



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

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 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, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Kistiah Ramaya, Selwyn Walters and Derek Wilson.

**1. APOLOGIES**

**1.1** Apologies for absence were received from the Town Councillors John Davies, Robert Harris, Robert Phillips and from the local constabulary.

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

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

**4.1 Public Consultation on the proposal to designate certain areas within Lampeter under section 13 of the "Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001":**

**Dyfed-Powys Police.** It was resolved to support the proposal to impose a street-drinking prohibition in Lampeter. It is requested that Harford Square takes precedence and the ban extended to the main-road entrances to the town.

**4.2 It was resolved to file an official complaint** to the police regarding anti-social behaviour in the town. It was reported that certain young people inflicted verbal abuse and indulged in intimidating behaviour to passers-by. It was felt that such inappropriate conduct should not be tolerated. Many complaints had been received from the public at large, including a particular complaint from a student.

**4.3 Dyfed Powys Police Authority:** three priorities required for policing in the Dyfed-Powys Policing Plan 2007/08. It was decided to prioritize the following:

- **Anti-Social behaviour:** To actively tackle anti-social behaviour, in order to provide greater assurance to the public.
- **To have more of a police-presence on the streets of Lampeter** i.e. a bobby on the beat. Also, for a less rapid turn-over of new officers in the area, enabling local knowledge to be sustained.
- **Drugs:** To target and disrupt drug supply and distribution across and beyond the Force area.

**4.4 Local neighbourhood police officer for the area: contact external e-mail address:** [jo.grey@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jo.grey@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk) – Pc Jo Grey 366, stationed at Lampeter Police Station: for information.

- 4.5 **Opening Hours:** It was reported that many objections had been received from members of the public appertaining to the opening hours of “Oscar’s Den,” an eating outlet in the town. It appears to stay open later than the agreed time of 2am. It was resolved to convey this information to the police.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1 **Picton Lane:** A letter was received from CCC acknowledging receipt of the petition and copies of letters from Mr T S Evans and Mr T K Lewis. It was stated that the petition would be reported to the County Council’s Cabinet at its next meeting. The Town Council is awaiting a reply.
- 5.2 **A Bench for Pentrebach** (donated by the Kakitsuka Family). Permission has been granted for the bench to be located on the property of Mr Jones, Undergrove, Pentrebach, Llanwnnw for a fee of £10 per annum. Health and safety concerns were raised, regarding the suitability of this location. It was decided to hold the matter in abeyance, until the next meeting.
- 5.3 **Site Visit - LAS Waste Ltd:** Cllrs. Hazel Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Hag Harris and Derek Wilson attended the LAS site visit of the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Presently, 41% of the waste collected, is recycled. New apparatus may be introduced in the future, which will increase the recycling capacity of this plant. Due to the absence of many members, it was resolved to arrange, yet another site meeting.
- 5.4 **CCTV Unit Report for the period August-October 2006** CCC: There were three requests from the Police to view video media. Five of the six cameras are operational and are capable of recording events happening in real time. CCC is able to supply copy tapes of this material for evidential purposes, if required. Problems have been encountered regarding the upgrading of the CCTV system.
- 5.5 **Two Casual Vacancies** - Lampeter Town Council: The Public Notice, notifying members of the public of the two vacancies, will be displayed in the vicinity.
- 5.6 **Consultation on Draft Guidance on the “Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005”:** Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) - concerns were expressed regarding graffiti and dog-fouling.
- 5.7 **Suitable location for the displaying of the plaque:** Britain in Bloom: enquiries ongoing.
- 5.8 **Role of Honour:** It was decided to abandon the previous arrangements, which had been negotiated with Dilwyn Evans, Glanyrafon Estate, Aberystwyth, where stickers would be used to inscribe the names of past mayors. It was agreed to contact Mr Robert Blainey, to enquire whether the names could be painted on the board.
- 5.9 **“Young at Heart” Annual Tea-Party** - This will be held at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE Minute 43/2006

- 6.1 **Consultation Paper on “Proposed Marine Minerals Dredging Regulations and Procedural Guidance”:** WAG – for information.
- 6.2 **Formal Notification: The Sixth Annual General Meeting of Ceredigion Mobile Shopmobility:** CCC Headquarters, Penmorfa, Aberaeron – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.00pm: noted for information.
- 6.3 **Dispensation Applications: for members who declare an interest on a topic, but wish to request permission to vote/ discuss a matter:** Schedule of meeting dates for 2007: CCC
- 6.4 **Tackling broadband black-spots in Ceredigion:** Elin Jones AM: for information.
- 6.5 **Play Safe Playground Inspection Report 2006:** CCC: It was reported that the

Parc-yr-Osedd Play-Area was safe for continued use. It was suggested that a lock be placed on the maintenance gate.

6.6 **Chamber of Trade:** An invitation was extended to councillors to attend the Open Ceremony of the “Celebration of Christmas” Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

7. **MENTER LLAMBED**  
**Minute 44/2006**

Cllr Greg Evans informed members on recent events.

- **WAG: Active Lifestyles Capital Fund.** The Sports Council for Wales (SCW) has been commissioned to administer this programme. A grant application for funding, to develop the “Life Trail” project, has been submitted.
- **Youth Drop-in Centre:** Meetings are ongoing.
- **The Business Plan** regarding the Town Hall is near completion.
- **The closing of the Town Hall’s archway** at night, has come under debate. Browsers are able to express their preference on-line, by visiting the *Menter Llambed’s* website.

It was decided to write a letter to CCC stating that the recent request by *Menter Llambed* to acquire additional sports’ facilities at Lampeter e.g. a running-track is fully supported by the Town Council.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**Minute 45/2006**

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>Proposal</b>
A061158	Mr E.H.Meredith 17 Penbryn Lampeter	17 Penbryn Lampeter	Erection of a conservatory
A060841	Mr B Jones 4 College Street Lampeter	9 College Street Lampeter	Alterations to form new bakery shop.
A050746	Mr T.A.Hughes Cwmhendryd Lampeter Ceredigion	Plot 5 Pontfaen Farm Lampeter	Erection of a dwelling
<b>APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS</b>			
A060675	Kevin & Sioned Thomas Llechwedd Capel Iwan Castell Newydd Emlyn	Kevin & Sioned Thomas Plot 3 Maeshyfyd Forest Road Lampeter	Erection of a house

8.2 **Definitive Map Modification Order 2006, Footpath 61/21, Falcondale Lake, Lampeter,** Section 53, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, CCC: A Confirmation Notice was enclosed from CCC.

9. **FINANCE**  
**Minute 46/2006**

## 9.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec137	VAT
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Clerk's salary: net – 1 month	£ 323.52			
Tax and NI	£ 92.73			
Heat and Light	£ 20.00			
Play Safe Inspection: Parc-yr-Orsedd	£ 60.00			£10.85
Hire of Town Hall x 3: Town Council	£ 60.00			
Derby & Joan x 4: Victoria Hall	£ 40.00			
U.W.Lampeter: Printing leaflets:	£ 25.00			
MLL Telecom - 1 month CCTV		£1,633.34		£285.83
Poppy Wreath	£ 16.50			
Value Mayoral Chain/s	£ 365.10			£63.90
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2008			£100.00	

**9.2** It was decided not to contribute, at the present time towards the “Chinese Language Teaching in Local Schools” programme, as compiled by Dr. Yanxia Zhao, Assistant Director of the Centre for Chinese Studies, University of Wales, Lampeter.

## 10. SUB-COMMITTEES Minute 47/2006

### 10.1 FOOTPATHS'

- **An application form for grant funding** under the *Ceredigion's Community Paths' Scheme 2007-08* was completed. Cllr. Andrew Carter stated that this would involve clearing and maintenance work on footpaths 61-20, 61-15, 61-18+14, 61 -16+11, 62-10+11 and 62-7+8. The projected cost for this work is £985. The Ramblers' request for funding for the footpath 62/9, would also be submitted (this footpath follows the route from Brondeifi, through the college grounds and on to Station Terrace). On this path it is proposed to provide pedestrian gates and a surfaced walkway capable of accommodating wheelchairs and push chairs. Two quotes are awaited.
- **Despite the recent work undertaken on Creuddyn Bridge** Cllr A Carter expressed that he was not entirely satisfied with the result.

### 10.2 STREET LIGHTS'

It was reported that street lights, situated at the following locations were in need of repair

- Serial no 4018089, Cwmmins, Lampeter - a new part is awaited by CCC, before this streetlight can be repaired.
- **Cwmmins**, outside Soar Chapel- serial no 4018191
- **New Street**, opposite Grangefield 4018471
- **Somerfield car-park-**, in close proximity to the library

It was agreed to report these matters to CCC.

## 10.3 PAVEMENTS'

It was stated that the following faults required rectification:

- Outside 12 Drovers' Road.
- Opposite Glenroy, opposite Grangefield, opposite Dolcoed – New Street
- Outside Maesyronnen and Graianfan, St Thomas' Street
- In front of Nos 1&2 Victoria Terrace
- In front of Victoria Hall
- In front of the War Memorial
- College Street: in close proximity to North Road roundabout

It was resolved to report these faults to CCC.

## 11. AOB: Minute 48/2006

**11.1 Probable Closure of Post Office Counters in Lampeter:** Due to a huge rise in rent the P.O. Counter service could be closed next April, with a catastrophic effect on the life of the residents of Lampeter. Another suitable location is now sought in a convenient position. It was reported that the public were very anxious not to lose their Post Office. It was resolved to contact the Ceredigion Member of Parliament Mr Mark Williams, Elin Jones AM and the Post Office Counters to enquire whether they could prevent the closure in any way.

**11.2 Restructuring of the Rookery:** Cllr S.Walters expressed concerns about the problems which have arisen, since the restructuring of the Rookery Car-park. Bus-drivers are now experiencing difficulties when entering and leaving the car-park because of the changes made to the entrance. This has resulted in a loss of trade to the town e.g. some coach-trips which hitherto, come to Lampeter, now go elsewhere. It was proposed that a provision of two parking bays for coaches on short stays, should be made available, outside the Agricultural Offices, in a bid to alleviate this problem.

It was also noted that buses and lorries were unable to park overnight at the car-park. This proved to be very inconvenient for bus and lorry drivers and for the facilities, which they provide. It was resolved to report these problems to Mr Sean Dowdall CCC, before his scheduled visit to the meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> January, to discuss the Town Council's request for a full feasibility study of traffic conditions in the town.

**11.3 It was proposed to clean the Bus-Shelters** of the town.

**11.4 It was reported that the floodlights at the War Memorial** were on during the day. The Mayor agreed to rectify the matter.

**11.5 Cllr. Margaret Davies-Evans articulated that cars and other vehicles,** continue to park on Harford Row, since the recent restructuring. It was decided to request that a parking prohibition sign be displayed at this location.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

**12. Date of next meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall.**