



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

Before the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by *Mr. Sean Dowdall, Divisional Engineer, Highways, Property & Works Department, Ceredigion County Council.*

Overview

Mr Dowdall began his presentation, by stating that the highways of Lampeter were inspected every four weeks. Safety hazards were noted at that time. Major schemes in the county have to compete against each other for funding, where a system of scoring is used to prioritize projects. The total budget is relatively small.

Mr Dowdall updated members on the following matters:

Traffic Assessment of Lampeter

Because flows are already heavily scrutinized, the Divisional Engineer did not think that a full traffic survey, by the Highways' Department of Ceredigion, was necessary. The department is well aware of the situation, by using two scanners, and some improvements have been made recently, including pelican crossings and two roundabouts. Apart from a "pinch-point" at College Street, traffic flows in Lampeter appear to be satisfactory.

Changes Undertaken to the Entrance of the Rookery Car-Park

The school development at the site has meant that modifications have been made to the entrance of the car-park, in order to ensure the safety of children.

Another entrance for coaches has been arranged. A number of complaints have been received from coach-drivers. They are of the opinion that the entrance is not suitable for coaches. Members of the Town Council were concerned that this problem could deter visiting-coaches from stopping in the town, and the subsequent loss of trade. A parking problem also exists, as local coach companies use the car-park for permanent parking. Mr Dowdall assured councillors that the matter is under review. Parking bays are envisaged for visiting coaches and other heavy vehicles. Three or four bays could be sited on Pontfaen Road.

Picton Lane – The Safety of Movement

The county council are presently considering this issue. The volume and speed of traffic at this location will be assessed. The present suggestions e.g. "one-way traffic," "sleeping policemen" or "pedestrian only" do not seem to be feasible solutions.

Imminent Parking Charges at the Rookery and Cwmins Car-Parks

Car-parking charges will shortly be introduced at these county-owned car-parks. Parking is an increasing problem, as in other towns. The Cwmins car-park is often full at 8.45am, by people working in the town. Some residents of Bridge Street with no parking facilities, as well as those who reside in close proximity to these car-parks, presently use the Cwmins. They have expressed concern over the implications of these parking charges. The introduction of season tickets for these people was proposed, and perhaps, free-parking between 6pm and 8am.

A letter of objection was received from Mr. & Mrs. James, Maes-yr-Onnen, St Thomas Street, to the proposal to introduce parking charges at the Cwmins. This letter was forwarded to the county council.

Regarding the parking on Harford Row, by drivers ignoring the new-layout, the county council have agreed to look into the options available to them.

Water Stagnation at Different Locations, After Heavy Spells of Rain

Complaints have been sent to the county council in relation to the pooling of water after heavy rain, at different locations in the town. These concerns are under review.

North Road Traffic Order

It is envisaged that this Traffic Order, will be executed shortly.

Maesyfelin & Maesyderi Traffic Calming Measures

A grant is awaited, from the Welsh Assembly Government. Hopefully, the work should be completed in the near future.

Bridge Street, Lampeter

A contract has been awarded to a company called *Stabalised Pavements Limited* to reconstruct the carriageway, at Bridge Street. This reconstruction process, which is new to the county, will involve pulverizing the existing carriageway to a depth of up to 30cm, adding cement and compacting, followed by a new 4cm wearing course. The work will involve the use of a large specialized plant. A road closure is necessary. The contractor has estimated that the work, carried out under the road closure should take approximately 2 weeks, which is much shorter than the time originally requested. (please refer to 7.5.2)

Street-Sign, Barley Mow

Mr Dowdall conveyed that the sign will be displayed on the premises of Mr Jarman, Barley Mow, in the forthcoming week.

At the conclusion the Mayor D.Williams, thanked Mr Dowdall for his contribution in a discussion on traffic flows in the town.

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 and Selwyn Walters.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya, Cllr. Derek Wilson, and from the local constabulary.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Harris declared an interest, when the proposed work on the footpaths, in the Falcondale Area, was discussed. (11.1.1)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was resolved to confirm as a true record, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council, held on the 30th November 2007 and on the 11th January. They were signed by the Cllr. Mayor Dorothy Williams.

4. POLICE MATTERS

As no representatives were present, no discussions took place.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY-MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas was appointed as Mayor for the ensuing year and Cllr. Selwyn Walters as Deputy-Mayor. A letter, congratulating Cllr. C.Thomas and Cllr. S.Walters on their new status, within the town council, would be sent to them and also a request for confirmation of acceptance of office.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 **There are two vacancies in the office of councillor on the Lampeter Town Council.** It was resolved to fill the vacancies, by requesting an election, if needed.

6.2 **Parc yr Orsedd:** remedial work. In light of the inspection's findings, a padlock has now been secured onto the maintenance gate.

6.3 **CCTV December/January Reports; as received from Ceredigion County Council;** It was reported that the Lampeter's CCTV system, is now fully operational, apart from one camera. The 24 hour tape facility has been reinstated.

6.4 **Current situation re the bench: Kakitsuka Family:** Cllr. R.Phillips agreed to assign further consideration to the location of the bench. It was resolved to order the "Forest Saver Seat" from the Earth Anchors LTD.

An e-mail, from Toshio, Momoko and Yuta Kakitsuka, wished members of the Town Council a happy new year. They relished the thought that one day, in the not too distant future, they would sit on the bench, appreciating once again, the breathtaking scenery of the Teifi Valley.

6.5 **Updating the Role of Honour:** Mr. R.Blainey has agreed to inscribe the names of past-mayors in Gold-leaf on the Role of Honour for a fee of £50 per entry. It was decided to hold this matter in abeyance, until the condition of the board was assessed.

6.6 **"Slow City Status"** – Arrangements are in hand for Kate Stewart to attend the next meeting of the Town Council, in order to discuss the possibility of Lampeter gaining a *Slow City Status*.

6.7 **Lampeter Post-Office:** awaiting a reply from Ceredigion MP, Mark Williams, Elin Jones AM and the Post Office counters, in relation to the future arrangements for the Lampeter Post-Office. A suitable venue is required, in a convenient position.

A letter, from Mrs. Anne Eatough, expressed concern about the imminent closure of the Lampeter P.O. and enquired whether merging the Post Office and the Lampeter Tourist Board would be a feasible option.

7. CORRESPONDENCE Minute 49/2006

- 7.1 **Strategy for Sport & Leisure 2006-10** CCC Recreation Services: circulated to members
- 7.2 **Lampeter Town Rugby Club** (copy of letter sent to Mr. Owen Watkin, The Chief Executive, Ceredigion County Council, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron). This letter appealed for increased facilities for its members and the possibility of finding a new home for the Rugby Club, to accommodate two senior teams, one youth team and nine junior teams
- 7.3 **Inter Community Sports Competition 2007** CCC: noted for information
- 7.4 **Shelter Cymru:** Notification received that from December 8th 2006, Shelter Cymru will be running a service every Friday morning between 10.00am and 1.00am at Cavo, 67 Bridge Street, Lampeter.
- 7.5 **Temporary Road Closures** CCC:
- 7.5.1 **The C1023 Llwyn-Cnau Farm, Llanfair Clydogau;** from 29/01/2007-2/02/2007
- 7.5.2 **The A482 Bridge Street, Lampeter;** from 19/02/2007 to 5/04/2007 (the process to reconstruct the carriageway, should take far less time than the precautionary 7 weeks)
- 7.5.3 **The B4343 Cellan to County Boundary Lampeter** 30/01/2007 to 3/02/2007 for resurfacing.
- These closures are necessary, on certain sections of these roads, to ensure public safety during the specified period.**
- 7.6 **Business Arson Awareness:** Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service: it was resolved to redirect this correspondence to members of the Lampeter Chamber of Trade.
- 7.7 **Housing Development at Forest Road, Lampeter – CCC:** the developer of this site proposes to utilize the name “Maes Hyfryd” for the development. It was enquired whether this name was acceptable to the Town Council. A decision would be made, at the next meeting.
- 7.8 **“MP Contact Poster”** Mark Williams Ceredigion MP, wishing members of the Town Council a happy new year and to contact him for advice and guidance, at any time. Posters, titled “Contacting your MP” were also enclosed for circulation, in the vicinity.
- 7.9 **Elin Jones** Ceredigion AM: extending best wishes to councillors, for the forthcoming year. She expressed a willingness to address the Town Council, at a future meeting, should it be required.
- 7.10 **Dyfed Powys Police Authority:** Community Consultation Forums: notification of the public meeting held on the 22/01/2007 at Penwedding School, Aberystwyth at 7pm. Topics for discussions will include the Budget Update for 2007-08; Update on the recruitment of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs); Draft Local Policing Priorities for 2007-08 for consideration; Update on the Disability Equality and gender Equality Schemes: for the perusal of members.
- 7.11 **“Footprint”** recycling news CCC: noted for information.
- 7.12 **Welsh Language Digital Storytelling Workshop,** Shiloh Chapel, Lampeter 15/02/2007-18/02/2007 : for information
- 7.13 **“Here for you” BBC Wales: January-February -** Timetable of events
- 7.14 **Meeting of the National Assembly Mid and West Wales Regional Committee 16/02/2007** Merlin Theatre, Pembroke College, Haverfordwest: the meeting will focus on the topic “Energy and Environment”: noted for information.
- 7.15 **Lampeter Comprehensive School:** Post Inspection Action Plan: circulated to members.
- 7.16 **Making the Connections:** Delivering Beyond Boundaries (WAG): for the perusal of the town councillors.

8. **MENTER LLAMBED** **Minute 50/2006**

Cllr Greg Evans informed members of recent events.

- **WAG: Active Lifestyles Capital Fund.** The Town Council is the recipient of a £25,000 grant, which has been awarded to Menter Llambed, to develop the “Life Trail, Trim Trail” project. A meeting will be organized shortly.
- **The Business Plan** relating to the Town Hall is near completion and will be submitted to DEIN (replaces the WDA), in the imminent future.
- **The Town Hall’s plans** have been finalized and are ready for submission to CCC and CADW.
- **A letter was received from the Chief Executive CCC**, thanking the Town Council for its supporting letter to Menter Llambed’s request, to acquire additional sports’ facilities in the town e.g. a running track. It was stated that the letter would be forwarded to the relevant parties, within the county council.
- **A letter, from the Lampeter Licensed Victuallers Association (LVA)** voiced opposition to the proposal to close and lock the gates in the archway of the Town Hall, in the evening.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Minute 51/2006

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

9.1

Applic. No:	Applicant:	Location:	Proposal
A070072	D.E.Jones The Hollis North Road Lampeter	Land adjacent to The Hollis, Lampeter	Erection of a dwelling
A070007	Mr Amir Zarbafi	Plots 65-68 Bryn Steffan Aberaeron Road Lampeter	Erection of 4 dwellings (revised drawings Condition 2 of A040141)
A070040	Davies & Potter Ltd Veterinary Surgeons	18 & 20 Bridge Street Lampeter	Conversion of part downstairs of No 18 to form extension to veterinary surgery adjoining & replacement windows.
A061437AV	Lloyds TSB	Lloyds TSB 9 High Street Lampeter	Display of signage
A061442AV	Adrian Thomas (Pharmacy)	3 High Street Lampeter	Display of signage

There was no objection to any of the above applications.

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

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A060630	Mr Chris Saunders	LAS Waste Limited Tregaron Rd Lampeter	Erect a building for B1, B2 & B8 USE (business, general industrial & storage & distribution)
A060285	Mr KDR Evans	Aberdan Lampeter	Erect a house & garage
A060840AV	Mr B Jones	9 College Street Lampeter	Display a signage
A061217	Minelen Properties	9 Bridge Street Lampeter	Change the use of first & second floors to offices
A061124AV	Travis Perkins Group Plc	Unit 1-4 Lampeter Bus. Park Tegaron Rd Lampeter	Display of signage

9.3 A correspondence from Ainsley Waterman, who is in the process of applying for planning permission on unit 24 of Lampeter Industrial Estate, for a change of use from B1, 2 & 8 (industrial) to D2 (play centre), sought a letter of support from the town council. It was resolved to inform the applicant that the Town Council expresses views on planning applications, after they have been submitted to the county council and not before.

10. FINANCE Minute 52/2006

10.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Grant	Sec137	VAT
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Active Lifestyle:Sports Council Wales			25,000		
EXPENDITURE					
Clerk's salary: net – 2 months	647.04				
Tax and NI x2	185.46				
Heat and Light x2	40.00				
Zurich Municipal Insurance	1,147.13				57.36
Zurich Municipal Insurance	54.92				2.75
MLL Telecom - 2 months CCTV		3,266.68			571.66
Lampeter Agricultural Show 2008				100.00	

10.2 It was decided not to contribute, at the present time, towards the *Llangollen Musical Eisteddfod, Ceredigion Young Farmers' Clubs; Kidney Wales Foundation* and the *Cruse Bereavement Care*.

10.3 The organisers of the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Flintshire and District 2007, wished to thank the Town Council for the recent donation of £100. This gesture is greatly appreciated, in view of the fact that it costs approximately £3million to stage this annual event.

11. SUB-COMMITTEES Minute 53/2006 11.1 FOOTPATHS'

11.1.1 The application for funding under the *Community Paths' Scheme 2007-08* has been submitted to the county council. Cllr A.Carter reported that he had liaised with the county council, on a number of occasions in order to offer further clarification on the proposed work. A request has been made for work to take place on various footpaths, in Lampeter (listed in the previous minutes), including those in the Falcondale area.

11.1.2 Cllr. Carter, a member of the Longwood Committee, conveyed that Longwood is the site of a joint project between the local community and the Forestry Commission. They are in the process of removing many of the conifers and cypress trees, which have sprung up over recent generations, and planting young trees of native broadleaves. Cllr Carter agreed to keep the Town Council informed of future developments.

11.2 STREET LIGHTS'

Many complaints have been received from local people, in relation to the defective street lights of the town. It was resolved to ask the county council to undertake a full inspection and correction of the street lights within Lampeter. One particular complaint, from the residents of Penbryn, stated that the lights were far from being sufficient in the dark mornings and evenings. Cllr. M.Davies-Evans reported that the street-light, located in front of the hairdresser's at Harfod Row, needed repair.

11.3 PAVEMENTS'

It was resolved to report to CCC that slabs were loose, outside the Gwilym Price Store, Spar Store and in front of the Fire Station.

12. AOB: Minute 54/2006

12.1 Members were sorry to hear that Mrs Cynthia Wilson had been unwell recently. It was resolved to send a card to her, conveying the Town Council's best wishes and wishing her a rapid recovery.

12.2 It was decided to thank Mr Andrew Morgan, Morgan & Davies, who had undertaken the valuation of Parc-yr-Orsedd, without incurring any charge.

12.3 It was resolved to send a letter of congratulations to the *Hafan-Deg Residential Home* and the *Hedyn Mwstard Café* on their recent achievement in securing the "Curiad Calon Ceredigion award 2006". This award recognises high standards in patient/customer care and catering excellence.

12.4 It was conveyed that the bus-shelters had not, as yet, been cleaned, as arranged. An official letter is awaited, by the cleaner. It was resolved to do so.

12.5 Mayoral Installation Ceremony 2007: it was decided to ask whether the Old College Hall, University of Wales, Lampeter is available on the evening of Friday, the fourth of May, in order to host the Mayoral Inauguration Ceremony.
The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

12. Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd February 2007 at 7.30pm, at the Town Hall.