



LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 30th AUGUST AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

The Mayor Christopher Thomas extended a warm welcome to all present.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mayor Chris Thomas (**Chairperson**)

Cllrs: Deputy-Mayor Selwyn Walters, Cecilia Barton, Hazel Davies, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Robert (Hag) Harris, Lynda Mason-George, Robert Phillips and Kistiah Ramaya.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs: Andrew Carter; Elsie Dafis, Dorothy Williams, Derek Wilson and P.C. Jo Grey.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor R. Phillips declared his personal interest in matters recorded in the following minutes:

Paragraph:	Matter under consideration:
9	Planning Application A070847
9	Planning Application Co-op Stores – request for extra lighting

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 26th JULY 2007

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the 26th July were a correct record, and were signed by the chairperson.

5. POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor Cllr. C. Thomas reported that he had held a meeting with PI Mark James, earlier that day.

5.1 It was agreed that a formal agreement between Lampeter Town Council and the Lampeter Police, was not necessary. It was resolved that the Police should liaise with the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor or the Clerk when wishing to convey information to the Town Council. Individual members of the town council were more than welcome to discuss issues with the police.

5.2 The Alcohol Exclusion Zone for Lampeter is moving a step forward. PI James will make the town's application, after a report into the *Aberystwyth Exclusion Zone*, is discussed by CCC, later this week. Members bemoaned the delay, after a succession of incidents in the town. It is hoped that the *Alcohol Exclusion Zone* will be ratified before the end of 2007.

5.3 An affray had taken place on the square on the 22nd August and arrests had followed.

5.4 A Drink-Drive crackdown will commence shortly.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Cillaslow

It was decided to visit Mold on Saturday the 22nd September. Their *Food & Drink Festival* will take place on that day.

- 6.2 **Developments re the bench:** it was agreed that arrangements should be made as soon as possible.
- 6.3 **Welsh Language Policy of Lampeter Town Council:** After discussing the matter, it was resolved that the clerk would undertake the translation of the minutes etc, and that 10 hours per month would be allocated for this work.
- 6.4 **Meals on Wheels- letter from Elizabeth James of Lampeter, expressing opposition to the proposed new system of distributing the meals:** She said that many of the elderly were dissatisfied with the menu of the trial. They would prefer the old system of fresh food, cooked locally and delivered by the WRVS. It was agreed to forward the letter to CCC and to request the results of their frozen meals' enquiry, which is due in September.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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- 7.1 **Playground Inspection Training CCC:** Mr Andy Wilson-Chalon will deliver a training course, for the routine level of playground inspections suitable for Town and Community Councils, which is designed to meet the requirements/recommendations of the Children's Playground Inspections under the BSEN Standards. If a Town Council's play area includes playground equipment, it is recommended that these areas are inspected regularly and faults/accidents recorded. In the event of an accident, involving the equipment, it is likely that the inspection records would be required by the insurance company. It was agreed that it would be good practice to take advantage of this two-day course, which will be held on the 21st & 22nd November 2007, at CCC's offices at Aberaeron, at a cost of £125 + VAT per councillor.
- 7.2 **Annual Inspection of Children's Playgrounds CCC:** Members were notified that during November 2007 the County Council's Parks and Gardens Section will be arranging for the annual inspection of its parks, and the service will also be made available to other community groups. It was decided that Parc-yr-Orsedd should be included in the list of parks to be inspected. A fee of £66 + VAT would be paid and a request would also be made, for members of the Town Council to be notified of the date and time of the inspection.
It was reported that certain apparatus, including the ground and fences, need to be inspected at Parc-y-Felin Play-Ground. It was agreed to inform the county council.
- 7.3 **A Shared Community** – three inter-related documents have arrived, which aim to enhance relationships within local government. These documents are the product of joint working amongst stake-holders e.g. the Assembly Government, One Voice Wales, and Wales Audit Office. Feedback welcomed before the 3rd December: circulated to members.
- 7.4 **Parking Problem in Aberystwyth,** Aberystwyth Town Council; asking whether parking is viewed as a problem in Lampeter and would a scheme such as a *residents' parking scheme*, be welcomed by members of Lampeter Town Council. It would be conveyed, in the response, that parking is perceived as a problem in Lampeter; on many days parking spaces are not available and illegal parking is also a problem. It would also be mentioned that the town council has requested a full traffic survey from CCC, appertaining to certain issues such as residents' and legal parking, but this has been refused for the present. It would be stated, that members are of the opinion, that a residents' parking scheme would detract from the town and deter many people from visiting the shops, resulting in the loss of trade.

- 7.5 **Ludlow Town Council:** sent their thanks to Lampeter Town Council, for their concern for the flood disaster in Ludlow.
- 7.6 **Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations in the Ceredigion Parliamentary Constituency CCC- Draft Proposals:** consultation exercise: the town council is satisfied by the existing arrangements.
- 7.7 **Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime-** invitation from *Phillips Company*, Llanelli, asking whether Lampeter would consider playing host to their pantomime this Christmas (£650 + VAT). The cost of hiring a suitable venue would also have to be considered. Cllr. L. Mason-George agreed to make further enquiries.
- 7.8 **Mr Tom Clarke Director, The Children's Music Club, 42 Great Pulteney Street, Bath** enclosing a copy of his new carol *Lullaby at Christmas* for the perusal of local children. It was agreed to forward the song to the local school and to thank Mr Clarke for giving of his time and energy in sending the carol to the town council.
- 7.9 **Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair Ceredigion Area Committee: One Voice Wales:** as a reply was required by the 24th August 2007, members were notified that the Town Council had nominated Cllr. Dorothy Williams for the position of chair.
- 7.10 **One Voice Wales AGM 2007 (Nationally):** Motions for debate: the two motions submitted by the town council, which included a review of the flood map, and the serious challenges presently facing the farming industry in Wales, have been accepted for debate at the AGM.

8. MENTER LLAMBED Minute 32/2007

- 8.1 **Lampeter Gateways project: comments invited in relation to the discussion document:** it would be conveyed that the southern gateway deserves priority over the others and that members of the Town Council welcome the proposals of Menter Llambled, bearing in mind that aspects of a small Welsh town and its authenticity are preserved. Also a Tourist Information Centre would help and improvements could also be made to the entrance footpaths.
- 8.2 **Cllr. G.Evans updated members on recent events**
 - 8.2.1 **Lampeter Fit Trail Project: Sports' Council for Wales Grant:** a surplus remains after the purchase of the *Fit Trail* equipment. This would be spent on the acquisition of new benches at Parc-yr-Orsedd.
 - 8.2.2 **The AGM** would be held shortly and it was resolved that the three residing councillors should be reappointed onto the board.
 - 8.2.3 **The Town Hall:** funding from DEIN (Dept for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks), should enable *Menter* to appoint a consultant for the Town Hall. Further attention would be assigned to the *Business Plan*.
 - 8.2.4 **Tourist Brochure:** in print
 - 8.2.5 **Transition Town Committee:**
 - 8.2.5.1 **Funding could possibly be sourced from**
Ymlaen Ceredigion

Open meeting: Cllr. Evans encouraged members to attend the open meeting scheduled for the 27th September between 2-7pm at the Victoria Hall, Lampeter.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

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9.1 The following applications were received:

No:	Applicant:	Location:	Proposal Comment/s
A070847	J & E Woodworks Barley Mow LAMPETER	J & E Wood. Barley Mow LAMPETER	To erect a workshop No objection
A070874	Davies & Potter 20 Bridge Street LAMPETER	20 Bridge Street LAMPETER SA48 7AD	Replacement shopfront No objection
	Co-op Stores LAMPETER SA48 7AD	Co-op Stores LAMPETER SA48 7AD	To install extra lighting. As a council representing the people of Lampeter, we feel that the lighting provision is more than adequate at present. We do not think that it would be helpful to have extra lighting in the vicinity referred to in this application.
A070834	Mr & Mrs PR Evans Pennant Falcondale Drive LAMPETER	Plot adjacent to Pennant Lampeter	Erection of a dwelling (renewal of outline planning permission A040054) No objection

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

Applic. No	Applicant:	Location:	Permission to:
A070584	Mrs C. Davies Llwydfan South Road ABERAERON	No 16 High Street LAMPETER	Change of use of rear (retail) store rooms into beauty salon
A070311	Mr E Davies Peterwell Lodge Masonic Hal Swynfan Pencader	Former British Legion Hall, rear Bridge Street, LAMPETER	Erect a masonic temple & multi-purpose hall

10. FINANCE Minute 33/2007

10.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec137	VAT
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
Clerk's salary: net – 1 month	360.26			
Tax and NI	94.30			
Heat and Light	20.00			
Marie Curie Cancer Care			100.00	
Stationery Claim	34.65			
Annual Inspection Parc-yr-Orsedd		66.00		11.55
Hire of Victoria Hall & Town Hall	130.00			

CCTV 1 month August		1,632.10		285.83
TOTAL	639.21	1,698.10	100.00	297.38
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,734.69			

10.2 It was decided not to contribute towards the Child-Line Charity at this present time.

11. SUB-COMMITTEES
Minute 34/2007

11.1 Footpaths'

Community Path Scheme 2007-08: Claims for completed work, which should be forwarded to the county council by the 1st September, are in arrears. It was agreed to inform relevant individuals that these documents were required as a matter of urgency, in order to qualify for the grant-funding.

11.2 CCTV Cameras' (including the monthly report from CCC)

There had been 3 requests from the police to view video media; offences included criminal damage, theft of a vehicle and a burglary. One request was required for investigation purposes. Two cameras are not fully functional and the much anticipated equipment up-grade is still awaited. It was agreed to invite Mr Mark Elliott from the CCC, to the next meeting of the town council in order to clarify the present situation and to discuss future plans.

12. AOB
Minute 35/2007

12.1 Economic Development and Regeneration Study for Lampeter: It was decided to contact Mr M.Foy Hyder Consultancy to ask if he could clarify the proposed steps to improve Lampeter.

12.2 The sign "Marchnad Anifeiliaid" at the entrance to Station Terrace is no longer applicable. It was resolved to ask the county council to remove this sign as a market with farm animals is not now held on this road.

12.3 Congratulations were extended to Cllr. L.Mason-George on gaining a 2:1 Honours Degree, in Education Studies and Social Inclusion.

12.4 It was agreed to contact the Lampeter Action Group to enquire whether the Mayor could write the introductory paragraph to the proposed Lampeter Guide, which will be published by the *Western Mail*.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th September 2007 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall.

-----**(Chairman)**

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