



LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 31st JANUARY 2008 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER

Before the commencement of the full meeting, members listened to Mrs Aynsley Waterman's proposals in relation to the Old Primary School Site. These were noted. It had been made clear to Mrs Waterman before the meeting, that it would not be possible for members to discuss her proposals, at this stage, as they would have to consider not only her request, but also, other expressions of interest. Details of Mrs Waterman's presentation are available at the Town Library.

Cllr. Dorothy Williams wished it to be noted in the minutes, that in her opinion, it was out of order for this presentation to proceed, even though arrangements had been made with two senior town councillors, namely the Mayor and Cllr H.Harris, prior to the Meeting, to allow Mrs Waterman to present her views regarding the Old Primary School Site, on the condition that no discussion could be permitted (because of possible proposals of other parties, which would have to be considered).

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

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

PRESENT: Cllr. Mayor Chris Thomas,
Deputy-Mayor Cllr. Selwyn Walters,
Cllrs. Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis,
Hazel Davies, John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Greg
Evans, Robert (Hag) Harris, Lynda Mason-George and
Phillips. Kistiah Ramaya, Dorothy Williams and Derek

Robert
Wilson.

In Attendance: Mrs Aynsley Waterman, Mr Alan Waterman
Mr Ryan Jones Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from, PC Jo Grey.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST: None

4. POLICE MATTERS

4.1 A discussion ensued between (PCSO) Ryan Jones and members of the Town Council (TC)

4.1.1 **Lampeter could become the New Headquarters for the Dyfed-Powys Police's Ceredigion Traffic Unit.** It was decided to write to the Dyfed-Powys Police to ask how any proposed unit based at Lampeter would affect the town.

- 4.1.2 **Cllr. D.Williams** called on the police to have better communication with the general public regarding the reporting and solving of crimes.
- 4.1.3 **The Review of the Aberystwyth Alcohol Free Zone July 2007 Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership**, was received, outlining Aberystwyth's success. Aberystwyth's Alcohol Exclusion Ban will now act as a catalyst for a similar zone in Lampeter. PCSO Ryan Jones assured the Town Council that plans were moving forward.
- 4.1.4 **Appeals were made for disabled parking** to be provided at the Rookery car-park - the 3 bays closest to the school-gate should be designated for disabled drivers. Bus-parking was also mentioned.
- 4.1.5 **It was stated that a permanent Traffic Warden** was required for the Town.
- 4.1.6 **Ceredigion Crime & Disorder Assessment 2007 Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership**: it was agreed to prioritize the following 1) the need for a Visible Police Presence 2) Road-Safety 3) Youth Crime and Anti-Social behaviour

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

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the 29th November, 27th December and the 10th January were a correct record, and were signed by the chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 7.1 **The Old Primary School Playing Field**: it was resolved to contact CCC to seek a response to the request for the leasing of the field by the TC, as an amenity for the people of Lampeter.
- 7.2 **Lampeter Skate Park**: An e-mail was received from Patrick Cockburn in relation to the setting-up of a skate-park in Lampeter. It was decided to contact Cllr. Ivor Williams to find out whether the Football Club would be in agreement to the release of an area of land for this purpose.
- 7.3 **TRACC the Regional Transport Authority for Mid Wales: Transport Strategy Consultation**:
TRACC is the regional transport Consortium which has a duty to prepare a transport plan. Lampeter Town Council will be invited to take part in the consultation with local councils on the plan. The draft plan contains a number of elements of importance to Lampeter, which it notes as an important settlement in the mid Wales region. The main points affecting Lampeter directly, include:
 - 7.3.1 Traditional transport schemes work better in urban areas and would not be appropriate for the mid Wales region;
 - 7.3.2 Provision of by-passes around busy towns;
 - 7.3.3 Improvements to the TrawsCambria bus service including interchangeable ticketing with trains;
 - 7.3.4 Safeguarding the routes of disused railway lines;

- 7.3.5 Provision of walking and cycling routes, especially to new developments as a high priority;
- 7.3.6 Reducing the need for travel;
- 7.3.7 Study the options for a train service between Aberystwyth and Swansea via Lampeter and
- 7.3.8 Development of freight hubs for the trans-shipment of freight from road to rail.

Cllr R. Phillips agreed to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council.

- 7.4 **Youth Drop-In Centre further developments:** It is expected that the service will be running shortly, by the Social Services Dept of the CCC at the Llys Steffan Home. It is hoped to hold a Public Meeting to discuss the matter further and to recruit volunteers.
- 7.5 **Cittaslow:** no further developments at present.
- 7.6 **Ceredigion Area Meeting One Voice Wales 21/01/2008:** Cllr D. Williams conveyed that issues in relation to the Mid Wales Transportation Consortium (TraCC); Ambulance Services, Shelter Cymru; Avian (Bird)-Flu and Bus Services had been discussed. (Minutes of this meeting are available at the Town Library). She stated that the Area Development Officer Mr John Lumley would terminate his employment with OVW as from the 31st January. It was decided to thank him for the advice and support, which he has provided in recent years.
- 7.7 **Current situation re the bench: Kakitsuka Family:** Cllr. Phillips stated that he and Cllr. Ivor Williams had assembled and located the bench outside the Cemetery on the outskirts of Lampeter on the A475 Llanwnnen Rd.
- 7.8 **Bus parking Area:** communication received from Kevin Alldritt, Highways Dept, CCC stated that a bus-parking area for Lampeter is on their list for consideration as soon as resources permit
- 7.9 **Repair of the Notice-Board:** Cllr. D. Wilson agreed to repair the notice-board, situated in close proximity to the Town Library.
- 7.10 **Venue of Meetings:** it was resolved to make enquiries in relation to the feasibility of other venues within the town.

8. Correspondence Minute 60/2007

- 8.1 **Consultative Meeting 19/02/2008 CCC** an opportunity to raise matters of local concern with representatives of the CCC. Questions to be submitted before hand would include the need for a *Full Traffic-Survey in the Town, Proposals for the Old Primary School Field and Future Plans for the Victoria Hall.*
- 8.2 **Ceredigion Physical Activity Plan 2007-11:** noted for information
- 8.3 **Consultation on the Draft Regional Technical Statement CCC:** for information only

- 8.4 **Standards Committee & Sub-Committee Schedule of meeting dates CCC:** for information only.
- 8.5 **Ammanford Youth Council & One VW – seminar “Delivering a Successful Youth Council” 5/04/2008:** it was decided to forward the names of Cllrs Elsie Dafis and Lynda Mason-George; places subject to availability.
- 8.6 **Leasing Bryn Field: letter received from Lampeter University;**The current lease is currently in its second year of three. It was decided to convey to the University that Lampeter Town Council is interested in the leasing of the field; it would be requested for the University to notify the TC during the time when expressions of interest regarding its re-lease are invited.
- 8.7 **Letter from Elin Jones AM:** wishing members of the Town Council a happy new year. The Town Council and individual members are welcome to contact her for advice and support during the forthcoming year.
- 8.8 **Complaints Handling Seminar 14/02/2008 Ombudsman & One Voice Wales:** for information.
- 8.9 **Temporary Road Closure:** Public Highway between Station Terrace and Mill Street, Lampeter, from 08:00 7th January 2008 to 17:00 11th January 2008: for information only.
- 8.10 **A Letter of resignation was** received from the Town Council’s Internal Auditor, Mr Robert Thomas LlainDeg Cellan. It was decided to thank him for his services and attempt to find a replacement.
- 8.11 **Celebration of Christmas 2007:** letter received from the Lampeter Chamber of Trade, thanking members of the Town Council for participating in the Celebration of Christmas Evening on Thursday 13th December 2007. It was resolved to congratulate the Chamber of Trade for organising this event. The itinerary showed that many organizations had helped to make the event a success, under their guidance.
- 8.12 **Town Twinning:** copy of the letter sent by the Lampeter & District Twinning Association to the CCC requesting the provision of signs on the entrances of the town, declaring twinning with St Germaine sur Moine. It was resolved to send a letter to CCC, supporting this request.
- 8.13 **Inter Community Sports Competition 2008:** for information
- 8.14 **Other correspondence:** for information only

9. MENTER LLAMBED
Minute 61/2007

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

- 9.1 **Lampeter Fit Trail Project:** the excess money, as received from the Sports’ Council of Wales (original grant £25,000), after purchasing the Fit Trail Equipment at Parc-yr-Orsedd, has been spent on the acquisition of two Rock Blocks and Safety Surfacing for £3,995 ex VAT (Cross-ref 11.1.2).
- 9.2 **Lampeter Gateways: Result of Consultation:Menter Llambed** from David Morgan Gateways Project Team Leader: for information
- 9.3 **Running Track:** Lampeter is being considered for a 400m Athletics’ Track, alongside Aberystwyth & Cardigan.

9.4 **Cllr. G.Evans thanked Cllr. R.Phillips** for updating the Town Council's section of the Menter Llambod's Web-site. All entries of the minutes are presently up-to-date.

9.5 **It was agreed to invite Jen Jones** and Roger Clive-Powell, Welsh Quilts & Blankets to the next meeting of the Town Council.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

Minute 62/2007

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

Applic. No	Applicant:	Location:	Application Details:
A070906AV	CWS Retail Financial Services	Co-op Food Store Bridge Street Lampeter	Consent to Display Advertisements
A070646	Mrs AD Lloyd Llys Teifi New Street Lampeter	Land Adj Llys Teifi New Street Lampeter	Erection of a dwelling (renewal of outline planning permission A040606)
A071178	Mr G Jones Arwel Felinfach Lampeter	The Old Slaughterhouse Llanfair Road Lampeter	Change of Use to garage repairs and MOT testing station.
A071166	Mr D Evans Gwinnant Cribyn Lampeter	Rear of 10 College Street Lampeter	Replacement Flat
A070874	Davies & Potter 20 Bridge Street Lampeter	20 Bridge Street Lampeter	Replacement Shop front

10.2 **The following planning application was received**

Applic. No	Applicant & Location	Application Details:	Observations
A071346	Edwin Mellen PressLtd Unit 17 Lampeter Industrial Estate Tregaron Road Lampeter	Change of use from beauty salon to office	No objections.

10.3 **Training Seminar in Planning for Community & Town Councillors**
OVW13/02/2008: Cllr Barton wished to be enrolled on this course at Carmarthen.

10.4 **Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan: Delivery Agreement**
Carmarthenshire County Council: Agreed by the Welsh Assembly Government August 2007: noted for information.

10.5 Local Development Plan: Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic

Environmental Assessment: Scoping Report: Consultation: The county council are presently developing the Local Development Plan. The “scoping” stage forms a part of this process. The LPD will set out policies and proposals for the development and use of land in Ceredigion for the next 15 years. It was decided not to submit comments in relation to the draft Scoping Report.

11. FINANCE Minute 63/2007

11.1

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec137	VAT
INCOME				
Footpaths Grant CCC Ramblers		620.24		
EXPENDITURE				
	£	£	£	£
Clerk’s salary: net – 9/12-31/12	221.83			
Tax and NI 9/12-31/12	46.74			
Planning Seminar OVW: Cllr C.Barton	25.00			
Heat and Light 9/12-31/12	14.83			
Christmas Lighting		459.56		80.42
Christmas Tree			10.00	
Victoria Hall: Poultry Market 21/12/07	40.00			
Victoria Hall: Derby & Joan X5	50.00			
BT Bill & Broadband	107.34			
Zurich Insurance	1,312.02			18.79
Mayor’s Playground Training		125.00		21.88
PlayWorld Systems Rock Blocks		3,995.00		699.13
Town Hall: Town Council meetings x 5	100.00			
LightFoot Ramblers Footpath Grant		620.24		108.54
CCTV MLL Telecom 1/01-7/01 (inc)		368.82		64.54
CCTV MLL TELECOM Dec 2007	1,633.34			285.83
Young Farmers Clubs Ceredigion			50.00	
Gŵyl Dewi Drwg Festival			250.00	
TOTAL	3,551.10	5,568.62	310.00	1,279.13
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£10,708.85			

11.2 **A thank you letter was received from the National Eisteddfod Cardiff & Area 2008** for the recent donation of £100.

11.3 **A request for financial support was received** from the Aberystwyth & District Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). Two items of information are required before members can make an informed decision regarding this request i.e. consideration of the Balance Sheet and the involvement of the CAB in Lampeter.

11.4 **Age Concern:** It was decided to invite Gwyneth Jones of *Age Concern* Ceredigion to the next meeting of the Town Council in order to glean further information about this organisation and to consider the possibility of making a financial contribution.

11.5 **It was decided not to make a financial towards** the *Relate* and the *Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod*.

12. SUB-COMMITTEES Minute 64/2007

12.1 FOOTPATHS' (including Parc-yr-Orsedd)

12.1.1 Community Paths Scheme Application 2008-09 CCC: A grant application of £1,000 has been submitted to the CCC. This will involve clearing and maintenance work on various paths in the area and the installation of stiles.

12.2.2 Playground Inspection Parc-yr-Orsedd 23/11/2007: The Mayor conveyed that he had succeeded in the recent playground inspection and was now qualified to inspect Parc-Yr-Orsedd on a regular basis during the next 3 years. He drew members' attention to one of the recently installed Rock Blocks, and felt that for Health & Safety reasons, this climbing frame should be moved to a more secure location. It was resolved to contact the suppliers.

12.2 STREET LIGHTS'

12.2.1 It was resolved to contact the CCC to enquire whether it would be possible for street lights at Bryn Road to be improved using energy saving and environmentally friendly materials. Suitable lighting is also required at Parc-yr-Orsedd. Other sites are in need of attention but it was felt that perhaps Bryn Road could be dealt with initially.

12.2.2 It was decided to report that the street light, situated outside the Sorting Office, is not working.

12.3 CCTV CAMERAS'

12.3.1 The Monthly Report Dec 2007 CCC: problems exist with "picture quality" and one camera has no picture.

12.3.2 The CCTV pictures were transferred from the MLL Network to the Ceredigion Network at the beginning of December 2007 and transmission has proved to be successful. Lampeter TC's association with MLL Telecom has terminated on the 7 January 2008 (awaiting an official confirmation). Confirmation of the new contract with CCC is also awaited. The TC's payment as from the 8th January 2008 is £12,000pa.

12.4 PAVEMENTS

Improvements will be made to pavements

- extending from the Doctor's Surgery to the Square &
- those situated at Drover's Road.

13. AOB Minute 65/2007

12.1 It was decided to congratulate Mrs Judith Walters for walking a long stretch of the Great Wall of China recently, in aid of the Girl Guides.

12.2 An invitation was extended to councillors to attend the Fair Trade Event at the St Thomas' Church, Sat 2 March at 2 o'clock.

12.3 It was decided to arrange a meeting with Mr Freeman, Curator, Ceredigion Museum, with a view to updating the present exhibition at the Library and to decide on future plans for the display and storage of the town council's artifacts.

The meeting ended at 10.10pm

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 28th February 2008 at 7.30pm

(Signed: Chairman)

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