

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

The Mayor Christopher Thomas extended a welcome to all present.

PRESENT

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

Cllrs: Deputy-Mayor Selwyn Walters, Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg Evans, Robert (Hag) Harris, Robert Phillips, Dorothy Williams and Derek Wilson.

Mr Dave Smith – Vice-Chair, Lampeter Chamber of Trade - to report on the *Cittaslow* Initiative, following his visit to Mold on the 22 September. He departed after this item on the agenda had been discussed. (6.1)

2. APOLOGIES AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Cllrs: Hazel Davies, Lynda Mason-George, Kistiah Ramaya and P.C. Jo Grey.

Members were sorry to hear that Cllr. Hazel Davies had been unwell recently and was presently in hospital. It was decided to wish her a rapid recovery.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No member declared an interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 30th AUGUST

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the 30th August were a correct record, and were signed by the chairperson.

5. POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor reported that he had spoken with PI Mark James, recently, regarding the following matters:

- 5.1 The Alcohol Exclusion Zone for Lampeter;** there had been a poor response to the consultation. It was resolved to forward a second letter, supporting the *Alcohol Ban*, to the Police. Views on the banning of alcohol on the streets of the town, were strongly encouraged and sent to Inspector Mark James.
- 5.2 Three post boxes** in and around Lampeter have been damaged by incendiary devices. Police are appealing for witnesses.
- 5.3 Computer thefts** have occurred at the Lampeter University.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 **Cittaslow**

Further information in relation to the Cittaslow initiative was conveyed to the town council, by individuals who had visited Mold on the 22nd September. It was decided to set up a working party, to discuss the matter further. The party would comprise of elected members, members of the Chamber of Trade, a representative of the Lampeter University, representatives of the Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire County Councils and Kate Stewart.

6.2 **Developments re the bench:** a map of the proposed siting of the bench would be forwarded to CCC, to ascertain the owner of the land.

6.3 **Meals on Wheels- proposed changes to the Meals on Wheels' (MoW') service in Ceredigion:** a second letter of opposition to the proposed changes, was received from Elizabeth James. She requested the town council's support, in relation to this matter. It was agreed to forward this letter to CCC and to convey to Mrs James that an agreement had now been reached by the county council. Frozen meals would be delivered to those users of the service assessed as being able to manage the new system, but cooked meals would be delivered to recipients unwilling to receive, or unable to cope with the frozen meals.

The Town Council was also in receipt of other documents from CCC in relation to the MoW' changes - a copy of a report titled, *User Based Evaluation of Meals at Home Trial in the County of Ceredigion*, undertaken by Gari Lewis on behalf of Ceredigion Social Services Department, and a copy of a MoW' report, which had been submitted to the council's cabinet on the 4th September. These documents were noted for information.

6.4 **Playground Inspection Training CCC:** it was decided to nominate the mayor to attend this course at Penmorfa, Aberaeron on the 21 and 22nd November.

6.5 **Recycling in the bag scheme** – the inclusion of glass as a recyclable material CCC: alternative arrangements for the collection of glass are being developed by the CCC. When these are in place, the leaflets informing the residents of the changes, will be distributed.

6.6 **Welsh Language Policy of Lampeter Town Council:** arrangements are in hand, to submit the policy for approval, to the Welsh Language Board by the 9th October 2007, which should result in statutory status.

6.7 **Lampeter Town Guide:** the Lampeter Community Action Group has agreed that the mayor should write the introductory page.

6.8 **Sign: Marchnad Anifeiliaid:** this sign has been removed by the CCC.

6.9 **Economic Development and Regeneration study for Lampeter- Hyder Consultancy.** Open meetings had taken place on the 20/21/22 September. *Hyder* has been commissioned by the Welsh Assembly to collect the views of residents, as it puts together a report into how best develop Lampeter and the surrounding area. It will publish the conclusions of the study next month, along with an action plan. It was resolved that the mayor, deputy-mayor and clerk should complete the questionnaire.

6.10 **Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime**

Cllr L Mason-George had carried out further research into the feasibility of Lampeter playing host to the pantomime, this Christmas. After discussion, it was resolved not to proceed with the arrangements. Members felt that a bilingual performance would be more appropriate

for the town. It was agreed to contact *Theatr Felinfach* to enquire whether it would be possible to stage their pantomime at Lampeter.

6.13 **Ceredigion Young People's Partnership** – a meeting is due to take place on the 5th October.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 37/2007

- 7.1 **Statement of Licensing Policy for Ceredigion CCC:** Review of Licensing Policy for Public Consultation: circulated to members.
- 7.2 **Lampeter November Fair at the Rookery Car-park;** letter from CCC regarding the siting of the November Fair at the Rookery car-park: it would be conveyed that the town council supports the usual fair at the Rookery car-park and would be very grateful if permission to hold the fair at this location is granted again, this year.
- 7.3 **Action on Activity Ceredigion Seminar Tŷ Glyn Aeron 10/10/2007:** noted for information
- 7.4 **Local Vision Preparing Community Strategies Consultation (Draft) - Welsh Assembly Government (WAG):** this guidance is intended to provide support and guidance to local authorities in the development of a community strategy. It was decided not to respond to the Assembly's consultation.

8. MENTER LLAMBED

Minute 38/2007

8.1 To receive the monthly report from Cllr. G.Evans.

- 8.1.1 **Lampeter Fit Trail Project:** work is presently ongoing at Parc-yr-Orsedd. It was decided to purchase Rock-Blocks, with the excess grant money. The mayor will officially open the site, on completion of the work.
- 8.1.2 **The AGM** has taken place and the three residing councillors have been reappointed onto the board. Cllr. Greg Evans remains in the position of chairman.
- 8.1.3 **The Town Hall:** a consultant has been appointed for the Town Hall. He will look at the project's business plan, undertake a feasibility study and investigate potential funding sources.
- 8.1.4 **Tourist Brochures** are now ready for distribution.
- 8.1.5 **Running Track:** Lampeter is being considered for a 400metres athletics' track, alongside Aberystwyth and Cardigan. Currently there is no county council athletics' track in Ceredigion but the leisure services department of the council is presently deciding between the three venues.

8.1.6 Transition Town:

- 8.1.6.1 **Lampeter has cleared the first hurdle in its bid to become Wales' First Transition Town** and make its own preparations for life after oil. The project has won the support of the "Stronger Communities' Partnership," for its funding bid.
- 8.1.6.2 **Open meeting:** the open meeting had taken place earlier in the day at the Victoria Hall, Lampeter. The group is planning

Lampeter's "energy descent" in response to estimates that half the world's oil reserves could be used up in 5 years.

9. PLANNING MATTERS
Minute 39/2007

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

Applic. No	Applicant:	Location:	Application Details:
A070483	Mr C Saunders LAS Waste LTD Tregaron Road LAMPETER	LAS Waste LTD Tregaron Road LAMPETER SA48 8LT	Use of site and erection of building for B1,B2,B8 use (Business, general industrial & storage & distribution)
A050779	Mr D C Evans Tanygraig Silian LAMPETER	Nos 11,12,13 & 14 Cwrt Dulas, Mill Street, LAMPETER	Erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings
A060461	Mr D C Evans Tanygraig Silian LAMPETER	Nos 17-22 Cwrt Dulas Mill Street LAMPETER	Erection of 6 houses (affordable homes)
A060836LB	The Trustees of Soar Chapel	Soar Chapel LAMPETER	Replacement of vents

10. FINANCE Minute 40/2007

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			
Ffynnonbedr "Summer" Ball			387.71	
U.W.Lampeter Printing	11.20			
Bus to Mold (Cittaslow) prt/payment	87.50			
BT Phone Bill & Broadband	94.51			16.54
CCTV 1 month		1,632.10		285.83
Grass Cutting: Mr E.Williams		510.00		
TOTAL	667.77	2,142.10	387.71	302.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£3,499.95			

10.2 It was decided not to make a contribution towards the *British Red Cross* Charity at this present time.

10.3 Thank you letters were received from the *Marie Curie Cancer Care* and *Victim Support* Charities.

10.4 It was agreed that £87.50 of the cost of £200 for a mini-bus to Mold, on a fact-finding *Cittaslow* mission, would be met by the town council. The remaining £112.50 had already been paid by the 9 people who travelled to Mold.

11. SUB-COMMITTEES
Minute 41/2007

11.1 FOOTPATHS'

Community Path Scheme 2007-08: An invoice of £990 from Mr E.Williams has been submitted to CCC. The county council will pay 75% of the cost i.e. £742.50. The remaining 25% i.e. £247.50 will be met from the town council's coffers. The work will be inspected by the county council before payment is made. An invoice from the Lampeter Ramblers is still awaited.

Parc-yr-Orsedd: It was resolved to request two quotes, for the repairing of the fence.

11.2 STREET LIGHTS'

Outside Croesawdi, Bryn Road: Cllr. D.Williams reported that this street light remains in a state of disrepair. It was agreed to remind CCC of this fault.

11.3 PAVEMENTS'

11.3.1 A flagstone outside Bryndolau, New Street is loose and could prove a hazard for the elderly, disabled resident of this house.

11.3.2 Problems also exist on the pavements from the Spar store to Market Street.

11.3.3 The problems identified in the Pavements' Faults Report as compiled by Cllrs R.Phillips and Elsie Dafis in July, have not, as yet, been addressed by the county council.

It was resolved to report these matters to CCC.

11.4 CCTV CAMERAS'

A written response had been received from Mr Mark Elliott CCC, to the invitation to the evening's meeting. Members heard that two cameras remained defective and that the long-awaited reduction in the annual payment, had still not materialized. Mr Elliott stated that a good CCTV service was provided by the other 4 cameras. It is hoped that a contractor will be engaged shortly to rectify these faults and to complete the digitization of the Ceredigion CCTV system, to enable the CCTV images from Lampeter to be carried on the Council's telecoms' network, resulting in a reduction in the cost.

12. AOB

Minute 42/2007

12.1 The playing field of the previous primary school at Bryn Road: it was agreed to contact the CCC to enquire whether it was feasible for the town council to administer this field.

12.2 Parking bays for buses would be requested at Pontfaen, Lampeter

12.3 It was agreed to contact Shopmobility to state that the town council regrets the discontinuation of the service in Lampeter.

12.4 It was reported that the town hall's clock does not chime and has no light.

12.5 The fountain at Harford Square is not functioning. (does not hold water)

12.6 No pavements exist near the new primary school. It would be conveyed to the county council that the town council supports any safety measures in relation to this site.

12.7 A lorry, carrying offal, inadvertently dipped its cargo outside ATS, Lampeter. The problem has been resolved by the county council and the police.

12.8 A great deal of broken glass has been found near the old Jobcentre.

12.9 It was reiterated that the current traffic situation at Picton Lane, "was an accident waiting to happen."

12.10 Cllr. D.Williams was thanked for organizing the "Summer" ball of the 22nd September, at the new primary school

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 25th October 2007 at 7.30pm

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