



**MONTHLY MEETING 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009 AT 7.30PM**  
**St Peter's Church Hall Lampeter**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mayor Selwyn Walters (Chairperson);  
Cllr Rob Phillips (Deputy-Chairperson);  
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; Andrew Carter;  
Margaret Davies-Evans; John Davies; Greg Evans;  
Lynda Mason-George; Kistiah Ramaya;  
Chris Thomas & Derek Wilson.  
Police Inspector Nicola Carter (7.30pm-8.05pm)  
Mrs Janet Evans (7.30pm-7.40pm)  
Mr Carl Stringer – Carmarthen Journal Reporter  
Mr Wil Gant – Cambrian News Reporter

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

The Mayor Selwyn Walters extended a welcome to all present. Before the commencement of the full meeting members presented Mrs Janet Evans with a plaque, in recognition for her extensive work to the *Aelwyd yr Urdd*, Lampeter and as a Local Correspondent for the *Cambrian News*. Mrs Evans stated that it was indeed an honour to receive the award and thanked the Town Council for its continuous support of the Lampeter Pantyfedwen Eisteddfod and of the Urdd.

**2. APOLOGIES & PERSONAL MATTERS**

**2.1 Cllrs Dorothy Williams, Elsie Dafis, Robert (Hag) Harris and Ivor Williams** apologized for their inability to attend the meeting.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

The following Councillors declared their personal interest when the following matters were discussed:

- 3.1 Request for financial support for the Lampeter Carnival:** Mayor Selwyn Walters and Cllr L. Mason-George.
- 3.2 Request for financial support for the Lampeter Food Festival:** Deputy-Mayor Rob Phillips & Cllr Chris Thomas.
- 3.3 Planning Permission for the Lampeter Family Centre:** Cllr Mason-George as she works at the Centre and Cllr Barton, as she is the secretary of the Management Committee.
- 3.4 Request for Financial Support for the Watering Costs of the Hanging baskets:** Chamber of Trade – Cllr John Davies & Cllr Chris Thomas.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Nicola Carter was welcomed to her first meeting of the Town Council. Matters which came under discussion included:

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

The boundaries of the AEZ have, by now, been established and Harford Square, Parc-yr-Orsedd, Somerfield car-park and the 4 main roads into the town are included within the zone. The Ceredigion County Council (CCC) will commence a period of consultation with the public and businesses within that zone, within the next 4-6 weeks. This will involve a letter (drafted by the CCC Licensing Department) drop to every person within that zone and door to door

visits from the Police. A “turnaround” of 6-8 weeks is likely before a formal application process begins and the proposed zone is considered by the Licensing Authority of CCC. The final decision on whether to impose a ban rests with CCC, and they will have to justify their decision.

An application was delayed last year as local police struggled to find hard evidence of a problem with alcohol related crime in the area. Councillors recognized and accepted the statistical reality of the situation but emphasized that, to the residents of the town, incidents of anti-social behaviour and drunkenness particularly around Harford Square/Market Street and the environs of the Somerfield/Sainsbury’s supermarket were of persistent and pernicious nature. This seriously affected their quality of life.

Under the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, local authorities can ban public drinking in certain areas if there has been ongoing “nuisance or annoyance” caused by members of the public as a result of alcohol consumption. Police are then empowered to seize open bottles, cans and other containers holding alcohol, along with any sealed drinks they suspect will be consumed in the area. Anyone who refuses can be arrested and fined up to £500. Inspector Carter assured members that the Police would continue to be vigilant, while awaiting the AEZ, especially in the vicinity of Harford Square.

The AEZ has been an ongoing issue for the TC for the past 3 years and the Mayor stated, “We do want to bring this to a conclusion as soon as possible”. The Town Council has already agreed to pay half the costs (up to a maximum of £2,500) to bring this Order to pass.

**4.2 The Inspector detailed** latest crime statistics reaffirming Lampeter’s status as one of the safest places to live in the UK. There have been 8 less burglaries in Lampeter as compared to this time last year.

**4.3 The Police** are presently undertaking a *Confidence Survey* with members of the public to establish their confidence in the Police.

**4.4 Members drew attention to:**

**4.4.1 The traffic problems associated with Mountwalk.** The response received from the CCC in relation to the site meeting of the 3/04/2009 was forwarded to the Inspector (attached), for consideration. Members would also continue to monitor the situation.

**4.4.2 The parking problems at Mill Street** (which has a 10am to 6pm restriction but many vehicles are parked in this location during this time - to report also to CCC), the parking on the pavements at Drovers’ Road & the congestion around the new Lampeter primary school. As there is no dedicated traffic warden in the town, the Police Inspector agreed to monitor the situation.

At the conclusion the Mayor thanked the Police Inspector for her refreshing contribution.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>th</sup> MAY MEETING**

These were agreed to be correct apart from the following point:

**5.1 Point 6.1** *It was noted that Dr Medwin Hughes had been appointed the Vice-Chancellor of the UW Trinity St. David. It should read, Dr Medwin Hughes has been appointed the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Lampeter. He is presently Vice-Chancellor of the two institutions, in Carmarthen and Lampeter, as the Trinity Takeover and the formation of one university namely UW Trinity St David, is yet to be established.*

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 6.1 The formation of UW Trinity Saint David:** A decision on £18million funding from the *Reconfiguration and Collaboration Fund*, which is key to securing the success of the formation of *UW Trinity Saint David* was scheduled to be made by the *Higher Education Funding Council for Wales* (HEFCW) on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- A letter had been sent by the Town Council (TC) to the HEFCW to urge the Body to agree to the funding application on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009. A reply is yet to be received.
- 6.2 Town Council's Notice Board:** Cllr Derek Wilson agreed to assign further attention to the repairing of the notice board, which would include replacing the doors. He was asked to report back at the next meeting of the Town Council. It was resolved that the Clerk would assume responsibility for the displaying of the posters. Cllr Barton reported that a policy regarding the content of posters had been established in the past; all posters would be allowed with the exception of those containing illegal or indecent information.
- 6.3 Recycling Bins: proposed locations:** The locations of the bins were established; one would be located at Parc-yr-Orsedd and the other at Market Place. (a Licence would be required from CCC to position the bin on their property before proceeding with the order via the Tidy Towns' scheme and insurance cover would also be necessary). Tidy Towns will pay for one bin only. The other bin will have to be funded by the Town Council. (to be black in colour and to contain the headings Metal/Plastic)
- 6.4 Removing the Graffiti from the Railway Bridge:** it was resolved to leave the matter in abeyance
- 6.5 Maesyderi Field:** A productive meeting had taken place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June (minutes had been circulated). The Mayor conveyed that he had been approached by representatives of the *Sainsbury's* Supermarket to ask if they could assist with a community project. The Maesyderi Field was proposed, and they will meet on site on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> June with a view to cutting the grass, trimming the hedge and to attend to other pressing matters. An invitation was extended to all councillors to meet the Sainsbury Team at the field on this particular Saturday at 10am. One of the present gates will be repositioned and Cllr Chris Thomas informed members that he was in the process of ordering a new pushchair/wheelchair friendly gate, which would not accommodate large animals such as horses. This would be positioned in the gap in the fence. It was stated that the horse continued to be present in the field and it was questioned whether the two large gates should be bolted.
- 6.6 Parc-yr-Orsedd:** 5 new benches were ordered for the park, via the Tidy Towns' Scheme – awaiting their arrival.
- 6.7 Provisions of seats at the Post-Office, Lampeter:** The Clerk had spoken to Mr Mike Savoy of Lampeter Co-op on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Two ordinary, soft-cushioned chairs have been positioned close to the counter. They will have a shop-fit during the next few months and Mr Savoy will raise the request for special seats, bolted to the floor, at a meeting arranged to discuss the new layout. However, he could not make any promises. The Co-op is responsible for this matter.
- 6.8 Changing the name of King George V Green to Parc St.Germain-sur-Moine:** Agreement has been made in principle by the CCC to change the name of the place and to erect a sign. The Mayor and Deputy-Mayor to make further enquiries in relation to the design of the sign and will report back to the Town Council.

- 6.9 Letter from Mr. Jamie McCormack Turner 2 Glyndwr, Station Terrace, Lampeter SA48 7HB (3/12/2008)** stating that he encountered difficulties in getting deliveries to this address and asked if a sign could be fixed on this terrace of 5 houses. A communication received from Mr Lyndon Griffiths Divisional Engineer (Urban) CCC, confirmed that the new sign bearing the name **Clos Glyndŵr** will be purchased by CCC. As no sign has been previously erected, the County Council will require permission from one of the householders to erect the sign on their property. As the Town Council is the proposer of these works, it was asked if the Town Council could confirm that permission had been sought and given for the erection of the sign on one of the properties. Cllr Phillips had spoken to Mr Simon Anderson a resident of one of the houses, who had given verbal permission to install the sign on his property. It was resolved to receive a written confirmation and to notify the CCC.
- 6.10 Citizens Advice Bureau:** re the TC's request for a representative to attend a meeting of the TC: awaiting a suitable date from the CAB.
- 6.11 Dog Fouling:** CCC:100 leaflets have been ordered from CCC. The leaflets are presently being reprinted. A letter was received from Mr Dewi Roberts, Dept of Environmental Services and Housing CCC stating that measures are in place to alleviate some of the problems associated with dog fouling in the county eg during "National Poop Scoop week" (22-26 June 2009) a number of events will be held, in order to make residents and visitors of the county aware of the anti-social consequences and risk to health of irresponsible dog ownership. Dog micro-chipping will also be offered. As part of the work required of The Environmental Protection Section, officers have been asked to liaise with town and community councils to identify locations which are particularly susceptible to fouling and irresponsible behaviour on the part of dog-owners. It was resolved to ask them to target the streets of Lampeter.
- 6.12 Consultation on an Airspace Change to establish segregated airspace for the Wales Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Environment at Aberporth WAG:** response to be submitted by the 28<sup>th</sup> July.
- 6.13 Have your say about Welsh Language Service: WAG Welsh Language Board:** for information
- 6.14 Ceredigion Young People's Partnership: meeting: 17/07/2009**  
Arrangements have been made for Cllrs Ramaya, Mason-George and Elsie Dafis to attend this meeting. Question tabled as an agenda item, "Will the Young People's Partnership help Lampeter to increase its youth provision?"
- 6.15 Shelter Cymru:** re services in Lampeter; awaiting a reply from the Shelter Cymru.
- 6.16 It was resolved to report to the CCC** that the sign bearing the inscription 21-26 Bryn-yr-Eglwys/Penbryn had been severed by approximately a quarter. Also the sign in front of St Peter's Church, bearing the words. Maesyderi/Gwêl y Creuddyn is very badly dented.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Members were sorry to hear** of the recent passing away of Mr Graeme Kidd, who had been instrumental in the formation of the *Cittaslow UK* organisation. He had played host to members of the Town Council when they had visited Ludlow on a *Cittaslow* fact-finding exercise in April 2007. Mr Kidd had also delivered a presentation in relation to *Cittaslow* at the Tucker Theatre, Lampeter on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008. It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the Ludlow Town Council.

- 7.2 **Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales** magazine and notification of the **AGM**: Plas Dolerw 27/06/2009 at 2.00pm: for information
- 7.3 **Other Correspondence: for information only.**

## 8. MENTER LLAMBED

**Cllr Greg Evans reported that:**

- 8.1 **The AGM** will take place, once again in the near future.
- 8.2 **It was asked if the lights for the Football and Rugby Teams** (£1,000 donated from the TC's funds in November 2008) could be purchased via the Town Council, thus allowing the VAT to be reclaimed. The Clerk to find out if this was feasible.

## 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>
5/06/2009 Applic. No. A090212	Mrs L Mason-George Change of use to family centre (playgroup)	6 St Thomas' Street Lampeter
12/06/2009 Applic/ No; A090322	Sainsbury's Supermarkets LTD Erection of an extension and new shop-front.	Sainsbury's Supermarkets LTD Market Street Lampeter

- 9.2 **Planning Application:** Alterations to external elevations and lower ground floor: Llwynderw, Pentrebach, Lampeter: TC's observations via delegated powers to the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor, as mentioned in previous minutes, in accordance with the 14 day rule introduced by the CCC on the 1st June 2009: **no objection.**
- 9.3 **Planning Application:** Alterations to convert lean-to building: Y Felin, Mill Street Lampeter Application No: A090400LB: TC's observations via Mayor and Deputy-Mayor: **no objection.**
- 9.4 **Planning Application:** Display of signage: Sainsbury's Supermarkets LTD Application No: A090414AV: TC's comments via the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor: *The Town Council is supportive of this application and is pleased that every effort is being made to provide bilingual signs. The TC wishes to note, however, the incorrect spelling of some words in the Welsh Language, as they appear on the signs eg agared should read agored.*
- 9.5 **The Application A07007** – erection of 4 dwellings (revised drawings Condition 2 of (040141) – Plots 65-68 Bryn Steffan Aberaeron Road, Lampeter, has now been finally disposed of by virtue of Article 25 (11) (a) of the Town and Country Planning (General development Procedure) Order 1995

- 9.6 Minutes of the Development Control Committee** held at the Ceredigion CCC's Offices at Penmorfa, Aberaeron on the 13/05/2009 and Agenda of the meeting of the 10/06/2009: noted for information.
- 10. FINANCE**
- 10.1 Donations:**
- 10.1.1 Lampeter Carnival £400.00**
- 10.1.2 Lampeter Food Festival £400**
- 10.1.3 Lampeter Chamber of Trade £150** – watering costs for the hanging baskets via CCC. It was decided to ask if it was possible for the *Chamber* to acquire its own watering apparatus in the future.
- 10.2 Fence at Parc-yr-orsedd c/o Mr GD Evans Gwêl y Creuddyn, North Road Lampeter** : £9,230.89 (inc VAT)
- 10.3 A request for financial support** was received from *Sioe'r Cardis* – held in abeyance until the next meeting.
- 10.4 Clerk's Pay June 2009** £498.90
- 10.5 Heat/Light/Storage** £20.00
- 10.6 H M Revenue + NI Contributions;** £73.00
- 10.7 Painting the Side Entrance Gate at Parc-yr-Orsedd** – Cllr I.Williams £210-to clean down railings and gate. Two coats of Black Hammerite Paint - labour only .
- 10.8 Poppy Wreath D-Day 6th June** – £20
- 10.9 Inscription Lloyds' Jewellers Lampeter**– Plaque for Mrs Janet Evans - £20
- 10.10 BT Bill & Broadband 3 months** inc VAT £125.35
- 10.11 Teify Forge Limited, Cwmann** – supply bolts, flat washers and brackets: benches at Parc-yr-orsedd £20 VAT £3
- 10.12 Hire of Church Hall 28<sup>th</sup> May** Meeting of TC: 3.5hrs @ £7.50/hr £26.25
- 10.13 The Internal Audit** of the Accounts of Lampeter Town Council will be undertaken in the next month by Mr Dave Smith.

**11. SUB-COMMITTEES**

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

- 11.1.1 Cllr Carter informed** members that the Ramblers were going ahead with the revised route on footpaths, as referred to in the January 2009 minutes of the Town Council. They may request funding for gate-fittings from the TC. Stiles will be replaced by kissing-gates.
- 11.1.2 Parc-yr-Orsedd:** o/s new lids required for the bins. Excess daffodil bulbs have been deposited at the park by CCC. It was decided to explore the possibility of planting the bulbs in close proximity to the new entrance signs.
- 11.1.3 The Annual Inspection** of Parc-yr-Orsedd will take place by CCC in September. An inspection by the CCC had not taken place during the last financial year, although Cllr Thomas inspects the park on a regular basis.

**11.2 CCTV CAMERAS**

- 11.2.1 Monthly Report for May 2009 CCC:** There had been 2 requests from the Police to view digital media in relation to an affray and suspicious activity and 2 requests for copy-discs.

One camera was not displaying or recording from the 2.05.2009 to the 7.05.2009 – coverage time lost 5 days.

### 11.3 PAVEMENTS

**11.3.1 The pavement in front of 13-18 Station Terrace** is coated with tarmac to inform the CCC.

## 12. AOB

**12.1 The Town council's Fixed Assets' Register** needs to be updated, to include all the property of the Town Council. Presently, items are located at many different venues within the town. The Mayor appealed to all persons who were in possession of the Town Council's property to inform the Clerk in order to record the item in the register. Cllr Wilson agreed to trim the *Board of Honour*, presently stored at the Lampeter Sorting Office.

**12.2 Cllr Davies-Evans reported that the seats** in close proximity to the Roberts' Store at St Thomas' Street were very dirty and weeding was essential beneath and around the seats. It was resolved to inform the Ceredigion County Council.

**12.3 The Mayor enquired if it was acceptable** to update the prayer, which is said at the beginning of each meeting and immediately before *The Lord's Prayer*. It was resolved to ask the Canon Aled Williams to change the form of the prayer without compromising its message.

**12.4 Best wishes were extended** to the reporter Mr Wil Gant. He will be leaving his post as a reporter with the Cambrian News very shortly and embarking on further study at Nottingham.

**12.5 Cllr Mason-George reported** that many members of the public had expressed concern in relation to the lack of provision of parking spaces for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs), within the town. Members also bemoaned the situation that parking bays were unavailable for coaches. Coaches and HGVs are presently not stopping in Lampeter. The detrimental impact to the town and especially to traders, in this current economic climate is significant. The Town Council felt that parking bays should be made available as soon as possible eg for tourists, who will visit the shortly to be opened *Jen Jones' Quilt Centre*.

The deficit of parking spaces for cars was discussed eg the *Cwmins* car-park, which is full very early in the morning, with hardly any movement of traffic throughout the day. It was resolved to ask CCC to address the whole parking problem in Lampeter.

It was also resolved to ask for a full traffic survey of the town to consider eg Picton Lane, Drivers' Road, Mill Street, Pinch-point at College Street, to name but a few.

**12.6 It was resolved to make arrangements** to position a flagpole on the Parc St.Germain-sur-Moine.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 10.05pm.

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Thursday the 30th July 2009 at 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Lampeter.**

----- (Chairperson & Date)