



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008 AT 6.30PM  
TOWN HALL LAMPETER**

- 1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME:** The Mayor Derek Wilson extended a warm welcome to all present.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Derek Wilson (Chair); Deputy-Mayor Selwyn Walters;  
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; Andrew Carter; Elsie Dafis; John Davies;  
Margaret Davies-Evans; Greg Evans; Lynda Mason-George; Robert Phillips;  
Kistiah Ramaya & Dorothy Williams,  
Town & County Cllr Robert (Hag) Harris, and County Cllr Ivor Williams.

PC Jo Grey

Mr Mark Dyson; Martin Fitten; Prof. D.Austin. (Transition Llambled)

- 2. APOLOGIES**  
Cllr Chris Thomas, Reporter Carl Stringer.
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**  
None
- 4. MENTER LLAMBED**

Before the commencement of the meeting, members were addressed by Prof. D.Austin, Mr Martin Fitten and Mr Mark Dyson, representatives of the *Transition Llambled* Committee.

The intention of *Transition Llambled* is to decrease the consumption of energy, locally. £105,000 has been awarded by the European Union for this purpose.

In October 2008, *Transition Llambled* will officially launch its aims and its new constitution will be formally adopted. Discussions on consumption habits will ensue with local people and as a result an *Energy Descent Plan* will be produced, in a bid to cut down on energy use. As well as saving energy, this enterprise will be looking at ways of harnessing it from wind, water and wood. These ways are encouraged by the Government and an input is needed locally.

Ideas to be considered include a local currency and a reduction in the consumption of plastic bags.

The Town Council (TC) voted unanimously in favour of this initiative and agreed to provide a letter of approval. The Mayor Derek Wilson will formally open the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> October at a venue to be arranged.

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – 31/07/2008

There were agreed to be correct apart from the last sentence in paragraph 6.5 concerning HGVs using Church Street & Bryn-yr-Eglwys. It was stated that the meaning of this sentence was incorrect viz “He suggested that a sign prohibiting lorries with the words *For Access Only* inscribed on the sign, would deter lorries from travelling up Bryn-yr-Eglwys but would permit the Somerfield lorries to do so”.

**Should be changed to** “He suggested that a sign prohibiting lorries with the words *For Access Only* inscribed on the sign would deter lorries from travelling up Bryn-yr-Eglwys but would permit the Somerfield *lorries to travel as far as the Somerfield entrance only, before turning into the store’s car-park.* “

## 6. MAIN MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 6.1 Co-option of a new member:** it was reported that no names had been submitted to the CCC to request an Election. Many members were not in favour of co-option. It was decided to wait for a formal response from the CCC, before reaching a final decision. Advice received from the *Society of Local Council Clerks* conveyed that every effort should be made to fill the seat. They were of the opinion that the TC had a responsibility to its electorate to ensure that it was fully represented.
- 6.2 Provision of 4 new entrance signs for the town:** a letter has been sent to the CCC requesting permission to install the signs, which will be purchased from the *Signs of the Times Company*, should permission be granted. Awaiting a reply from CCC.
- 6.3 Manhole problem, Rear Entrance of the Somerfield Supermarket:** the Manager of Somerfield Supermarket has reported that this matter will be rectified very soon.
- 6.4 HGVs Using Church Street:** response received from CCC stating that a “For Access Only” sign for HGVs for Bryn-yr-Eglwys would require a Traffic Regulation Order, with all the necessary legal and consultation processes (3-5months approx) to be completed, before the sign could be installed. The county council will arrange for a traffic counter to be placed on the road, which will collect data on HGV and other movements, in order to assess the situation further.
- 6.5 Calor Village of the Year Competition 2008 – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008.** it was agreed that a sub-committee will meet in order to compile the Judges’ Itinerary.
- 6.6 Vandalized Notice Board:** it was resolved to find out the cost of the repair. The Insurance company will pay in excess of £250.
- 6.7 National training programme for Community & Town Councils One Voice Wales (OVW):** The training modules would initially be available on disk.

- 6.8 **A Shared Community: Relationship Building & Charters for Unitary Authorities and Community & Town Councils: Final Guidance WAG:** 3 copies had been circulated during the previous month and members who were in possession of this document, were encouraged to pass on the copy, to another Cllr, as soon as possible.
- 6.9 **Ceredigion Community Safety plan 2008-11: Ceredigion Community safety partnership:** this document had been circulated during the previous month (Cllr H.Harris – the first recipient).
- 6.10 **Request for a Give-way Sign at Drivers' Road from CCC:** email received from the CCC on the 22 August conveyed that the previous decision not to grant a sign at this location (reasons outlined in previous minutes), remains unchanged and as far as they are concerned, the matter is now closed.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **Lampeter Regeneration Study:** Communication received from CCC stating that the Regeneration Strategy Report for Lampeter and its hinterland has now been finalized by *Hyder Consulting*. It was stated in the letter that the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) has recently commissioned a report in respect of Lampeter University and the content of this report may have some bearing on *Hyder's* work. The *Hyder* study report will be reported to the Council's Cabinet in September when it is hoped that HEFCW's report can also be assessed.
- 7.2 **Invitation extended to all Cllrs to the Opening of an exhibition by Hannah Mason** titled *Urban Organics* on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> August between 6-8pm at the Town Hall, Lampeter.
- 7.3 **Annual General Meeting of Cymdeithas Tai Cantref** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm: an invitation: Lampeter TC will submit its apologies.
- 7.4 **CCC Consultation on Proposals for the Development of Primary Schools in Ceredigion:** response to be submitted to the CCC by the 4<sup>th</sup> December. It was decided to circulate this document amongst members commencing with Cllr. C.Barton.
- 7.5 **Proposed Cumulative Impact area – Aberystwyth Town: Licensing Dept CCC:** It was decided to circulate this document amongst members commencing with Cllr. H.Harris - responses invited by the 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- 7.6 **Water Stagnating outside the Ambulance Station:** Communication received from Mr Paul Williams CCC, conveyed that they are considering locating a drain in the area where the water collects.
- 7.7 **Communication received from Dr Abbas, with an offer for the previous Highmead School Grounds** to be used to host football matches and events such as the Food Festival. It was decided to thank her for her offer, which could be considered in the future (01570 481142 (home); 01570 480166(Office) )
- 7.8 **Age Concern “Keep Warm & User Friendly Packs”** - distributed at Penmorfa, Aberaron on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Mayor to attend this session.

## 8. PLANNING

CCC has granted permission to:

- 8.1 **Erect an extension to the rear, No 4, Glandulas Terrace**, Lampeter, SA48 7HP. Applicants: DE & BS Jones, Maes-y-berllan, Cellan, Lampeter. Application Number: AO80472
- 8.2 **Build a new Entrance to the School & Swimming Pool Car-Park**, Lampeter Comprehensive School: Applicants CCC. Application Number: A071312CD.
- 8.3 **A site-meeting by the Site Inspection Panel had taken place earlier that day at the Mountwalk Garage, Lampeter.** Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and erection of 3 flats. The outcome of the meeting would be known in due time.

## 9. FINANCE

### 9.1 INCOME

VAT Return £7,750.61;  
Tax refund £150 as the Clerk had submitted her Annual Return for the financial year 2007-08 electronically;  
Ling-di-Long Payment from members £324.00.

### EXPENDITURE

Clerk's salary £463.95;  
HMS Revenue £86.58;  
Heat/Light/Storage Costs £20.00;  
Ling-di-Long £324.00.

- 9.2 **A Certificate of Thanks** was received from the *Wales Air Ambulance* for the recent donation of £50.00.
- 9.3 **A thank-you letter was received from the Ceredigion Age Concern** for the gift of £50.00. The donation will enable them to continue to provide much needed services for the older people of Ceredigion.
- 9.4 **A thank-you letter was also received from the Marie Curie Cancer Care** Charity. This year alone the Marie Curie Cancer Care will hope to provide care for more than 2,000 people in Wales.

## 10. POLICE MATTERS

- 10.1 **PC Jo Grey reported that the Review regarding the proposed Alcohol-Free Zone**, for Lampeter, had been completed by the Police approximately 3 weeks ago, but she was not in a position to divulge the outcome, to members of the TC, at this moment. The conclusion reached in the report is based on certain criteria, and the Police will submit the report for consideration to the Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership, scheduled for Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> September, before a final decision will be reached. The TC will have the right to appeal should their request for such a Zone be refused.
- 10.2 **PC Jo Grey reported on a number of burglaries in the area** e.g. NatWest Bank, Williams, Crown Stores and in Tregaron.

## 11. SUB-COMMITTEES

### 11.1 PAVEMENTS

Hazards were reported on the pavement - on the turning to the Gwilym Price Store and on the pavement of St Thomas' Street, leading to the previous Doctor's Surgery. To report to CCC.

### 11.2 FOOTPATHS

**11.2.1 Cllr Carter agreed to assign further attention** to the footpath leading from St Peter's Church to the Maesyderi Estate.

**11.2.2 The invoices in relation to the CCC Community Paths Scheme 2008-09** have to be submitted to the CCC by the 1<sup>st</sup> October. The TC should receive 75% funding of the £1,000 bid for clearing and trashing on footpaths 61/12; 62/7+8; 62/14; 61/20;61/15; 61/18+14; 61/16+11; 62/11 as well as on footpath 62/10 Olwen Wood – clearance of branches and leaves and minor drainage and surfacing. A communication received from the CCC in mid-August stated that this work should now be near completion.

### **11.3 CCTV CAMERAS**

#### **11.3.1 Visit to the Control Room Aberystwyth**

Two visits have been arranged for Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm

**11.3.2 Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership - CCTV Forum:** it was resolved to nominate Cllr. Rob Phillips to represent the TC as a member of the CCTV forum for a period of one year. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### **11.3.3 Monthly Report for July as received from CCC**

There had been one request to view digital media from the Police concerning theft. Faults had been reported on two cameras – namely *no zoom facility* and *a defective monitor link*. These faults were rectified within a few days.

## **12. A.O.B.**

**12.1 Cllr D.Williams stated that she would be accompanying the Mayor** to Llandudno in mid September to attend the *Wales in Bloom Award Ceremony*, where Lampeter secured second place.

**12.2 Concerns were raised by some Llanwnnen Road residents that the** transparent recycling bags were collected with the black refuse bags and as a consequence, were not recycled. Members were assured that the transparent bags were separated from the black bags and the contents were recycled.

**12.3 Cllr Greg Evans was congratulated** for the excellent postal service in the area.

**12.4 Condolences were extended to Cllr. Elsie Dafis** on the sad demise of her father.

**12.5 Cllr. Margaret Davies-Evans thanked members for the gifts/cards**, which were sent to her during her recent illness. Members were pleased to see her at the meeting and that she had, by now, made a full recovery.

*The meeting ended at 7.35pm.*

**13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Town Hall, Lampeter.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Many matters arising at the last meeting were not considered because of a constraint due to a dinner in honour of the ex Councillor Hazel Davies, which commenced at 8.00pm.**

**These include:**

1. Fund-Raising Event in aid of the 2010 Ceredigion Urdd Eisteddfod
2. Post-Code Query: Mr Picton Jones
3. Tidy Wales Awards Scheme (Cllr C.Thomas)

4. S.Davies' query regarding a grass-cutting arrangement – previous school-field
5. Possible address re Tai Ceredigion (Cllr H Harris)