



**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 AT 7.30PM  
AT THE OLD HALL, UNIVERSITY OF WALES, LAMPETER**

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

Mr Alfred Morris Vice-Chancellor University of Wales Lampeter  
Dr Medwin Hughes Vice Chancellor Designate Trinity St David  
Dr Brinley Jones President University of Wales Lampeter  
Mrs Tricia Carter Vice-President University of Wales Lampeter  
Mr Gwyndaf Tobias Registrar and Head of Administration University of Wales Lampeter

PCSO Ryan Jones

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

Before the commencement of the full meeting members were briefed by the above mentioned, on the *Proposals and Business Plans* for the new University, *Trinity St David*, which will be an amalgamation of the University of Wales Lampeter and Trinity College Carmarthen. Mrs Tricia Carter Vice-President University of Wales, Lampeter, stated that the new University, UW Trinity Saint David will work as one institute by July 2009 under the Vice-Chancellor Designate, Dr Medwin Hughes, Trinity's current Principal.

*Trinity Saint David* should be formally created by July 2010. It will build upon both institutions and will celebrate their respective histories as well as provide a modern, forward thinking university that will drive forward the Assembly Government's transformational agenda for education and training in Wales.

Dr Brinley Jones, President of UW Lampeter, started his address by noting his enjoyment of the *Life-Trail* Launch at Parc-yr-Orsedd, the preceding Tuesday. The event had encouraged him to improve in his area of exercise and fitness. The Mayor echoed his sentiments.

Dr Jones reported that Lampeter University had survived many challenges and changes since its inception in 1822. He believed that the formation of the new University would build on the respective strengths, academic rigour and international reputation of each institution. This would ensure that South West Wales would be the first choice for students and employers within the region and further afield.

Dr Medwin Hughes endeavoured to communicate that *Trinity Saint David* would focus on the needs of the communities and the wider needs of Wales, in an international context. It would be dedicated to investing in both campuses and in

becoming an integral part of both towns, which will serve their economic and sustainable needs. Substantial investment will be made in facilities for the Lampeter campus, which will also be available to the residents of the town. He said, "We need the youth to be able to use these facilities. A University that isn't at the heart of the community has failed. I forecast in 5 years, you will have a vibrant *Trinity Saint David University*. I see the University in Lampeter building on its academic excellence. This is about investment, investment in Lampeter and investment in the people of Lampeter. We will be forming a new university for the benefit of Lampeter and Carmarthen."

There had been concern that Lampeter could be overlooked in favour of the Carmarthen campus but Dr Hughes assured members that the aim of the exercise would be to develop both campuses equally and to attract students to Lampeter and Carmarthen. However, he could not promise that jobs would not be lost as a result of the changes.

A decision on £18million funding from the *Reconfiguration and Collaboration Fund*, which is key to securing the success of this venture will be made by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Dr Hughes stated that the formation of the new university could not proceed without the funding. Mr Alfred Morris Vice-Chancellor University of Wales Lampeter reiterated that Lampeter University was, "in desperate need of investment". It was resolved unanimously to forward a letter to the HEFCW to urge the Body to agree to the funding application. (letter attached – Appendix 1 - Cllr Harris had agreed to draft the letter on behalf of the Town Council)

Transport links were discussed. It is hoped to use local initiative to create vital transport links between Lampeter and Carmarthen, which are 23 miles apart. Dr Hughes said, "It is up to us to develop new social enterprise initiatives – how can the university and the council develop new services, not only for students, but for the community? There hasn't been enough emphasis on community initiatives by universities in the past."

In relation to attracting overseas students Dr Hughes stated that the new institution would develop a strong marketing strategy to attract international students. The Vice-Chancellor Designate concluded his address by making a commitment to make a presentation to the Town Council once or twice a year, to share the progress of the new institute.

## **2. APOLOGIES & PERSONAL MATTERS**

The retiring Mayor Cllr Derek Wilson thanked all present for their help and support during his term of office.  
There were no apologies.

## **3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**3.1 Cllr Mason-George** declared a personal interest when the Planning Application: Change of Use to Family Centre (play group): 6 St Thomas' Street, Lampeter, was discussed and vacated the premises. (Minute 9.2)

## **4. POLICE MATTERS**

### **4.1 Alcohol Exclusion Zone (AEZ) for Lampeter**

Awaiting a reply from the *Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership* in relation to the Town Council's offer to meet 50% of the expenditure involved, (up to a threshold of £2,500), to bring the AEZ Order to fruition.

**4.2 A new Inspector** has recently started at Lampeter namely Inspector Nicky Carter.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH MEETING**

These were agreed to be correct.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**6.1 Town Council's Notice Board:** In the last meeting the Mayor reported that he would improve the condition of the framework in the near future. O/S

**6.2 A Shared Community** – Welsh Assembly Government (WAG): this document remains in circulation.

**6.3 Ceredigion Community Safety Plan 2008-11** – in circulation.

**6.4 Tidy Towns:**

**6.4.1 Recycling Bin Harford Square;** permission has been refused by CCC to locate the bin at Harford Square. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Lyndon Griffiths earlier that day, who stated that the bin could be located at Parc-yr-Orsedd without seeking permission, as this park is the property of the Town Council. Permission would be required from the CCC to position the bin in other locations within the town eg between the Spar Store and Gwilym Price Store. The exact location of the bin needs to be established and conveyed to the County Council before the Tidy Towns' Co-ordinator, Rachel Mills can order the bin and move the matter forward. The details of the bin have already been forwarded to the CCC. Cllr Rob Phillips had met with Mr Lyndon Griffiths on the 26<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the matter. Cllr Walters stated that the bin should be black in colour and contain the headings "Plastic/Cans"

**6.4.2 The removal of graffiti** from the Railway Bridge: it is not possible to undertake this work under the auspices of the Tidy Towns' Scheme. It was not established whether members wished to pursue this matter further.

**6.4.3 Improvements to the Scouts' Hall;** Rachel Mills reported that this request did not meet WAG criteria for funding.

**6.4.4 Maesyderi Field:** the 3 year lease has, by now been finalised between the Ceredigion CC and the Town Council. It was resolved to table the Maesyderi Field as an Agenda Item for the next meeting with a view to setting up a sub-committee comprising members of the TC, residents who live in close proximity to the field and representatives from various Sports' organisations within the town. Funding could be available from the Tidy Towns' Scheme for the repairing of the fence. Cllr Evans stated that the grass would be cut shortly.

**6.4.5 Parc-yr-Orsedd:** 5 new benches were ordered for the park – awaiting their arrival

**6.5 Provisions of seats at the Post-Office, Lampeter:** awaiting a reply from PO Ltd.

- 6.6 Changing the name of King George V Green to Parc St.Germain-sur-Moine:** Letter received from the Lampeter Twinning Association expressing their delight at the new signs, which have been placed at the entry points of the town (awaiting the installation of the sign on the Cwmann Gateway). They also thanked the TC for agreeing to re-name the King George V Green to St. Germain-sur-Moine and enquired whether it would be possible to erect the sign before the 21<sup>st</sup> May in time for the arrival of the French Exchange Party. Members agreed that this was slightly over-ambitious, given the time scale and considered placing a statue or sculpture at this spot to acknowledge the twinning association. To discuss further at the next meeting.
- 6.7 Letter from Mr Jamie McCormack Turner 2 Glyndwr, Station Terrace, Lampeter SA48 7HB** asking for the provision of a street sign for the five Glyndwr Terrace houses and suggested 1-5 Glyndwr. Kay Hughes CCC stated that the matter was under investigation, before the last meeting. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Lyndon Griffiths earlier that day, who promised to look into the matter.
- 6.8 Citizens Advice Bureau:** re the TC's request for a representative to attend a meeting of the TC: awaiting a reply from the CAB.
- 6.9 Request: salt buckets** from the CCC for the Penbryn Estate and the Rookery Car-park: these have been put in place.
- 6.10 Response to the Request to CCC for the one-way stretch of road known as Mountwalk** to be pedestrianised in the interest of safety.  
A site meeting had been arranged between a delegation of the TC and Rachel Thomas CCC for Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.00am. Feedback from this meeting was not received.
- 6.11 Dog Fouling:** CCC:100 leaflets have been ordered from CCC. The leaflets are presently being reprinted.
- 6.12 Mayoral Installation Ceremony 1 May 2009:** the Agenda has been circulated to members.
- 6.13 Leasing the Bryn Field:** it was resolved not to submit a lease for the Bryn Field.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Come Explore the Senedd:** an invitation from the WAG to visit the Welsh Assembly – free guided tours seven days a week for groups of up to 50 – to discuss further at the next meeting.
- 7.2 Winners of the Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009:** the retiring Mayor and Mayoress will attend the Garden Party as arranged by One Voice Wales. 16 winning councils from Wales, were drawn out of the hat on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.
- 7.3 Really Welsh Daffodil Bulbs:** Buy one 25kg Sack for £20 (roughly 500 bulbs) get second bag free: for information
- 7.4 Other Correspondence: for information only.**

## 8. MENTER LLAMBED

**Cllr Greg Evans reported that:**

- 8.1 The AGM** will be held during the next few weeks. It was resolved to re-elect Cllrs Greg Evans; John Davies and Greg Evans to represent the Town Council on the Menter Llambled Committee.

**8.2 The plans** in relation to the Victoria Hall are ongoing.

**8.3 Menter Llambod has acquired IT** equipment which can be used by the community.

**9. PLANNING**

**9.1 These applications have been approved by Ceredigion CC**

<b>Date in which the TC was notified by CCC</b>	<b>Applicant/s &amp; Proposal</b>	<b>Location:</b>
25/03/2009 <b>Application Number:</b> A080977	Mr C Powell University of Wales Lampeter  Erection of external Lift	University of Wales, Lampeter
15/04/2009 <b>Application Number:</b> A090026LB	Mr B G Taylor Beechwood 30 High Street Lampeter  Replacement windows & doors to match existing	Beechwood 30 High Street Lampeter
25/03/2009 <b>Application Number:</b> A080489LB	Trustees St Peter's Church Lampeter  Replacement windows and doors	St Peter's Church Lampeter (Listed Building Consent)
3/04/2009 <b>Application Number:</b> A080295	Mr & Mrs C Jones Coed y Glyn Falcondale Drive Lampeter  Erection of a Bungalow	Land adjacent to Coed y Glyn Falcondale Drive Lampeter

**9.2 Planning Application: Change of Use to Family Centre (play group):** 6 St Thomas' Street, Lampeter. Application Number: A090212. Date received: 31/03/2009.

**Town Council's Observation:** fully supportive of this application.

**9.3 The following planning application has been refused by Ceredigion CC:** First Floor Rear Extension to Maisonette, 19 High Street, Lampeter. Applicant Mr Nick Wright, 19 High Street Lampeter. Application Number: A090042. Reasons for refusal : The proposed extension would have a significant detrimental impact upon the residential amenity of the occupiers of No. 20 High Street, which is situated immediately to the west of the application site. The proposed extension, by reason of its scale, bulk, design and position, would result in a significant loss to daylight to this neighbouring property.

**The proposal is therefore contrary to the advice contained within Planning Policy Wales (2002), the Ministerial Interim Planning Policy Statement 01/2008 – Planning for Good Design (2008) and Technical Advice Note 12: Design (2002), to Policy H( of the adopted Dyfed Structure Plan 1990 including alterations NO.1), to Policies GEN2.1, GEN4.1; ENVB 1.1, H3.5 AND H4.4 of the Ceredigion Unitary Development Plan 2001-16 (Proposed Modifications Version) and to the guidance contained within Ceredigion Council's Supplementary Guidance Note 1 – Residential Design Principles (2000). Date 23/03/2009.**

**9.4 Minutes of the Development Control Committee** held at the Ceredigion CCC's Offices at Penmorfa, Aberaeron on the 11/03/2009 and Agenda of the meeting of the 8/04/2009: noted for information.

**9.5 Ceredigion CC – Pre-Deposit Local Development Plan Documents**

**Consultation:** As part of the process of preparing the Local Development Plan (LDP), the Council is to consult on the Pre-Deposit LDP Documents. This stage of the consultation includes the following documents (1,2&3): 1)**The Preferred Strategy**, including the Key issues affecting Ceredigion; The Vision and Objectives; Main Strategy for the Plan Period; Key Strategic Policies; Proposed Candidate sites Assessment Methodology. 2)**Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report** & 3)**Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report**. The pre-Deposit LDP Documents will outline the level of growth being considered, the location of growth, areas for protection etc. The consultation ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. A response has been submitted on behalf of the Town Council.

**10. FINANCE**

**10.1 Financial requests:**

**10.1.1 Eisteddfod Gŵyl y Banc Llanbedr PS** : £1,000 donated.

**10.1.2 Urdd branch Lampeter** – a party will visit to the Urdd Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay to compete, which will involve staying overnight £250.00 donated.

**10.2 Thank you letters were received from *Mencap Cymru*** for the recent donation of £50, from the *Lampeter Swimming Pool Committee* for the donation of £1,000 and from the *Lampeter Music Club* for the donation of £200.00

**10.3 It was resolved not** to make a financial contribution to *The Mid Wales Colo-Rectal Fund*.

**10.4 Letter from Kathryn Dupont Red Cross Carers** Fieldworkers Project requesting a financial contribution in relation to the start-up costs for a self-help group for carers in the Lampeter area. It was resolved to seek further information regarding the project.

**10.5 Clerk's Pay** (April) £515.06 (including 2.5hours translation of the Mayor's *Welcome* within the Lampeter Guide)

**10.6 Heat/Light/Storage** £20.00

**10.7 H M Revenue + NI Contributions;** £83.45

**10.8 Mr Eirwyn Williams hedge trimming** and the removal of bags of weeds at Parc-yr-Orsedd £50.00

**10.9 Expenses incurred by Cllr D.Williams for the Buffet** of the Life-Trail Launch of the 28<sup>th</sup> April £121.13, for approximately 60 people.

**10.10 Hire of Victoria Hall Young at Heart Teas** CCC £51.25

**10.11 CCTV Annual Payment** £12,000 + VAT £1,800

**10.12 Cascade Lampeter:** Helium Balloons for the Life-Trail Launch £15.00

**10.13 Interest Received** 9 Oct-8 April £715.19 – Alliance & Leicester.

**10.14 Annual Precept Ceredigion CC £43,090.70.** Approximately £130 had been deducted, prior to receipt to meet the Election Costs (administration as no Town Council Election was held) of May 2008.

**10.15 BDO Stoy Hayward LLP Chartered Accountants: Audit Date for Lampeter Town Council: 18<sup>th</sup> September** 2009. It was resolved to ask Mr Dave Smith if he was prepared to undertake the internal audit of the accounts of Lampeter Town Council for the year ending 31 March 2009.

**10.16 Mayor's Allowance:** It was decided in the Budget meeting of January 2009 that an increase of 3% would be built into the budget on all costs (eg hire of

halls, insurance, Annual Subscriptions), incurred by the Town Council for the year 2009-10. This would include the Mayor's Allowance, which has increased marginally for many years in succession. The Mayor's Allowance for the year 2008-09 had been £2,587.50. An additional £78.00 would be paid to incorporate the 3% for the year 2009-10. Fuel and food costs have increased dramatically in the past year and this increase would be reflected in the cost of eg the Mayor's Installation Dinner, the Mayor's Civic Service Buffet, Young at Heart Christmas Party Mayoress' Do as well as travelling costs. It was resolved to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

- 10.17 £40,000 has been transferred from the Alliance & Leicester A/c** to the Lloyds TSB. £60,000 has been deposited in a Lloyds TSB A/c which yields 2% per annum, fixed rate, no withdrawals allowed during this time. Negotiations are in hand to transfer £40,000 from the Lloyds TSB to the Barclays Bank, where a better return to the current 0.1% will be received.

## 11. SUB-COMMITTEES

### 11.1 FOOTPATHS' INCLUDING PARC-YR-ORSEDD

**11.1.1 Ceredigion Rights of Way Improvements Plan in Nov 2008:** (work to be undertaken on the Old Station Yard to Longwood footpath; Upgrade Forest Walk/Forest Road Footpath and also upgrade Gwêl y Creuddyn to Aberaeron Footpath 61/16). – according to CCC these are not official footpaths. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**11.1.2 Parc-yr-Orsedd:** Official Launch of the Park to include the new sports' equipment, as funded by the *Sports' Council For Wales*, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm.

In 2006 the WAG made available £4million to support a new *Active Lifestyles'* programme and the *Sports' Council for Wales* (SCW) was commissioned to administer the programme. A grant of £25,000 was awarded to Lampeter Town Council in April 2007. As a result 6 Life-Trail Wellness Stations were purchased from the *PlayWorld Systems*, which offer exercises such as body warm-ups, hamstring stretches, torso stability and back strengthening. Two rock-block climbing frames for children had also been acquired.

Approximately 60 people gathered for the *Official Opening*. It had been co-ordinated by the Clerk, and included the Mayor and Mayoress Derek Wilson, Mr Keith Evans (Leader of the Ceredigion County Council); Miss Bronwen Morgan (Chief Executive Ceredigion County Council); Mr Odwyn Davies (Chairman of the Ceredigion County Council); Mr Phillip Lodwick (Chair of the Lampeter Ramblers' Association), representatives of the Sports' Council for Wales, Mr James Owens & Cllr Hag Harris (who was also attending as Town & County Cllr); County Cllr Ivor Williams; Town Cllrs Greg Evans, John Davies, Andrew Carter, Dorothy Williams, Margaret Davies-Evans, Selwyn Walters, Kistiah Ramaya, Elsie Dafis, Cecilia Barton, Pupils from Ffynnonbedr Primary School and Headteacher Mr Huw Jenkins, and a cross-section of representatives from different organizations within the town.

The *Launch* was opened by the Mayor Derek Wilson, who mentioned in his opening address that he hoped that this event would be a stimulus to the people, who did not participate in regular exercise, to incorporate regular activity into their lifestyles. Cllr Harris referred to Sports Council and WAG policies, aspirations for Physical Activity levels of the population and the benefits of regular exercise. Cllr Greg Evans

explained how he had organised the Life-Trail Project on behalf of the Town Council.

Mr Lodwick demonstrated the function of each exercise-station, whilst the pupils from Ffynnonbedr endeavoured to highlight the virtues of the rock-blocks, through their eyes.

A Buffet followed at the Victoria Hall. Cllr Dorothy Williams was responsible for the catering arrangements. The buffet had been prepared and presented to a high standard and had contributed enormously to the success of the event. It was resolved to send a letter to Cllr Williams to thank her for efforts. Please refer to Appendix 2 for the Press Release SCW regarding this event and to Appendix 3 titled "The Benefits of Exercise" which was circulated during the Launch.

**11.1.3 Additional Access for Town Council Play Area:** Mr Glanville Evans has completed the work.

**11.1.4 Most of the improvements** stipulated by Cllr Chris Thomas (please refer to the February minutes for a breakdown) have by now been undertaken – o/s new lids required for the bins. The hedge, which runs parallel to Bryn Field has been trimmed by Mr Eirwyn Williams.

**11.1.5 Ceredigion Local Access Forum Annual Report 2008 +** Questionnaire eg "Does your town council consider that the establishment of an annual forum on rights of way would be useful/helpful?" – noted for information.

## **12.2 CCTV CAMERAS**

**12.2.1 Monthly Report for March 2009 CCC:** There had been 2 requests from the Police to view digital media regarding public order and an affray. All cameras were not displaying or recording from the 7/03/2009 but the problem was rectified on the 11/03/2009 (coverage time lost 4 days). There was "no zoom facility" on one camera from the 7/03/2009 to the 11/03/2009.

## **12.3 STREET LIGHTING**

**12.3.1 The new CCC** initiative to extinguish certain street lights from 12 midnight to 5am will start in the summer.

## **12.4 PAVEMENTS'**

**12.4.1 There is a blocked drain** on the pavement which is situated between Gwilym Price and the Spar Stores.

## **12.5 WELSH LANGUAGE**

A draft template, to be used by prospective TC grant applicants has been designed by Cllr Phillips. Further discussion is required before compiling the final version.

## **13. AOB**

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Lampeter.**

----- (Chairperson & Date)