams) has been submitted to CCC as part of the Community Paths' Scheme 2006-07.

10.2 STREET LIGHTS'

It was reported that lights were defective outside *Cascade*, High Street, near the fountain, Harford Square and that a new part is required for the street light, serial no 4018089 which is situated at the Cwmmins. It was resolved to report these faults to CCC.

11. AOB: Minute 30/2006 The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

12. Date of next meeting:

- **Public Meeting 14/09/06, Victoria Hall, Lampeter at 7.30pm**
- **Monthly meeting: Thursday 28th September 2006 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall.**