



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
28th FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.30PM
TOWN HALL LAMPETER**

Before the commencement of the full meeting, members were addressed by Mrs Gwyneth Jones, *Age Concern Ceredigion*.

Age Concern Ceredigion provides services and support for older people, their families and carers in the county. It is second to the National Health in its work for the elderly and has recently secured a three year funding grant from *Comic Relief*.

It consults with older people in Ceredigion to ensure that it is responsive to their identified needs and expectations, and provides a variety of services in direct response to these needs. These include *General Information and Advice, Money Matters, Lunch Clubs, Home Cleaning, Exercise Classes, Day Centre Activities* and *Shopping Assistance*. For Example:

- Input from the needs of older people is now fed into the plans of new buildings;
- IT training is provided;
- The problems of travelling in rural areas are considered;
- Cold-calling issues are addressed;
- A sum of £1,000,000 was not claimed last year by the elderly of Ceredigion; help is provided in this matter, in an attempt to remedy the situation.

Further information in relation to *Age Concern Ceredigion* can be accessed by visiting www.ageconcernceredigion.org.uk.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

The Mayor C.Thomas extended a welcome to all present.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mayor Chris Thomas (Chairperson)
Cllrs. Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis,
Greg Evans, Robert Harris, Lynda Mason-George,
Robert Phillips. Kistiah Ramaya, Dorothy Williams and Derek
Wilson.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Selwyn Walters, John Davies, Hazel Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans,
PC Jo Grey and the Police Inspector of Lampeter.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST

3.1 Cllrs Barton/Harris/Ramaya - when considering the request for financial support from the Lampeter Music Club, as they are Patrons of this Society. (11.1)

3.2 Cllrs Harris/Phillips- request for financial support from the Lampeter Swimming Pool as they are members of the Swimming Pool Committee. (11.6)

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES - 31/01/2008

These were agreed to be correct and were signed by the Chairperson.

5. POLICE MATTERS

- 5.1 **It was decided to send a letter to the Inspector of Lampeter** to thank the Police for their good work in the past few weeks, in relation to incidents in Parc-yr-Orsedd and the Town Centre, and to congratulate them for their sterling commitment.
- 5.2 **A couple of arrests** have occurred recently, involving anti-social behaviour.
- 5.3 **A committee will be set up with members of the public** with a view to establishing priorities for the police, during the next three months. Possible issues include dog-fouling, parking, lighting, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, the need for a police presence in the town and the encouragement of Police Surgeries.
- 5.4 **It was stated that 27 cars had been vandalised** during a two year period at the Maesyderi Estate. Improved lighting and the setting up of a mobile CCTV camera at Maesyderi, were discussed. The Mayor to investigate further.
- 5.5 **Members preferred to part-fund a Police Community Support Officer**, as opposed to a mobile CCTV because the human element is important.
- 5.6 **It was decided to make enquiries** in relation to the provision of dog-bins for the town.

6. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY-MAYOR FOR THE NEXT MUNICIPAL YEAR

The present Deputy-Mayor Selwyn Walters would prefer another person to be Mayor next year. The position was offered to Cllr. Phillips. Should he be unable to take the post, the role of Mayor would be offered to Cllr. Wilson.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 **Site Meeting: The Old Primary School Field**

A delegation of the town council and representatives of the County Council had met on the 25th February in order to discuss further, the possibility of the town council leasing/buying the field, as an amenity for the people of Lampeter. This will now be considered by the county council.

7.2 **Youth Club - further developments**

It is hoped that the *Youth-Club* or the *Youth Drop-In Centre*, as called by the Town Council since the Summer of 2007, will commence next April, for one night per week at the Canolfan Steffan, Lampeter. This will be run by the CCC. A Public meeting is now awaited.

7.3 **Cittaslow**: it is hoped to arrange a meeting in the imminent future.

7.4 **Consultative Meeting as arranged by Ceredigion County Council**

19/02/2008 at Lampeter Secondary School. 3 questions had been submitted in advance by the Town Council. Responses received at the meeting:

7.4.1 The need for a full traffic assessment of the town: the County Council is making further studies and a Traffic Impact Assessment will be undertaken shortly.

7.4.2 Future Plans for the Victoria Hall: it costs £11,000pa to maintain the hall. Should there be expressions of interest re the purchase of the hall, then the CCC is open to discussion.

7.4.3 The Old Primary School Field: this matter was not discussed as further information would be obtained from the meeting of the 25th February. (Cross-ref 7:1)

Other matters appertaining to Lampeter, which were raised at this meeting:

7.4.4 LTC's request for ash-tray bins for smokers on the streets of the town: it was decided to re-assess the situation over the summer months, when more smokers congregate outside.

7.4.5 CCTV update, as provided by Mr. Carl Williams, Cabinet Member with responsibility for cross-cutting issues: Presently 4 cameras out of 6 are working and recording but there are problems with camera control at all times. A quotation for the necessary work which will need to be undertaken, is awaited, before the camera control problems can be rectified. Two cameras are defective and awaiting a maintenance visit. Cameras have helped the police in dealing with 17 incidents over the past year.

7.4.6 Many councillors felt that documents received as part of consultations by the CCC, should be presented in simpler terms, in order to facilitate better responses.

7.5 Meeting Mayor & D.Williams & Michael Freeman Curator feedback
13/02/08

Details of this meeting are attached and are also available at the Town Library.

7.6 Visit to the Jen Jones Quilts' Centre a visit has been arranged for Tuesday the 18th March 2008.

7.7 Venue of meetings of the Town Council: many different venues were considered. It was decided to ask representatives of the Highmead Trust during the meeting of the 18th March, if it was feasible for the town council to continue to meet at the Town Hall, should they be successful in their request to lease/buy the Town Hall.

7.8 Repairing the Town Council's Notice Board adjacent to the Library: work in progress.

7.9 Football Club: releasing a part of the field - to be used as a Skate-park: communication received from Cllr. Ivor Williams conveyed that this was not possible.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 66/2007

8.1 Local Government Member Code of Conduct: advising authorities of action that needs to be taken by all elected members and those co-opted members with voting rights by 1 May 2008 WAG: for information.

8.2 Proposed Construction of a New Masonic Hall and Community Hall: support requested: Peterwell Lodge of Freemasons No 4713: it was resolved to support this request.

8.3 One Voice Wales: Correspondence: noted for information

8.4 Stakeholder Survey 2008: WAG: for information only.

8.5 CAVO: Ceredigion Volunteer Award of Recognition 2008: nominations invited: deferred until next meeting.

8.6 Post Office LTD Meeting: Network Change Programme: meeting 26th March CCC Offices, Penmorfa, Aberaeron at 7:00pm: for information.

8.7 Other correspondence: for information only.

9. **MENTER LAMBED Minute 67/2007**

Cllr. G.Evans, Chair of Menter Llambled, reported on the following matters:

- 9.1 **Transition Town Committee:** it is hoped to find out in early March, the outcome of the funding application.
- 9.2 **Athletics' Track for Ceredigion:** no decision has been made to date, by the CCC in relation to the location of the Athletics' Track. Lampeter, Cardigan and Aberystwyth are the three possible venues considered.

10. **PLANNING Minute 68/2007**

- 10.1 **Application:** Erection of a house and garage, Plot 5, Pontfaen, Lampeter Applicant Mr. A M Evans, Cwmhalen, 12 Haulfan Ffosyffin, Aberaeron. - no objection
- 10.2 **Permission has been granted by the CCC for the**
 - 10.2.1 **Change of use from beauty salon to office,** 16 College Street, Lampeter. Applicant: Edwin Mellen Press Ltd.
 - 10.2.2 **Erection of an extension:** Lampeter Medical Centre, Bridge Street, Lampeter . Applicant: Lampeter Medical Centre.
- 10.3 **Training Seminar in Planning (New Local Development Plan) for Community & Town Councillors 13/02/2008 OVW**
Cllr Barton had attended this meeting and it was emphasized that town and community councils should be involved. It was decided to invite a representative of the Planning Dept, CCC to the next meeting of the town council in order to help.

11. **FINANCE Minute 69/2007**

11.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec137	VAT
EXPENDITURE				
	£	£	£	£
Clerk's salary: net – Jan 2008	429.94			
Tax and NI Jan 2008	111.72			
Heat and Light Jan 2008	20.00			
Lampeter Swimming Pool			1,000.00	
Viking Direct - Stationery	77.27			13.53
One Voice Wales Annual Membership	259.00			
Lampeter Music Club			100.00	
Citizens' Advice Bureau			300.00	
Camp. For the Protect. of Rural Wales			20.00	
Lampeter Food Festival			400.00	
Lampeter Agricultural Show			100.00	
TOTAL	897.93		1,920.00	13.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,831.46			

- 11.2 **A thank you letter was received** from Mr. Garym Roberts the organizer of the Gwyl Dewi Drwg for the recent donation of £250.
- 11.3 **A request for financial support was received** from the Aberystwyth & District Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). Presently they offer one session per week from 9:15-11.45am, every Monday morning at the Lampeter Taliesin

Surgery. It was decided to contribute £300 towards this organization and to convey that an additional contribution would be made should services be extended in Lampeter.

- 11.4 **Lampeter Food Festival & Lampeter Agricultural Show:** no Balance Sheet received; it was decided to remind these organizations that donations could not be given, unless this document is submitted to the TC.
- 11.5 **Appropriate Sum under Section 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972** - the maximum amount which can be donated to Charities: an increase from £5.54 to £5.68 per elector as from the beginning of the next financial year. As there are 1,631 electors in Lampeter the maximum amount which can be donated next year is £9,264.08.
- 11.6 **It was decided to contribute a £1,000 towards the Lampeter Swimming Pool.** They are presently facing a cut of £5,000 in funding from CCC. It was resolved to send a letter to the CCC stating that members of the TC felt that the proposed changes to the funding formula could adversely affect the pool's future viability.
- 11.7 **Christmas Decorative Lighting Grant CCC,** on a £ for £ basis to a maximum of £520. It was resolved to apply for this grant.
- 11.8 **New Internal Auditor for the Town Council:** no developments.
- 11.9 **It was decided not to make a contribution towards** *The Cruse Cymru* (Bereavement Care); *The Kidney Wales Foundation* and *The Ceredigion Centre for Recovery* (Alcohol/Drug Misuse and Eating Disorders, based at Aberystwyth).

12. SUB-COMMITTEES

Minute 70/2007

12.1 FOOTPATHS'

- 12.1.1 **Arrangements for grass cutting at Parc-yr-Orsedd and clearing of the footpaths during the summer months:** it was resolved to display an advert on the notice board, by the Library inviting tenders, which would be considered at the next meeting.
- 12.1.2 **Parc-yr-Orsedd: arrangements for moving the Rock Block:** meeting to take place on the 5th March between the Mayor and a representative of the Play World Systems.
- 12.1.3 **Drains on certain footpaths** have been cleaned.

12.2 PAVEMENTS'

- 12.2.1 **It was decided to contact the CC** to enquire whether it would be possible to locate two bins on the pavements of the town where people could dispose of cans etc, which were suitable for recycling.
- 12.2.2 **The on-going improvements to the pavements of Bridge Street** are a distinct asset. Work will extend to Picton Lane later.

12.3 CCTV CAMERAS'

- 12.3.1 **January 2008 Report as received from CCC:** there have been 3 requests to view digital media involving 2 assaults and one criminal damage. "No picture" reported on one camera since 10/10/2006.

12.3.2 E-Mail received from Mr. Bleddyn Jones CCC on the 28/02/2008: a contractor has been appointed to carry out work on the entire CCTV system in Ceredigion and has therefore had to phase the work between various locations. The problem with the “No picture” camera is a long term problem and has been phased to be done towards the end of the contract. The camera is still not working. When converting the cameras and transmission over to the digital system and the Council network, the quality of the control of the cameras has been reduced. The contractor has investigated the problem and has now identified a solution and the cost of the solution. The information has only just been received, so the problem still currently exists.

12.3.3 An invitation was extended to members to visit the Control Room to view the CCTV system. It was resolved to accept this invitation and to arrange an evening meeting.

12.4 **STREET LIGHTS'**

12.4.1 It was reported that a street-light situated on the Tregaron Rd, in close proximity to the Railway Inn, was alight all day- it was decided to report the matter to CCC.

12.4.2 Awaiting a reply from the CCC to the request for street lights at Bryn Road to be improved using energy saving and environmentally friendly materials.

12.4.3 It was reported that better lighting was required at Barley Mow.

13. **A.O.B. Minute 71/2007**

It was decided to report these matters to the CCC:

13.1 No “Give-Way” sign appears in Drovers' Rd;

13.2 The signs indicating the new primary school need improvement;

13.3 The accumulation of rubbish behind and to the side of the Somerfield supermarket needs to be removed;

13.4 The cement around the man-hole situated at the rear entrance of Somerfield Car-park and in close proximity to Buckingham House, is in need of repair;

13.5 The “finger” signs located on the High Street, by the Town Hall have loose screws;

13.6 The yellow lines, which are painted in front of the Old Primary School could be removed, in order to release much-needed space for car-parking; &

13.7 Heavy articulated lorries travel over Bryn-yr-Eglwys – entering from High Street, opposite the Police Station and progressing to the junction at Bryn Road (in close proximity to Parc-yr-Orsedd) or entering from the opposite direction from Bryn Road. It would be enquired if it would be possible to erect a sign at the Scouts' Hall and another sign opposite the Victoria Hall, banning articulated lorries from using this road.

The meeting ended at 9:45pm.

14. **Date of next meeting:Thursday 27th March 2008 at 7:30pm**

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