



LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th MAY 2006 AT
7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

PRESENT:

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

Cllrs: Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas, Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Rob Harris, Kistiah Ramaya and Derek Wilson.

PC Dave Marshall, Police Sergeant Phil Edwards

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Hazel Davies, Robert Phillips Selwyn Walters and Police Inspector Paul Williams.

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:

Name of Member	Paragraph	Matter under consideration
Cllr: Mayor D.Williams	9.2	Request for financial support: Carnival Committee
H.Harris	9.2	Request for financial support: Carnival Committee
D.Williams	9.5	Sponsored Planters & Public Liability Ins. Lampeter in Bloom Organisation
D.Williams	10.2	Footpaths' Grant CCC 2006-07
C.Thomas	5.7	Consultation: LHBs "Acute services in Mid & West Wales"
C.Thomas	8.4	Planning Application: A060540

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 April 2006. They were signed by the Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Phill Edwards updated members on recent events.

- An officer is investigating the disappearance of the former councillor Richard Walsingham, who by all accounts had purchased the title "Lord Walsingham of Finchingfield" recently. A crime number has been assigned to the robe and the matter of insurance can now be pursued. The clerk agreed to

contact the Zurich Municipal Insurance Company, after receiving a photograph of the garment.

- A traffic warden now patrols the town, dividing his time between Lampeter, Tregaron and Aberaeron. Offending drivers are causing problems throughout the town, including Mill Street. The fact that yellow lines are not correctly finished at various locations means that the warden cannot impose traffic tickets. Sgt. Edwards stated that he would ask the warden to make a list of affected areas. Members of the Town Council agreed that a report would then be sent to Ceredigion County Council, asking if they could deal with the matter.
- Inspector Paul Williams will be leaving his post as Inspector in Lampeter and relocating to Carmarthen.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1 **CCTV Report for April 2006 CCC:** This stated that all cameras were fully operational with 3 requests to view digital media from members of the public regarding criminal damage. Cllr Greg Evans reported on a car which had been damaged, despite being parked in close proximity to a CCTV camera. It was found that the images were unsatisfactory, due to poor lighting. It was resolved to ask the county council to check the lights, including their covers, in the town and in particular those adjacent to CCTV cameras; on the square - outside the fountain, outside the Spar stores and in Bryn Road - by the monument. The Town Council found that the reports from the county council were very sparse in content and stated that more detailed reports would be more appropriate. The clerk was asked to convey this request to CCC, in the last meeting. (Awaiting a reply regarding this matter). Responsibility in this area is not that of the Police, according to P.C.Marshall.
- 5.2 **Barley Mow: re Street nameplate sign:** It had been resolved, in a previous meeting that the cost of the sign would be met by the Town Council. A response from One Voice Wales communicated that the county council could be asked to erect the sign themselves, at no extra expense to the Town Council. Cllr. R.Phillips stated, before the meeting, that he would make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Jarman, who lives in Barley Mow, with the intention of erecting a wall mounted sign.
- 5.3 **Traffic Calming measures in "Picton Lane" Lampeter:** A response was received to the letter asking the county council to reconsider their decision not to provide traffic calming measures at the above named location. They felt that the Town Council's request had already been adequately assessed and that the reasons for this decision had been clearly stated in the letter dated the 13th of April. Reasons for refusal included - the construction of the present carriageway at this location could be insufficient to accommodate these traffic calming measures; the Emergency Service might object to their presence; increased noise and vibration might constitute a nuisance to residents adjacent to the junction and extra lighting would have to be installed in order to comply with highway regulations relating to visibility of "speed bumps". Whilst a mirror might be located in such a way as to aid visibility at the junction from the northern arm of Accommodation Lane, the county council did not provide or install these due to complex legal issues relating to liability, should collisions occur at a location where a mirror had been installed by

the Local Authority. CCC concluded by stating that they were unable to install traffic calming without this taking the form of a relatively major traffic scheme, the cost of which would not be justified in relation to the needs of other locations within the County. An extreme measure would be to stop-up Picton Lane completely to traffic, should funding be available. Members of the Town Council hoped that the county council might consider an extension of the anticipated work in Bridge Street and carry out some remedial work in Picton Lane. It was resolved to contact Ceredigion County Council to enquire when the projected work on Bridge Street should start and what items were scheduled.

- 5.4 **Floodlight: War Memorial:** Cllr. H.Davies: this matter remains unresolved.
- 5.5 **Leasing a parcel of land:** University of Wales, Lampeter: The field has recently been let for a period of three years. It was agreed to approach the Estate's Manager, University of Wales, Lampeter at the end of this period and submit a tender to use the land as an amenity for the people of Lampeter.
- 5.6 **Parking Restrictions:** North Road: Communication received from Mrs. J.Conti requesting information regarding the implementation of the parking restrictions at North Road, Lampeter. A reply was received from CCC stating that, due to funding restrictions the proposed prohibition of waiting had been held in abeyance. This information would be conveyed to Mrs. Conti.
- 5.7 **Consultation process "Designed to Deliver"- Initial Proposals developed as part of a recent review of acute health services in Mid and West Wales: (Local Health Boards LHBs in Mid and West Wales)** It was resolved to comment and express views on certain aspects of the proposals, at the next meeting.
- 5.8 **New IT System:** Lampeter Town Council: This has now been purchased from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth: (Windows XP Pro) 3 years' warranty and will be installed shortly.
- 5.9 **Traffic Calming measures at Maesyfelin and Maesyderi:** Grant funding is awaited from the Welsh Assembly Government before traffic calming measures can be issued.
- 5.10 **Land Registry:** Wales Office. Stating that Parc yr Orsedd is not registered. It was resolved to register the land and to seek the assistance of a solicitor, before completing the application form for registration.
- 5.11 **Vacancies:** Lampeter Town Council: A Public Notice will be displayed shortly declaring that any ten electors of the electoral area of Lampeter Town Council may request an election to fill the two vacancies, by notice in writing addressed and delivered to Mr. Owen Watkin, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 7/2006

- 6.1 **Single Education Plan 2006-08, Draft Plan for Consultation:** Education & Community Services Department, Ceredigion County Council: Cllr A. Carter agreed to assign further attention to this document.
- 6.2 **Cllr. T.Lubran: letter of resignation:** Due to work commitments and personal reasons Cllr. Lubran felt that he could not continue in his role as councillor, at the

present time. He did, however, hope to return to this post. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. Lubran, thanking him for his services as a Town Councillor and to wish him every success in his new venture.

- 6.3 Health Challenge Wales - Newspaper - Issue Two - “Being Part of It”**- the newspaper aims to raise awareness of *Health Challenge Wales* by promoting the good work that is being done across Wales to improve people’s health and well-being.
- 6.4 Adoption of Bryn Steffan (Phase 1), Lampeter;** Communication received from CCC stating that the estate road was recently adopted as highway maintainable at the public expense under Section 38 of the Highways’ Act 1980.
- 6.5 Community Decline & Charter 88’s Campaign for a Modern Democracy:** empowering citizens and local councils. Charter 88 is supporting the Sustainable Communities Bill which makes democracy relevant to citizens everywhere, by giving parish councils and local people powers over how to protect their communities from further decline by introducing mechanisms for “government from the grass roots”. The Town Council was asked to support this campaign to both invigorate democracy and to improve communities. Noted for information.

**7. MENTER LLAMBED MINUTE 8/2006
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Cllr. G.Evans, Chair of Menter Llambled Cyf informed members of recent events.

- In response to a call for the provision of more youth services in the town, meetings had been arranged to address this problem.
- A Tourism Brochure was in the process of being produced.
- Arrangements were in hand to provide sports’ facilities in the town.
- The County Council’s cabinet members have not yet met with Menter’s members to discuss the leasing of the Town Hall. Cllr. G.Evans stated that he was looking forward, with expectancy, to the new season in the life of the Town Hall.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
Minute 9/2006
(within the Lampeter ward)**

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

- 8.1** Application No: A051129: Alterations & Extension and change of use of outbuilding to café, shop and meeting room: Mulberry Bush, 2 Bridge Street, Lampeter
- 8.2** Application No: A060290: Change of use to bakery: 40A High Street, Lampeter

The following applications were received:

- 8.3** Application no:A060539: Erection of an extension: Library, University of Wales, Lampeter.
- 8.4** Application no: A060540: Erection of a house: Plot 2, Forest Road, Lampeter.

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

- 8.5 The Management of HMO (Houses with Multiple Occupancy) Wales Regulations 2006 and The Licensing of HMP (Prescribed Descriptions) (Wales) Order 2006:** Letter received from Elin Jones AM, re two pieces of legislation which are soon to be voted on in the Assembly. An opportunity was presented to members of the Town Council to suggest amendments to these regulations. Members were fully supportive of the two original documents.

**9. FINANCE
MINUTE 10/2006**

9.1

EXPENDITURE	£ Mayor's All.	£ Admin.	£ Maint.	£ Sec 137	£ VAT
a) New IT system		670.00			117.25
b) 3 yr warranty on photocopier: Viking Direct		25.38			4.43
c) MLL Telecom: April/May			3,266.66		571.66
d) Clerk's salary 1 month		323.52			
e) Tax and NI		92.73			
f) Heat & Light Allow. (Clerk as/contract)		20.00			
g) Mayor's Allowance	2,470.00				
h) Hire of Town Hall	120.00				
i) Mayoral Installation Cer: Hire of hall		50.00			8.75

- 9.2 A request for financial support was received from the Lampeter Carnival Committee.** It was resolved to request a copy of the accounts before making a financial commitment.

- 9.3 H. M. Revenue & Customs:** The Employer's Annual Returns for Lampeter Town Council (P14 and P35 for the yr 2005-06) have been filed on-line.

- 9.4 Local Councils in Wales Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2006:** The clerk informed members that the internal auditor, Mr. Rob Thomas, a retired banker would carry out the internal audit during the next month.

- 9.5 Sponsored Planters and Public Liability Insurance: Lampeter in Bloom Association: seeking assistance from the Town Council concerning public liability insurance.** Essentially, they would like to explore with the Council a process for taking sponsored planters into public ownership so that they can be insured against public liability under the Town Council's existing insurance arrangements. It was resolved to contact the Zurich Municipal Insurance Company to find out if this was a viable option.

- 9.6 CCTV Payments, MLL Telecom:** It was decided to contact Mr. Mark Elliott CCC, to enquire when the anticipated payment of £12,000 per annum would commence.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEES
Minute 11/2006**

10.1 PAVEMENTS' SUB-COMMITTEE:

It was decided to report to CCC that problems existed on pavements situated at the following locations:

- Drivers' Road
- St Thomas's Square
- Victoria Terrace
- New Street: both sides

10.2 FOOTPATHS' SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Paths' Scheme 2006-07 CCC: Cllr. A. Carter reported that he had spoken to Wendy Campion regarding the funding of £327.15 apportioned to this project. Members of the Town Council resolved that an expenditure of £800.00 should be allocated to this work. Approximately £500 will therefore have to be incurred by the Town Council. Mr. E. Williams will undertake this work at a cost of £90.00/day.

It was decided to report to CCC that remedial work needed to be undertaken on the Falcondale Bridge, over the River Creuddyn, in close proximity to "Cornel Hen Feddau".

11. AOB: Minute 12/2006

- 11.1 **Painted White Lines: Ffynnonbedr:** White lines have been painted at the entrance to Ffynnonbedr, without prior consultation with its residents. This means that motorists, from this estate, have to give-way to traffic from a private house. It was felt that Ffynnonbedr should take traffic priority. A site meeting has been arranged at this location between the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, County Councillors and members of the public on the 31st May, in a bid to resolve this issue.
- 11.2 **Fire and Rescue Service, Mid and West Wales:** It was resolved to invite the County Commander and Deputy County Commander to address the Town Council in its meeting of the 27th July.
- 11.3 **Chairman of Ceredigion County Council;** It was agreed to send a letter to County Cllr. Ifor Williams, congratulating him on his achievement in becoming the *Chairman of Ceredigion County Council* for the year 2006-07. Best wishes would be extended to Cllr. and Mrs Williams.
- 11.4 **County Chairperson One Voice Wales:** The Mayor Dorothy Williams was also congratulated on her new appointment as the *County Chairperson of One Voice Wales* for the ensuing year.
- 11.5 **Parking in the enclosure of Harford Row:** It was reported that comments had been conveyed to the relevant parties within CCC.

12. Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 29th June 2006 at 7.30pm.

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Date)