



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

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya and Derek Wilson.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Selwyn Walters and P.C.Richard Marshall.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declaration of interest in an item under consideration at this meeting of the Town Council:  
The following declared an interest in matters recorded in the following Minutes:

<b>Name of Member</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Matter under consideration</b>
<b>Cllr:</b> Mayor D.Williams	9.9	Request for financial support: Carnival Committee
H. Davies	9.9	Request for financial support: Carnival Committee
H.Harris	9.9	Request for financial support: Carnival Committee
D.Williams	5.9	Sponsored Planters & Public Liability Ins. Lampeter in Bloom Organisation
H.Harris	5.1	Consultation: LHBS: Acute Services Review

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006. They were signed by the Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

Prior to the meeting, PC R.Marshall stated that:

- **Mr Walsingham** has been traced to South West England. An officer is expected to interview him shortly, regarding the missing robe. A third person, acting for Mr Walsingham had contacted the clerk, requesting a forwarding address. The person did not disclose his identity. It was decided to make a claim from the insurance company, acting for the Town Council.
- **Four men have been charged**, following an affray in the town on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. According to the police, this was brought about in large measure, by the clarity of images on CCTV cameras - both council and private.

- **CCTV Report for May 2006 CCC:** There were 4 requests to view recorded material regarding an affray, a common assault, an assault and criminal damage. It was reported that no zoom facility was available on two of the cameras on the 5/05/06 and 29/05/06.
- **CCTV Payments, MLL Telecom re: the commencement of the anticipated payment of £12,000 per annum.** CCC expressed that a decision has to be taken as to what system is going to be used at both the Lampeter and Aberystwyth ends to transmit and receive the pictures. Complex proposals and resource issues have to be considered before implementation. Cllr Harris agreed to find out when the £1,000/month payment, rather than the £1,633/month, would start.
- **Enquiries are ongoing, regarding the damage caused to certain plant displays in the town on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.**
- **A restriction of a 2.30a.m. closing** is to be placed on the opening hours of *The Kebab Shop*.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5.1 Consultation Process, “Designed to Deliver”: Acute Services Review

It was resolved to respond to the consultation and to express views on certain proposals outlined in the “Designed to Deliver: Shaping our Acute Hospitals in Mid & West Wales” (Local Health Boards in Mid and West Wales). The Town Council could not agree with the reclassification of Bronglais and Worthybush as Linked District General Hospitals (LDGHs) rather than full DGHs and the proposal to form a Dyfed-wide Trust for the delivery of acute services. It was felt that another proposal, namely “Option C”<sup>1</sup>, an outline of a plan, as drafted by the “Community Health Council Ceredigion” would be more helpful in meeting the future health-care requirements of Ceredigion. It was decided to forward a copy of “Option C” to the *Ceredigion Health Board*, respectfully suggesting that serious consideration be given to this proposal. The comments of *One Voice Wales*, which pays particular attention to the diminution of services at Bronglais Hospital, was also submitted to the *Ceredigion Health Board*.

5.2 **Barley Mow:** re Street nameplate sign: Mr Jarman had verbally agreed for a wall mounted, street nameplate sign to be erected on his premises. It was resolved to seek his consent, in writing, before taking further action.

5.3 **Floodlight:** War Memorial: This matter has now been resolved.

5.4 **New IT System:** It was reported that Cllr. R. Phillips had set up the Town Council’s new IT system. The Broadband facility should become available in the next few weeks. It was decided not to sell the old system on health and safety grounds.

5.5 **Bench:** to be donated by Japanese visitors: Enquiries ongoing.

5.6 **Registration of Parc yr Orsedd** with the Land Registry: It was decided to engage the services of “One Voice Wales” to assist with the completion of the form, for registration.

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<sup>1</sup> Copy already forwarded, for your perusal.

- 5.7 **Single Education Plan 2006-2008:** Draft Plan for Consultation: This proposal brings together other plans.
- 5.8 **Vacancies:** Lampeter Town Council: The closing date for ten electors of the electoral area of Lampeter Town Council to request an election is the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Should this not occur, then two candidates may be co-opted.
- 5.9 **Sponsored Planters and Public Liability Insurance: Lampeter in Bloom Association** (Insurance cover is required for the 4 projected sponsored planters on the 4 main roads into Lampeter). A response received from *Zurich Municipal* stated that unless the Town Council is responsible for maintaining and planting up, then it cannot be held liable for any claims arising from the upkeep of the planters. Should the Town Council choose to sponsor a planter, then this could be included at no additional charge on the present Public Liability. Although sponsors “own” the planter, the upkeep of them still falls to Lampeter in Bloom Assoc and they should arrange insurance in respect of their responsibilities to maintain these planters. This could be arranged under the “Community Choice” Package for an annual fee of £205/annum. It was resolved to explore this matter further, before responding to the letter from Mr G. Carter. (Sec. LIBA)
- 5.10 **Britain In Bloom 2006: Judges’ Visit:** Date set as the 8<sup>th</sup> August. An invitation from LIBA, asking for the mayor to attend this event. She was in agreement.
- 5.11 **Parc-yr-Orsedd:**
- **Maintenance work in preparation for the Wales/Britain in Bloom competitions:** communication received from Mr Geoff Carter requesting maintenance work to be undertaken at Parc yr Orsedd - on the hedge boundary with Bryn Field and the grassy bank beside the pavement, along North Road, as the War Memorial is on the judging route and the park forms a prominent background to it. It was decided that interested members of the Town Council would convene at Parc-yr-Orsedd on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, to improve the appearance of the grounds.
  - **Mr S. Edwardes has carried out the remedial work, as recommended by last year’s Inspection Report** re play-slide with bark surface. It was stated that there was insufficient depth of bark around the slide. Mr Edwardes has dug out the earth around the slide 30cm deep x1m wide and filled it with wood chips.
  - **It was decided to accept CCC’s offer to include Parc-yr-Orsedd** in the annual independent inspection of children’s playgrounds, scheduled for late August/Sept 2006 for a fee of approx. £60 + VAT.
- 5.13 **Fire and Rescue Service, Mid and West Wales re presentation to the Town Council:** It was confirmed that the County Commander and Deputy County Commander would address the Town Council in its meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- 5.14 **Bridge Street CCC;** It was reported that the first stage of the work was now in progress - this involved the footway from the Co-op Store to the Carpet Shop. Money to finance this project would be met from revenue funding. The second stage of development will recommence in September and will revolve around the reconstruction of the carriageway. The final stage, which will be subject to a public consultation, will be a continuation of the first

stage and will entail improvements to the footways, as far as Harford Square. It was resolved to contact Mr Lyn Williams, CCC to request an update of the work already done in Bridge street and the anticipated work in the remainder.

#### 5.14 **Feedback from meetings:**

- 5.151 **Site meeting: Ffynnonbedr 31/05/06:** Present: The Mayor and Deputy-Mayor, residents of Ffynnonbedr, County Cllrs and other representatives from CCC. Broken white lines remain at the entrance to Maesyllan and Ffynnonbedr. A continuous white line is now located on the road to the Vicarage. Priority to traffic is given to Ffynnonbedr and Maesyllan.
- 5.152 **Dyfed Powys Police Authority: Community Consultative Forum 8/06/06:Penmorfa, Aberaeron** re the current position in relation to proposals for the restructuring of the police. for information.
- 5.153 **Welsh Language Board: The Welsh Language Profile of Ceredigion 22/06/06, Falcondale Hotel, Lampeter:** Approximately 70 people attended this meeting and 6 members from the Town Council. Presentations were delivered by Meri Huws, Chair of the Welsh Language Board, Rhodri Llwyd Morgan and Dilwyn Jones (from CERED). Concern was expressed over the decline in the number of people speaking the Welsh language in the county, especially young people. Dilwyn Jones spoke of his projects as the Language Development Officer of CERED. He stated that people, of all linguistic levels, should be positively encouraged to speak the language as exemplified by the "Cymraeg yn Gyntaf" project. Mr D. Jones also conveyed that provisions were in hand for providing simultaneous translating facilities for Town and Community Councils. It was felt, at the meeting of the Town Council that this would prove an additional financial burden, which would mean an increase in the precept for the tax-payer. The Welsh Language Board's aim is to assign equal status to both languages, in Wales.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE** **Minute 13/2006**

- 6.1 **Parking restrictions, North Road:** It was reported that CCC are proceeding with the proposed Traffic Order (prohibition of waiting 8am-6pm, all days). A single yellow line will be located on the side of the road, in a bid to alleviate the parking problem. No date given.
- 6.2 **Boundary disputes and other issues appertaining to Maesyfelin, Lampeter:** Communication received from Mrs J. Conti, drawing the Town Council's attention to the hedge, which forms a boundary between the land leased by the Football Club, from CCC and the land of Mr Gwili Jones. Opposition was expressed to the possible removal of the hedge and its effect on the landscape. Other issues, relating to Maesyfelin, included, Health & Safety aspects, loss of part of the pavement on the corner of Mill Street and Maesyfelin, the possible subsidence threat behind Nos 1-10, traffic calming measures and the PRC issue.
- In response to Mrs Conti's e-mail it was resolved to convey the following information: Whilst members of the Town Council were fully supportive of her views relating to the visual impact of the hedge removal, they were of the opinion that this dispute was a private matter, which should be resolved between the concerned parties. Health & Safety problems could be directed to the Environmental Dept of CCC; the possible subsidence threat was being

addressed by the county council whilst the PRC issue was near completion. A Welsh Assembly Grant was awaited before traffic calming measures could be implemented. Regrettably, the Town Council could not assist in the loss of the pavement. It was decided to thank Mrs J. Conti for her concerns. They were obviously genuine and had been confronted in order to help and improve the quality of life of the residents of Lampeter.

- 6.3 **Query re: Skate boarding park:** Communication received from Mrs B.M.Baskerville stating that, about 20 years ago, she was under the impression that she had persuaded a local business man, a Mr Reynolds, to donate a parcel of land, to the Town Council to be developed as a skate boarding park. Members of the Town Council had no recollection of this gesture and concluded that it had not materialized.

It was resolved to contact CCC re the future use of the fields on the road to Maesyderi, opposite St Peter's Church, presently used by Ffynnonbedr School. It would be asked if these fields could now be utilized as an amenity for the people of Lampeter e.g. one field developed as a skate-board park.

- 6.4 **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:** The Annual report 2005/06: for information.
- 6.5 **Changes to Bus Services -** Consultation CCC- reviewing the subsidized bus services throughout the county, as part of an efficiency drive which will involve changing many of the least used bus services. Details of the proposed cuts to bus journeys affecting Lampeter were enclosed. Cllr. R. Phillips agreed to complete the questionnaire.
- 6.6 **Request for letter of support:** Lampeter Music Club; it was agreed to do so.
- 6.7 **Notice of Conference / Exhibition and AGM 2006:** One Voice Wales 14<sup>th</sup> October 2006, Llandrindod Wells. Theme: Law & Order/Community Safety. £50/delegate. It was resolved that Cllr. Mayor D.Williams would attend this event.
- 6.8 **One Voice Wales: request for photographs to display at the National Eisteddfod,**  
e.g. parks, gardens, play areas, footpaths, bridleways, tourist guides  
It was decided to contact Mr Rollason re the provision of these photographs.
- 6.9 **Tidy Wales Week 2006** (26<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July); sponsored by "Visit Wales": for information.
- 6.10 **Electoral Arrangements in Wales:** W.A.Government: A Discussion Document - views requested on the issues raised and the questions posed in the report by the 4<sup>th</sup> September: copies circulated to members.
- 6.11 **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority:** Notification of the Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2007 – 2010, which will follow shortly and which will actively encourage comments/views on these proposals, which have been developed to make more effective use of available resources to prevent fires and save lives.
- 6.12 **National Statistics: Quarterly Vacancies Inquiry:** survey carried out by the

*Office for National Statistics*, the government department responsible for official statistics, asking how many job vacancies were available with the organisation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006. It would be conveyed that no vacancies were available with the Town Council at that date.

6.13 **Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales:** AGM - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006,  
Plas Dolerw, Newtown: for information.

6.14 **Communication from Macia Faglas** - in search of a job in graphic design in the Lampeter Area: It was agreed to direct her to Golwg, Cwmni Creuddyn-University Media Centre, Cyngor Llyfrau Ceredigion, Clonc, Cambrian News and the Carmarthen Journal.

6.15 **Other correspondence:** for information only

## 7. MENTER LLAMBED MINUTE 8/2006 Minute 14/2006

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

- The Tourist Brochure is in the process of being printed.
- Youth facilities: Activities have been initiated with the assistance of two members of the public.
- Representatives from Menter Llambled Cyf wish to address members, in order to explain the proposed plans for the Town Hall and their relevancy to the Town Council. It was decided to invite Menter Llambled to the meeting scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> July.
- Request for letter of support re *Sport Facilities' Project*: it would be stated that Lampeter Town Council is fully supportive of Menter Llambled in its endeavours to acquire modern sport facilities.

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

8.1 Application No: A060423CD: Applicant: Ceredigion County Council: Erection of a science block extension, Lampeter Comp. School.

### 8.2 The following applications were received:

<b>Applic. No:</b>	<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Proposal:</b>
A060606	02 (UK) LTD260 Bath Road SLOUGH BERKS	Barley Mow LAMPETER	Replacement 15m mast, 6 antennae & additional ground equipment.
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 Forest Road LAMPETER SA48 8AN	Alteration & Extension to house & erection of garden shed.
A060577	CAMFA	4A Drovers Road LAMPETER	Retention of use as day drop-in centre & minor alterations/extension
A060590	C.B.Jones	Glyncoed Aberaeron Road LAMPETER	Formation of access & parking area
A060638	K. & S. Thomas Llechwedd Capel Iwan Castell New. Emlyn	Plot 1 Maeshyfryd Forest Road LAMPETER	Erection of house
A060545 26/05/06	Mr S.Fielding Penlan Cottage Cwrtnwydd Ceredigion SA409YN	The Flat 16 High Street LAMPETER	Change of use to 1 <sup>st</sup> floor to alternative health therapies. Application has been withdrawn 15/06/06
A060645 28/06/06	(same as previous)	18 (a) The High Street LAMPETER	Change of use to 1 <sup>st</sup> floor to alternative health therapies

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

**9. FINANCE  
MINUTE 16/2006**

**9.1**

**EXPENDITURE**

£	£ Admin.	£ Maint.	£ Sec 137	£ VAT
9.1 MLL TELECOM CCTV		1,633.34		285.83
9.2 BT Bill	41.95			7.35
9.3 S.Edwardes: Parc-yr-Orsedd		150.00		
9.4 Conference Cost: One Voice Wales	50.00			
9.5 Clerk's Salary 1 month	323.52			
9.6 Tax & Nat. Insurance	92.73			
9.7 Heat & Light Allowance	20.00			
9.8 ChildLine Cymru/Wales			25.00	
9.9 Carnival Committee			350.00	
<b>INCOME</b>				
9.10 VAT Refund HM Revenue & Customs				3,754.67

**9.11 A request for financial support was received from Mencap Cymru (Understanding learning disability).** It was resolved to find out whether this organisation was active in the Lampeter area, before making a financial commitment.

**9.12 Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006:**

It was reported that Mr. Rob Thomas had undertaken the internal audit for Lampeter Town Council, on the 12/06/06. The "Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2006", summarising the annual activities of the Town Council, were approved by the council and signed by the Cllr. Mayor D. Williams, certifying that the statement of accounts contained in the annual return presents fairly, the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, for the year ended 31 March 2006. The accounts of the Town Council will be made available to the public to view from the 26/06/06 to the 21/07/06, after which, they will be submitted to the external auditors.

The value of the total fixed assets and long term assets of the Town Council has been recorded as £28,950 on the "Annual Return" form. It was resolved to reassess this situation and compile a *Fixed Asset Register*. The Town Council's fixed assets include: Parc-yr-Orsedd Park; Play Equipment (Park); Computer Equipment; Civic Regalia; 14 Civic Cloaks; Christmas Decorations.

**9.13 Bobby Van Scheme:** A thank you letter was received from the "Dyfed Powys Crime Prevention Trust", thanking the Town Council for supporting the Bobby Van Scheme in the past. From June 2006 there will be additional crime prevention carpenters in Ceredigion and North Powys.

The purpose of the scheme is to reduce crime, the fear of crime and to prevent repeat victimization amongst elderly and other vulnerable residents in the Dyfed Powys area.

**9.14 Thank you letter received from Rosaline Thomas Leader, Adran yr Urdd, Lampeter** thanking the Town Council for its generous donation of £100 towards the costs of accommodation at the National Urdd Eisteddfod, North Wales. It was agreed to send a letter congratulating the *Parti Canu dan 12* and *Elliw Mair*, on their success at this Eisteddfod.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEES**  
**Minute 17/2006**

**10.1 PAVEMENTS' SUB-COMMITTEE:**

It was resolved, to report that problems existed at the following locations:  
Side of Gwilym Price to Market Street; Outside Post-Office, Peterwell Terrace; Victoria Terrace; St Thomas' Street; Drivers' Rd; New St, Llys Idwal (blocked drains)

**10.2 FOOTPATHS' SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Falcondale Bridge:** CCC advised that the bridge is in general good condition. Minor repairs to the slats are needed and this has been reported to the area officer who will undertake the work as soon as possible.

**11. AOB: Minute 18/2006**

**11.1 It was reported that TRECS (Total Recovery Systems) and Ceredigion Recycling Association CRA (the green boxes scheme) had suspended its service. Councillors**

expressed sympathy towards the three people who collected and sorted the recyclate. Part of the scheme had been financed by grant-funding from the Welsh Assembly.

- 11.2 **It was expressed that no road markings existed at the Greenfield Terrace, Barley Mow junction** – there was a need to look at the right of way.
- 11.3 **The Cabinet Committee of CCC have requested a consultative meeting** with Lampeter Town Council to discuss future plans for the Memorial Playing Field, Victoria Hall and the Ffynnonbedr School Playing Field. Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July was set as the provisional date for this meeting.
12. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006, 6.30pm, Church Hall, Lampeter**
13. **Next Monthly meeting : Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006, 7.30pm.**