



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

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

**PRESENT:**

**Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams (Chairperson)**

**Cllrs:** Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas, Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, Hazel Davies, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Robert Harris and Derek Wilson.

**Representatives from the Fire and Rescue Service, Mid & West Wales:**

Mr Roger Bennett, County Commander  
Mr Mark Morgan, Deputy County Commander  
Karen Roberts, Schools' Liaison Officer

Prior to the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by Mr Roger Bennett. He was accompanied by Mr Mark Morgan and Karen Roberts.

Mr Bennett drew reference to the **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Consultation Document: Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2007-10 "Making our Community Safer"** and encouraged members to comment upon the proposals, by the 26<sup>th</sup> September. These have been developed to make more effective use of available resources to prevent fires and save lives.

The vision of the *Fire and Rescue Service* is to provide safer communities, by developing strategies to lower the risk from fires in the home, non-domestic property, arson, road traffic collisions etc. This vision is being realised as deaths from fires in the home are now at the lowest in the county and road accident deaths are falling across Wales. A range of youth and education initiatives enhances their work further, e.g. *The Phoenix Fire Project*, which involves young offenders.

Concerns were raised by councillors that Lampeter could lose one of its two tenders. Presently the town has three emergency vehicles – a fire engine, a rescue pump that doubles as a normal fire engine and carries with it cutting gear, and a medical emergency Land-Rover. According to Mr Bennett, there were no imminent plans to reduce the number of vehicles at this location. However, a proposal for a review is included in the risk assessment. He reassured members, that should a decision be made to downgrade one of the tenders, a community consultation would take place, prior to any decision making.

Councillors also voiced concerns about the regrading of the pay scheme for fire crews "Rank to Role", which has been passed by Westminster and endorsed by the Welsh Assembly. This entails negotiating rank structure and firemen will now be paid for the job, rather than how long they have been in service. As a result, part-time fire fighters appear to be under a disadvantage. The County Commander responded by stating that these employees do have the right to appeal, should they find the restructuring unsatisfactory. He also mentioned that part-time fire fighters were not employed in the county, they were instead retained employees, who put in a considerable number of hours that would not be considered part-time.



- 5.1 **It was resolved to respond to the deliberations of the consultative meeting between representatives of Ceredigion County Council and Lampeter Town Council**, which was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006, at St Peter's Church Hall, Lampeter.

### **5.1.1 The Memorial Playing Field**

It was resolved to hold a *Public Meeting* in mid September 2006. The aim of this undertaking will be to discuss, with the public, the potential of developing the playing fields for retail purposes and to ascertain their views. The favourable and adverse implications of such an enterprise will form part of the debate.

Consideration will also be assigned to planning and land-use issues and hopefully, by this time, the results of feasibility studies e.g. car-parking, traffic, environmental etc, will be known.

It was agreed that openness and transparency were the qualities to be adopted at this meeting. It will be chaired by the Mayor Dorothy Williams and the two Ceredigion County Council's Members, with responsibility for Economic Development, will be invited to attend.

### **5.1.2 The Victoria Hall**

Members of the Town Council noted that the County Council will liaise with Community Bodies such as *the Lampeter Evangelical Church, Morgan & Davies Auctioneers, Young at Heart* etc with the view to taking responsibility for the Victoria Hall.

### **5.1.3 The Town Hall**

Members noted the proposals from the County Council regarding the Town Hall.

### **5.1.4 Ffynnonbedr Community Primary School and Playing Field**

The Town Council would like these sites to be developed e.g. part of the fields could be used as a skate-board area and the school itself could be utilised as a Youth Drop-In Centre. *Menter Llambod Cyf*, may be interested in the development of these areas.

This information would be conveyed to the relevant parties within Ceredigion County Council.

- 5.2 Barley Mow:** re Street nameplate sign: It was communicated that Mr Jarman had given his written consent for a wall-mounted, sign to be erected on his land. It was decided to order a catalogue of street-nameplate signs from Ceredigion County Council.
- 5.3 Return of gown:** Cllr. Walsingham: It was reported that the gown had been handed into the Police Station. It was resolved to send a letter to the local constabulary, thanking them for their assistance, in retrieving the gown.

- 5.4 Registration of Parc yr Orsedd** with the Land Registry: enquiries ongoing.
- 5.5 Two Casual Vacancies:** Lampeter Town Council Committee: The closing date for ten electors of the electoral area of Lampeter Town Council, to request an election, had been the 30<sup>th</sup> June. It was reported that Ceredigion County Council had not received a written request for an election to be held. Due to this, it was resolved that no appointments to fill these posts, would be made at present. Members and interested parties were informed that the next election will take place in 2008.
- 5.6 CCTV June 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 June. Offences included anti-social nuisance, theft, driving without due care, "TWOC" and criminal damage.

Cllr.H. Harris reported that the Town Council would soon pay less for the CCTV System as £14,500 funding had been identified by Ceredigion County Council to upgrade the recording and transference equipment. This equipment will allow images to be sent from Lampeter to Aberystwyth, using the new link.

- 5.7 Projected Work: Bridge Street CCC;** A response was received from CCC to the request for an update of the work already done in Bridge Street and the anticipated work in the remainder. The scheme is being carried out in three stages, the first being the footway works currently in progress from the bridge to a point near No. 45 Bridge Street, the second being the reconstruction of the carriageway programmed for the autumn of 2006 and lastly, the completion of the improvements to the footways to Harford Square. The latter proposal will be the subject of public consultation, which is planned for late August or early September 2006, where members of the Town Council will be able to view and discuss the proposals currently being promoted.
- 5.8 Electoral Arrangements in Wales:** W.A.Government: consultation document: it was decided to submit views on some of the issues raised in the report.

## **6. Correspondence Minute 19/2006**

- 6.1 Draft Recreation Service Strategy for Sport and Leisure 2006-10** CCC; comments invited by the 10<sup>th</sup> August: circulated to members.
- 6.2 Providing indemnities to members and officers of relevant authorities:** Final Guidance: Welsh Assembly Government: noted for information.
- 6.3 Lampeter Swimming Pool:** Annual Report. Two representatives from the Town Council were needed again, after transition to a Limited Company. It was resolved to nominate Cllrs Hazel Davies and Rob Phillips.
- 6.4 First Minister's Report "Working for Wales" 2005-06:** noted for information.

## **7. MENTER LLAMBED**

## Minute 20/2006

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

### 7.1 Town Hall

- Objects need to be taken down from the wall e.g. plaques, and relocated.
- A home needs to be found for the “Eisteddfod Chairs”.
- Certain displays need to be dismantled and replaced.
- The Board, bearing the names of past Mayors, needs to be updated.
- It was decided to ask the curator, Mr Michael Freeman to meet a delegation of the Town Council at the Town Hall or to address members, at a future meeting of the Town Council.
- Future meetings of the Town Council may be held at Courtroom No 2.
- The Jen Jones Quilt Centre will be based at the Courthouse.
- Tenders for architects’ work are now being received.

### 7.2 Youth Drop-In Centre

A suitable venue is awaited.

### 7.3 Sports’ Facilities

Slow progress is being made.

### 7.4 Victoria Hall

Menter Llambled is not interested in the leasing of the hall, from Ceredigion County Council, as they are presently involved fully, with other projects.

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Minute 21/2006

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

#### 8.1

<b>Applic. No:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Permission granted to:</b>
A060379	Mr J. Evans Llety Clyd New Street Lampeter	Ground Floor 13 Bridge Street Lampeter	Change of use of shop to restaurant
A060554	Canolfan Gristnogol Llambled	17 Stryd y Coleg Llanbedr P.S.	Retention of Doors
A060630	Mr Chris Saunders	LAS Waste LTD, Tregaron Rd, Lampeter	Erection of building for B1, B2 & B8 use (business, general industrial & storage & distribution)
A060597	Jones Brothers (Butchers)	4 College Street, Lampeter	Siting of refrigeration unit
A060556	J.A.Rees	Eirlun	Alteration & Extension to

		Forest Road Lampeter SA48 8AN	house & erection of garden shed.
A060540 Approval of reserved matters	K. & S. Thomas Llechwedd Capel Iwan Castell New. Emllyn	Plot 2 Forest Road Lampeter	Erection of house

**8.2 The following applications were received:**

<b>Applic. No:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
A060671	Mr & Mrs Williams Brongest Llanfair Road Lampeter	Brongest Llanfair Road Lampeter	Alterations & Extensions
A060840AV	Mr Barry Jones 4 College Street Lampeter Ceredigion SA48 7DY	9 College Street Lampeter	Display of signage
A060836LB	Trustees of Soar Chapel	Soar Chapel Lampeter	Replacement of vents
A060841	Mr Barry Jones 4 College Street Lampeter Ceredigion SA48 7DY	9 College Street Lampeter	Alterations to form new bakery shop.
A060787	Mr & Mrs S Burgess Glen Dower Falcondale Drive Lampeter SA48 7SB	Glen Dower Falcondale Drive Lampeter SA48 7SB	Alterations to roof to provide first floor accommodation
A060675	K. & S. Thomas Llechwedd Capel Iwan Castell New. Emllyn	Plot 3 Forest Road LAMPETER	Erection of a house
A050779	Mr D. C. Evans	Nos 11,12,13 & 14 Cwrt Dulas Mill Street Lampeter	Revised plans

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

**8.3 It was reported that the following planning application had been refused by Ceredigion County Council.**

<b>Applic. No:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Reason:</b>
<b>A060232</b> Operations to provide and improve access for the disabled	HSBC Bank, Harford Square, Lampeter	HSBC Bank, Harford Sq, Lampeter	It detracts from the character of the Lampeter Conservation Area. The ramp and balustrading on the footway would restrict

			pedestrian activity and the public highway to the detriment of pedestrian safety.
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**8.4 Notice of Modification order: Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Definitive Map Modification Order 2006: Ceredigion County Council: (Footpath 61/21, Falcondale Lake);** This order, made on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding to them Footpath 61/21 from the Class 3, County Road No 101 to Silian, approximately 400 metres east from the junction with the A482, and heads in a south-westerly direction crossing over an old sluice dam to a stile in the field boundary fence, continuing southerly along the field parallel to the lake to the southernmost corner of the lake. Approx 220 metres in length; minimum width 2m, except across the sluice dam. Members of the Town Council felt that further clarification regarding the siting of the footpath was warranted. It was resolved to contact Mr Ian Dutch CCC to request further information.

**9. FINANCE  
Minute 22/2006**

9.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec 137	VAT
Mr. Rob Thomas, Llain Deg, Cellan Internal Auditor	£50.00			
Clerk's salary: net – 1 month	£323.52			
Tax and NI	£92.73			
Heat and Light	£20.00			

**9.2 Fixed-Asset Register:** The following values were agreed upon for the following items @ July 2006

- **Play Equipment Parc-yr-Orsedd;** Acquired 25/07/02 @ £5,000 (Depreciation @ 10% /annum) **Present Value £2,278**
- **Computer Equipment;** Acquired 16/05/06 ( Dep<sup>n</sup> @ 25%/annum) **Present Value £800**
- **14 Civic Cloaks: Present Value £8,826**
- **Christmas Decorations,** acquired 1/11/03 £10,201 (renewed and updated annually); **Present Value £10,201**
- **The Civic Regalia** had been valued at £18,927 and the historical value of **Parc-yr-Orsedd**, at acquisition on 14/03/1979, had been £400. It was resolved to seek professional advice regarding the current value of these last two items.

**9.3 Sponsored Planters and Public Liability Insurance (LIBA):** enquiries ongoing.

- 9.4 **A request for financial support was received from** the “Forget-Me-Not” Appeal - a £300,000 appeal to raise funds for the new Methodist Home for the Aged (MHA), Aberystwyth. It was decided not to contribute, at this present time.
- 9.5 **Mencap Cymru:** awaiting a reply re their role in the neighbourhood of Lampeter
- 9.6 **Shelter Cymru:** awaiting a reply to the enquiry relating to relocating to Lampeter.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEES**  
**Minute 23/2006**

**10.1 FOOTPATHS’ SUB-COMMITTEE**

Cllr. A.Carter reported that the first trimming of the town’s footpaths had taken place. He commented that brambles were growing at a phenomenal rate at this time of year.

**11. AOB: Minute**  
**Minute 24/2006**

- 11.1 **Bylaw on Harford Square:** It was resolved to invite the Police Inspector Mark James to the next meeting of the Town Council, to discuss the concern of residents about anti-social drinking, especially at Harford Square and to explore the possibility of imposing a bylaw of an alcohol ban at this venue.
- 11.2 **Burst main: Town Hall;** The Chairperson D. Williams informed members, that she had alerted the Water Authority regarding the burst main at the Town Hall.
- 12. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall.**