



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
27th MARCH 2008 AT 7.30PM
TOWN HALL LAMPETER**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

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

PRESENT: Cllr. Mayor Chris Thomas (Chairperson)
Cllrs. Selwyn Walters, Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis, Hazel Davies,
John Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans, Robert Harris, Lynda Mason-
George, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya and Derek Wilson.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Cecilia Barton, Greg Evans, Dorothy Williams
Mr Carl Stringer
PC Jo Grey

2. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mayor C.Thomas, when discussing the request for financial support from the Urdd Branch, Lampeter (Minute 9.1)

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – 28/02/2008

These were agreed to be correct.

4. POLICE MATTERS

4.1 Response received from Alun Harries Superintendent Dyfed Powys Police re the proposed Traffic Unit for Lampeter. He stated that he was not sure of the source of this information, but there were no plans to create a centralized traffic unit for Ceredigion at Lampeter. The police were examining methods of improving the way they carry out the roads policing function, but it was unlikely that this would result in the creation of a traffic unit at Lampeter.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Collection of Election Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for the possible Town Council Election of the 1st May were collected at the meeting, in accordance with the request from the County Council for the Clerk to return all the Nomination Papers in one envelope, to facilitate the checking process.

5.2 Confirmation of the position of Mayor and Deputy-Mayor for the next Municipal Year

Should Cllr. Wilson and Cllr. Walters remain as Town Councillors after the 1st May, it was RESOLVED that Cllr Wilson would be Mayor for the next Municipal year and Cllr Walters would remain in the position of Deputy-Mayor.

5.3 Latest date for holding the AGM – One Voice Wales: information received - the AGM of Town & Community Councils should be held before the 20th May. It was RESOLVED to hold the AGM in early May and the Mayor's Installation Service on the 6th June.

- 5.4 Lampeter Youth Club** - further developments: this will open officially, in Lampeter on the 7th May.
- 5.5 Cittaslow Arrangements:** a meeting was arranged for the 9th April.
- 5.6 Lampeter Swimming Pool:** response received from the CCC to the letter sent by the TC expressing regret over the possible cut in funding from the Ceredigion County Council in relation to Lampeter Swimming Pool, during the next financial year. It was stated by CCC that the reduction in funding to Lampeter Swimming Pool is part of the larger budget savings that are having to be made by the county council for the financial year 2008-09. A review is being undertaken of both public and school swimming in Ceredigion. The review seeks to ensure that the quality of the provision is improved and that it is also cost effective. The voluntary pools in Ceredigion play a large part in this provision and are currently involved in a consultation process that is being led by the County Council. The proposals that are being discussed will allow greater access to the pools by the communities when they are not required for school swimming and also improve the quality of school swimming lessons. No details within the proposals have been agreed or finalized to date. However, five meetings have been held so far with the pools and it is envisaged that the initial stages of the process will be concluded before Easter. The CCC is fully appreciative of the contribution that the voluntary pools make to the quality of life of the residents of Ceredigion and will continue to work in partnership with them to provide a service that meets the needs of the residents of Ceredigion.
- 5.7 Visit to the Jen Jones' Quilts Centre 18/03/08** – feedback: minutes of this visit are attached.
- 5.8 CAVO – nominations- Ceredigion Volunteer Award of Recognition 2008:** It was RESOLVED to nominate Mr. Noel Davies in recognition of his invaluable commitment to the British Legion.
- 5.9 3 Disabled parking bays at the Rookery:** an e-mail received from Mr. Alun Davies, Highways, Property & Works Dept (HPW), CCC stated that he could not foresee any problems in providing new disabled parking bays at the Rookery car-park. Disabled parking spaces need to be wider than conventional bays and the creation of 3 new bays could result in the loss of more than 3 conventional parking spaces. He would investigate to ascertain the optimum configuration.
- 5.10 Provision of Signs:** Town Twinning Lampeter – it was RESOLVED to invite a representative of the CCC to the next meeting of the Town Council to discuss the options available to the Town Council, when seeking new signs for the town.
- 5.11 Dog Bins for the town:** Notification received from the CCC - provisions are made for this facility by the county council. It was RESOLVED that members of the Pavements' Committee would find suitable locations, within the town for the siting of these bins.
- 5.12 Bins – to hold recyclable waste:** these bins are not provided by the CCC. It was suggested that the Town Council contact Aberystwyth Town Council for further advice.
- 5.13 Signs – new primary school:** according to the CCC, these would be installed over the Easter Holiday.
- 5.14 The situation in relation to other traffic issues-** awaiting a reply from the CCC regarding the
- 5.14.1 Removal of yellow lines,** outside the Old Primary School;
- 5.14.2 A Give-way sign** at Drovers' Road;

- 5.14.3 **The loose cement around the man-hole** near Somerfield Supermarket;
- 5.14.4 **Loose screws on the Finger Signs**, outside the Town Hall &
- 5.14.5 **The provision of signs** banning articulated lorries from travelling over Bryn-yr-Eglwys.

6. CORRESPONDENCE
Minute 72/2007

- 6.1 **Local Vision: Statutory Guidance from the Welsh Assembly Government on developing and delivering community strategies:** for information
- 6.2 **Principles of Good Administration & Principles of Remedy – Ombudsman Wales;** noted for information
- 6.3 **Draft Fire & Rescue Service National Framework for Wales for Consultation 2008-11- WAG:** for information
- 6.4 **Post-Office Ltd Network Change Programme for the Area - Meeting 26/03/08** CCC Offices Penmorfa, Aberaeron: during this meeting Cllr Harris had referred to the lessons learned, from the re-location of the Lampeter P.O. from College Street to the Co-op Store, during the summer of 2007.
- 6.4 **Other Correspondence:** for information only.

7. MENTER LLAMBED
Minute 73/2007

Cllr G. Evans had forwarded a report, which is attached to these minutes.

8. PLANNING
Minute 74/2007

8.1 APPLICATIONS

- 8.1.1 **Change of use to A3, 19 High Street, Lampeter.** Applicant: Mr. N.Wright- **no objection**
- 8.1.2 **Change of use & extension of farm dwelling**, No 7 Market Street, Lampeter; **no objection**
- 8.1.3 **Extension of existing kitchen:** Goedwig, Llanwnnen Road, Lampeter; Applicant Mr E.Richards: **no objection**

8.2 PERMISSION

The CCC has granted permission to

- 8.2.1 **Install Electricity Lines – Lampeter to Tregaron, Western Power Distribution.**

8.3 REFUSAL

The CCC has refused permission to

- 8.3.1 **Erect 2 flats, 1 Harford Square, Lampeter. Applicant Mr K.Williams:** the proposal is detrimental to the character and amenities of the area, constitutes the overdevelopment of the site, is not of a design and external appearance of the conservation area and would have a detrimental impact on the safety and free flow of traffic.

- 8.4 Ceredigion Local Development Plan Meeting CCC 17/03/08 feedback:** the timetable of the Local Development Plan was outlined i.e. from the submission and agreement of the Delivery Agreement in June 2007 to the Adoption in the Spring 2012. As Wales has a plan-led system, it means that the Local Development Plan (LDP) will be very important when making planning decisions. It will set out Ceredigion's proposals and policies for future development and use of land in the area. Once the plan has been adopted, decisions on planning permissions will be mostly based on the LDP. The LDP will therefore provide a measure of certainty about what kind of development will and will not be permitted during the plan period. Town and Community Councils are vital in the plan preparation as they hold local knowledge.
- 8.5 Re-Issue: Ceredigion LDP: Public Consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report:** extension of another 5 weeks to submit comments. (to Noon 28th April)
- 8.6 Ceredigion LDP Candidate Site Consultation:** as part of the process of preparing the LDP, the CCC is inviting developers, service providers, landowners and others with an interest in land to submit sites they wish to be considered for development or other uses through the LDP. All completed forms and maps must be returned no later than the 2nd May.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Minute 75/2007

	Admin.	Maint.	Sec137	VAT
INCOME				
Christmas Lighting Grant CCC		£520.00		
EXPENDITURE				
	£	£	£	£
Clerk's salary: net – Feb 2008	429.94			
Tax and NI Feb 2008	111.72			
Heat and Light Feb 2008	20.00			
Eisteddfod yr Urdd Llandudno 2008			250.00	
Insurance Young at Heart	207.62			
CCTV Jan to March		2,269.00		397.08
TOTAL	769.28	2,269.00	250.00	397.08
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>3,685.36</u>			

9.2 It was decided not to make a financial contribution to the Oxygen Therapy Centre, Cardigan and to the Scope Organisation (helping disabled children and adults in Wales & England).

9.3 New Internal Auditor for the Town Council: no developments.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

10.1 FOOTPATHS (including Parc-yr-Orsedd)

10.1.1 Consideration of tenders for grass-cutting at Parc-yr-Orsedd and the maintenance of footpaths during the summer months: One tender was received from Mr. E.Williams Blodfryn, Lampeter. It was

RESOLVED to accept this tender of £510 in respect of one cut per month at Parc-yr-Orsedd (April to Sept Inc), all grass cuttings to be removed and to accept the footpaths' maintenance rate of £90 per day.

10.1.2 Relocating the Rock-Block, Parc-yr-Orsedd: the Mayor had held a site meeting with a representative of PlayWorld on the 5th April to discuss the relocation of the rock-block, for Health & Safety reasons. The Clerk to contact the organisation again to find out when this work will be undertaken.

10.1.3 Repairing the fence/ new entrance at Parc-yr-Orsedd – the Clerk to contact the CCC to find out the present situation.

10.1.4 Coedwig Gymunedol Long Wood Community Woodland: request for disabled access to Olwen Wood: it was agreed to support this request and to upgrade the relevant footpath as part of the work included in the Community Footpaths' Scheme.

10.2 PAVEMENTS'

It was reported that problems existed:

10.2.1 Between the Spar Store and the Gwilym Price shop;

10.2.2 At the P.O. Mews

It was RESOLVED to report these matters to the CCC.

10.3 STREET LIGHTING

10.3.1 Situation in relation to the request to the CCC for street lights at Bryn Road to be improved using energy saving and environmentally friendly materials: awaiting a reply

10.3.2 The street light adjacent to Contii's café is defective- to report to CCC.

10.3.3 The street light on the Tregaron Road remains alight all day – to report to CCC.

10.4 CCTV Cameras

10.4.1 The monthly Report – February- as received from CCC: one request to view digital media had been received from the police in relation to theft. "No picture" remains outstanding on one camera. The relevant equipment to remedy the continuing problems, referred to in previous minutes, has been ordered and contractors should be carrying out the work in the near future.

10.4.2 CCTV Transmission Agreement has been set up between Lampeter Town Council and Ceredigion County Council to be run from the 1st Jan 2008 to 31 March 2009, on a year-by-year basis subject to the Termination Clause.

Service Provision

The CCC will provide adequate, quality bandwidth to transmit CCTV pictures from Lampeter to the Council's CCTV service based at Aberystwyth Police Station. The service will be for the transmission of 6 cameras at a cost of £12,000 per annum payable on the 1st April in each full year. Transmission for additional cameras will be allowed up to a maximum of 8 cameras at an additional cost of £2,000 pa per camera. Should more than 8 cameras be required, the CCC reserves

the right to review the requirements and bandwidth available, and costs. Should any disruption occur to the communication links between Lampeter and Aberystwyth, the CC will be subject to the service arrangements with communication link providers, where an 8hour response during normal working hours is in place.

Termination: Either party may give notice of termination of service, giving 6 months advance notice.

10.4.4 Request to Visit to the Control Room: An e-mail was received from Mr. Bleddyn Jones CCC stating that their Consultant had been instructed to proceed with the works identified to sort out the control/telemetry problems with the cameras. Once he will have received the programme of this work he will contact the TC to arrange a meeting. An evening meeting when it is dark, should not pose a problem.

**11.0 A.O.B.
Minute 76/2007**

11.1 It was decided to congratulate various organizations within the town for securing the CCCs' "Food Safety Award 2008". These include the Briwsion Bakery, Gelli Llon Care Centre, Hafan-Deg Home and the Hedyn Mwstard Café.

11.2 It was resolved to send a letter of congratulations to 3 members of the Girl Guides c/o Mrs Judith Walters, who have recently achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:
Minute 77/2007**

It was RESOLVED that in the event of a Town Council Election on the 1st May , no monthly meeting would be held on the 24th April. In the event of no election, normal arrangements would apply.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 24th April at 7:30pm at the Town Hall

Friday 8th May: 7:00pm – AGM Swearing In and Signing the Code of Conduct
Saturday 31st May 7:30pm, Castle Green, Lampeter, Mayor's Leaving Dinner
Friday 6th June 6:30pm – Mayor's Installation Ceremony