



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
26th OCTOBER 2006 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams (Chairperson)

Cllrs: Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas, Cecilia Barton, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Kistiah Ramaya, Selwyn Walters and Derek Wilson.

Guest Speaker: Mr Ron Whithead, Falcondale Lake Action Group (FLAG), who remained for the entire meeting.

Before the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by Mr Ron Whithead, from the *Falcondale Lake Action Group*. Mr Whithead referred to his presentation, of the month of March and of his colleague, Anna Palliser. He mentioned that she had now embarked, on a two year university course, in New Zealand, but was sure that her passion for the future of the lake, remained undiminished. He spoke of the denotification of the lake as a *Site of Special Scientific Interest* (SSSI), at a recent meeting of the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW), in Abergavenny. The CCW's action had evoked deep concern among environmental groups, as the denotification of a site of such local botanical and natural history significance, was unprecedented. FLAG are contesting this decision and are presently embroiled in a High Street Court battle. They have almost raised the required £1,500 and legal-aid has been granted.

Mr Whithead spoke of the biodiversity and unique landscape of this local beauty spot, known to many as "a poor man's beach," and of its rich heritage, which should be protected. The man-made lake (built shortly before 1886), was the first source from where drinking water was piped into the town. He outlined a number of conservation and improvement measures, which the group wish to make at the site, in order to transform it into a public amenity and to highlight the lake's historic features. e.g. the restoration of the century-old hopper, the repairing of the sluice gate and remedial work on the weir. The right of way along a footpath to the lake, has now been safeguarded.

He appealed to the Town Council for its support for FLAG's cause, both in terms of their aims as a group and for financial assistance. In order to achieve financial support from the Town Council, FLAG was advised to establish a properly-run committee by formalising the group as an organisation. They were also advised to liaise further with the owner and leaseholder of the lake.

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

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the County Councillor Ifor Williams, Town Councillors Andrew Carter, Hazel Davies, 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 28th September 2006. They were signed by the Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams.

4. POLICE MATTERS

As no representatives were present, no discussions took place.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Further Developments regarding the “Memorial Fields”

On Tuesday 17th October CCC's Cabinet received a report on the possible development of the Memorial Field, North Road. The report included details of the petition against any development, Lampeter Town Council's response to the County Council following the Public Meeting, and other representations. The County Council's Cabinet resolved to note the content of the report; to note the receipt of the petition and the representations made by letter; to maintain the present use of the Football and Rugby Fields, North Road, Lampeter; and to commission a feasibility study into the overall regeneration and development of Lampeter.

It was decided to thank the County Council for this decision. Cllr. C.Barton congratulated the Mayor D.Williams on the way in which she had handled this issue.

5.2 Traffic Problems: Lampeter: Arrangements are in hand for Mr. S.Dowdall, Divisional Officer, Highways, Property and Works Dept, CCC to attend the January meeting of the Town Council.

5.3 Purchase and location of bench donated by the Kakitsuka family: the form, seeking the consent of Mr. Jones, Undergrove, Llanwnnen Road, to locate a bench on his property, has not been returned.

5.4 LAS Waste Ltd: Site visit: Thursday, 9th November at 2pm.

5.5 CCTV Reports CCC: The monthly reports for August and September are awaited.

5.6 Gambling Act 2005: Consultation on the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy for Ceredigion, CCC: the contents were noted.

5.7 Consultation: proposed 20mph speed limit - Maesyderi, Lampeter, CCC: a map was enclosed, showing the extent of the 20mph speed limit on this estate and the traffic calming feature at the entrance of Maesyderi. The Town Council was fully supportive of this measure.

5.8 Suitable location for the displaying of the plaque: Britain in Bloom Competition: enquiries ongoing.

5.9 One Voice Wales: feedback AGM 14/10/06: The Mayor reported on the conference which she and the Deputy-Mayor C. Thomas had recently attended. “Crime and Disorder” came under discussion. It was expressed that this was far too big a problem for the police to cope on their own. A collaborative effort between the constabulary and members of the public, is now required.

5.10 Remembrance Day Service: This will be held on Sunday 12th November, at 11am at the War Memorial. A two minutes' silence at Harford Square at 11am on the 11th November would also be observed, in order to remember the fallen.

- 5.11 Proposed parking charges at free car-parks CCC:** A letter received from the county council thanking the Town Council for submitting their comments. The Town Council's response will be considered along with other responses at the end of the consultation period, and they will be informed of the outcome, in due course.
- 5.12 Traffic Order: "Prohibition of Parking 8am-6pm, all days on the western side of North Road, opposite the junction of/entrance to Mill Street and up to the entrance to the Bryn":** letter received from CCC stating that this proposal has now reached the second stage of consultation and it is hoped to implement the Order as soon as possible. Cllr. S. Walters felt that there had been a breakdown in communication regarding this application. The initial request to CCC had been to replace the yellow line, which had been removed as a result of roadworks on North Rd. As a parking prohibition was already in place, he questioned the necessity to repeat the process
- 5.13 Picton Lane:** A petition with signatures of 164 people, and letters from Mr T S Evans, New Street, Lampeter and Mr T K Lewis of Llanwnnen were handed into the Town Council. These parties expressed concern about the safety of movement in Picton Lane and showed a very strong feeling for safety measures to be introduced at this location. Members of the Town Council agreed that Picton Lane should be included in the anticipated traffic assessment of Lampeter. It was resolved to forward the petition and supporting letters to CCC and to ask if a site meeting could be arranged between the County Council, Town Council and representatives in the vicinity. It was agreed to include this item in the following month's agenda.

6.0 Correspondence

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- 6.1 Consultation on Draft Guidance on the "Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005": W.A. Government -** responses required no later than the 29/12/06: circulated to members.
- 6.2 Temporary Event Notice (TEN) Guidance CCC:** for information.
- 6.3 Ceredigion Unitary Development Plan (UDP) :** Consultation is taking place on the further "Proposed Modifications" to the Ceredigion UDP plan, as a result of the "Direction" received from the Welsh Assembly Government.
- 6.4 "Ceredigion Town Maps":** Letter sent to the *Ceredigion Tourism Service*, on behalf of Lampeter Town Council, by Ceredigion MP Mr Mark Williams, asking why the town of Lampeter is not included in the "Ceredigion Town Maps". It was explained that this publication is not part of the CCC's print range, but a response item used to fulfill enquiries received at the Tourist Information Centres, based at the towns described by the maps. As far as the County Council is concerned, Lampeter, along with Tregaron and Llandysul, do not have Tourist Information Centres and are therefore, not included in the *Ceredigion Town Maps*. It was felt that Lampeter should qualify in this regard and be included in the brochure. Assistance was requested from Mr Mark Williams, who was fully supportive of Lampeter's position in the matter.
- 6.5 Lampeter in Bloom Association (LIBA): AGM 31/10/06:** The Mayor Dorothy Williams and Cllr. Derek Wilson would represent the Town Council on this committee.
- 6.6 Ceredigion's Physical Activity Planning Group and Age Concern:** gathering information about opportunities for activity in the area: the Mayor. D.Williams agreed to complete this questionnaire.
- 6.7 Letter of support requested for Age Concern for the continuation of the "Walking the Way to Health Scheme" under CCC's Community Grant Scheme:** it was agreed to do so.
- 6.8 Invitation to attend the Age Concern's AGM - Tyglyn Aeron 16/11/06:** for info.
- 6.9 Information requested on past Mayor Len Wiseman:** by a relative tracing the

family tree: Cllr. Greg Evans agreed to contact interested parties.

6.10 Meeting of the National Assembly Mid and West Wales Regional Committee, W.A.Government: 17/11/06 Llandrindod Wells. The meeting will focus on the topic "Growing up in Rural Wales": for information.

6.11 Digital Storytelling Workshop in Lampeter, BBC Cymru Wales: Shiloh Chapel 9/11/06: for information

6.12 Your Community, Your Voice: Key Ceredigion agencies have joined forces to host a series of events throughout Ceredigion, to collect information and views from the public about what they think of their community: 7/11/06 Victoria Hall, Lampeter. Members were notified of this event.

7.0 MENTER LLAMBED Minute 38/2006

Cllr Greg Evans informed members on recent events.

- **W.A. Government's response to Health Challenge Wales: (£4m) Community Capital Programme *Health Challenge Wales & Climbing Higher Active Lifesyles - promoting physical activity in the nation.*** A grant application has been submitted to acquire sports' facilities, which will meet the needs of an ageing population.
- **Negotiations are in hand by CAVO for the Scouts' Hall** to be painted by a local firm, which engages the services of volunteers.
- **An appropriate venue is sought** - to set up a centre for the youth.
- **Meetings are ongoing** - with the view to enhance the present sports' facilities in Lampeter.
- **Renovation work is required at the Town Hall** e.g. structural work on the beams. The Town Hall Clock appears to be in good condition, but could be victim of dry-rot. It was suggested that the archway under the Town Hall be closed off, with pedestrian access in daylight hours. Members were not in favour of this arrangement.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Minute 39/2006

The following applications were received:

9.1

Applic. No:	Applicant:	Location:	Proposal
A061158	Mr E.H.Meredith 17 Penbryn Lampeter	17 Penbryn Lampeter	Erection of a conservatory
A061233	W.A.G. Ladywell House Newton	Former Lampeter Mart Site, Lampeter	Formation of site access and road with associated works
A061202	Vincent Davies Brynmeddyg Lampeter	Land rear of Brynmeddyg, Lampeter	Erection of a dwelling
A061217	Minelen Properties 12 Harford Square Lampeter	9 Bridge Street Lampeter	Change of use of first & second floors to offices.
A060285	Revised plans	Aberdan, Lampeter	Erection- house,garage

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

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

Applic. No:	Applicant:	Location:	Permission to :
A060897	The Edwin Mellen Press	Units 16 & 17 Lampeter Business Park, Lampeter	Undertake alterations to offices and provide a new glazed entrance.
A060972	Boots the Chemist Ltd	9A Harford Square Lampeter	Replace existing shopfront to include provision for disabled access

10. FINANCE
Minute 40/2006

10.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec137	VAT
INCOME				
CCC Community Paths' Scheme 2006-07		£ 303.75		
EXPENDITURE				
Postage Claim	£ 26.94			£ 2.19
Clerk's salary: net – 1 month	£323.52			
Tax and NI	£ 92.73			
Heat and Light	£ 20.00			
Hire of St Peter's Church Hall	£ 7.50			
A.J.Jones – cutting hedges		£ 75.00		£ 13.12
Eirwyn Williams: Parc-yr-Orsedd		£ 425.00		
One Voice Wales Conference Fee	£ 50.00			
MLL Telecom - 1 month CCTV		£1,633.34		£285.83
Macmillan Cancer Support			£100.00	
Lampeter Round Table: Annual Fireworks' Display.			£200.00	

11. SUB-COMMITTEES
Minute 41/2006

11.1 FOOTPATHS'

The following documents were received:

- **An application form for grant funding** under the *Ceredigion's Community Paths' Scheme 2007-08*.
- **A letter from the Footpath Volunteers' Group of the Lampeter Ramblers**, asking if their proposal to improve local footpaths to a standard that will ensure access for people who experience mobility difficulties, could be developed via the *Community Paths' Scheme 2007-08*. The County Council would meet 75% of the cost and the remaining 25% could be met from the profit received from the sale of their book *Llwybrau Llambod*.
It was resolved to support this proposal and to forward the information to Cllr A.Carter, for further consideration and action.
- **A questionnaire from the county council**, titled "Have your say on Rights of Way"- CCC's Rights of Way Improvement Plan: this document was also forwarded to Cllr. A.Carter for completion.

11.2 STREET LIGHTS'

- Town Hall Clock: The lighting-up time of the Town Hall Clock needs adjustment.
- Branches are proving to be an obstruction to the light in the vicinity of the *Hafan Deg Residential Home*.
- Cllr. M. Davies-Evans reported that the defective light, situated at the Cwmmins, remained in a state of disrepair.

It was agreed to report these matters to CCC.

11.3 PAVEMENTS'

It was stated that the following faults required rectification:

- Loose slabs on the pavement between the Victoria Hall and the main road.
- Loose slabs at Drivers' Road and Bridge Street.
- Tarmac instead of cement is required outside Wyngarth, Bryn Road.
- A tile is loose on the pavement, College Street, in close proximity to the roundabout adjacent to North Rd.

It was resolved to report these faults to CCC.

The Mayor reported that her meeting with Mr S.Dowdall, Divisional Engineer, Highways, Property & Works Dept, CCC, when she had accompanied him around the town, pinpointing areas of stagnating water had not resulted, to date, in any positive action being undertaken e.g. outside Caxton Press, entrance to the Ambulance Station.

12. AOB: Minute 42/2006

12.1 **It was decided to inform Mr Paul Arnold, Parks and Gardens Officer, CCC** that the Mayor D. Williams had been nominated the *Liaison Officer* between Ceredigion County Council and the Lampeter in Bloom Association.

12.2 **It was resolved to update the Role of Honour**, reversing the previous resolution.

12.3 **Lampeter will play host to a French Exchange Visit, shortly, as part of the** "Town Twinning" exercise. The Mayor informed members of two events which will take place.

12.4 **Arrangements appertaining to the "Young at Heart's"** annual tea party would commence soon.

12.5 **The Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas**, stated that Kate Stewart, 9 Treherbert Street, Cwmann, had made a request to address a future meeting of the Town Council, in order to discuss the possibility of Lampeter gaining a "Slow City Status", similar to the town of Llandeilo, where the quality of life is sustained. The meeting of February was proposed.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

13. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 30th November 2006 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall.**