

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL - CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR P.S.**  
**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**  
**24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**  
**Lampeter Church Hall**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Mayor Selwyn Walters (Chairperson);  
Cllr Rob Phillips (Deputy-Chairperson)  
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; Elsie Dafis; John Davies;  
Margaret Davies-Evans; Greg Evans;  
Lynda Mason-George; Kistiah Ramaya;  
Chris Thomas; Dorothy Williams & Derek Wilson;  
Town & County Cllr Robert (Hag) Harris;  
Police Inspector Nicola Carter;  
Inspector Paul Bonning;  
Mr Nathan Yates – Cambrian News Reporter.

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & PRAYER**

The Mayor Selwyn Walters extended a welcome to all present.  
Cllr Kistiah Ramaya led members in prayer.

**2. APOLOGIES & PERSONAL MATTERS**

Cllr Andrew Carter apologized for his inability to attend the meeting.  
Members were sorry to hear of the recent death of the father-in-law of  
Cllr Chris Thomas.  
Best wishes were extended to Mrs Jan Harris and Mr Ian Barton, who are both  
feeling unwell at present.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**3.1 Cllr Mason-George**, in the petition and request for improvements at the  
Parc-yr-Orsedd.

**3.2 Cllr Chris Thomas** in the request for financial support for the Air Ambulance  
Wales.

**3.3 Cllr Rob Phillips** in the request for financial support for the Annual Fireworks'  
Display of the Round Table.

All three left the room during the discussion.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

**4.1 Police Inspector Nicola Carter reported** that she will be leaving the area to  
take up temporary promotion. She will take up a 3 month course in charge of  
training at the Dyfed-Powys Police's Headquarters at Carmarthen and will be  
promoted to the rank of Acting Chief Inspector, for the third time. Her  
replacement at Lampeter and Aberaeron will be Acting Inspector Paul  
Bonning. Inspector Carter's departure coincides with a reshuffle in police  
personnel in the Lampeter and Aberaeron district. PC Richard Marshall will  
relocate from Tregaron to Lampeter and PC Jo Grey will move to another  
area.

**4.2 The Proposed Alcohol Exclusion Zone (AEZ) for Lampeter.** Ceredigion  
County Council (CCC) has received a joint application from Lampeter Town  
Council and the Dyfed-Powys Police for the introduction of an *Alcohol  
Consumption in Designated Public Places Order*, under the Criminal  
Justice and Police Act 2001, in Lampeter

The Public Consultation commenced on the 5<sup>th</sup> August and will end on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The CCC will review the responses and compile a report for consideration after that time.

- 4.3 **The police grant-funding application** concerning the Maesyderi Field and co-ordinated by PCSO Ryan Jones on behalf of the Town Council has not been successful, due to the large number of applicants.
- 4.4 **Members expressed concern in** relation to the congestion at Drovers' Raod.

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST MEETING

These were agreed to be correct.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 6.1 **Town Council's Vandalized Notice Board:** Two quotations were received, one from Teifi Forge Ltd Cwmann £549 (Ex VAT) and the other from Steel Fabricators (Wales) Ltd £619 (Ex VAT) for the repair of the town council's notice board. It was resolved to accept the quote of £549 from Teify Forge Ltd.
- 6.2 **Recycling Bins:** The relevant information appertaining to the two bins has been forwarded to Rachel Mills Tidy Towns' Co-ordinator, CCC who will order the bins on behalf of the Town Council – one to be positioned in Parc-yr-Orsedd and the other at Market Place. The town council will meet the cost of one of the bins whilst the Tidy Towns' scheme will pay for the other.
- 6.3 **Parc-yr-Orsedd:** 5 new benches will be dispatched shortly via the Tidy Towns' Scheme, CCC.
- 6.4 **Parc St.Germain-sur-Moine:** Cllr Phillips has ordered the two new signs (£138 each).
- 6.5 **Clos Glyndŵr:** the County Council will meet the cost of the sign bearing the inscription *Clos Glyndŵr*, which will be displayed on the property of Mr Simon Anderson. Arrangements ongoing.
- 6.6 **Citizens Advice Bureau:** The Manager of the CAB Aberystwyth will attend the October monthly meeting of the Town Council .
- 6.7 **Shelter Cymru:** services will resume in Lampeter on the last Friday of each month from 10am to 1pm, at the CAVO Buildings, to commence on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, with the exception of December, which will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Shelter Cymru will monitor the demand for their services in Lampeter. Feedback is requested to the presentation undertaken by Michelle Rosser in relation to the work of Shelter Cymru and to the usefulness of the *Information Matters to Rural Communities Pack*. It was resolved to enquire whether it would be possible to submit a response on-line.
- 6.8 **It was reported 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. Street signs such as these are awarded a very low priority by the CCC and it could take up to two years before the signs will be replaced. Replacements could be undertaken at an earlier date should the Town Council be prepared to meet the cost. It was resolved not to choose this option but to wait for the CCC to carry out the work at the allocated time.
- 6.9 **Cllr Wilson** will attend to the trimming of the *Board of Honour* in the near future.

## 6.10 Traffic Problems Lampeter

### 6.10.1 Rookery Car-park

Cllr Harris stated that attempts will be made by the CCC to improve the configuration of the entry for large coaches/HGVs. This arrangement has not been confirmed in writing by the CCC.

### 6.10.2 Cwmins Car-Park

The Town Council has expressed its support to the CCC in its efforts to introduce a parking-system at the Cwmins, if legal obstacles can be overcome i.e. limited stay for all vehicles. *Awaiting a reply from CCC.*

Members of the public have voiced concern in relation to the present system at Harford Row, which allows vehicles to park in front of the houses. A yellow line would help - *Awaiting a reply from CCC.*

### 6.10.3 Full Traffic Survey of the Town

A full traffic survey would require significant resources and it is not possible for the Authority to support the project, at present. The town council's request is still ongoing.

**6.10.4 Letter from a resident of North Road received by the TC on the 27<sup>th</sup> August**, enquired if it was possible to install a pedestrian crossing at North Road, in the interest of safety. All locations for action are prioritized with respect to their history of collisions involving personal injury, based on formal information supplied by Dyfed-Powys Police. Also taken into account are the geography of the location, highway geometry, traffic flows, road user behaviour and the presence of more vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists. The assessment of requests for certain forms of traffic management interventions can be a complex and lengthy process. It involves assessing the level of significance of any problem associated with a location, identifying appropriate remedial action and securing the necessary funding and authorization to carry out the work. What may initially seem to be sensible and deserving proposals can sometimes fall short of these assessment criteria. As a result, response times can be lengthy.

Members of the TC remained concerned about the safety of pedestrians at North Road and it was resolved to request an assessment of the area with a view to installing a pedestrian crossing or at least to the introduction of some form of traffic control intervention at North Road.

**6.10.5 Mountwalk:** it was resolved to find out whether there were further developments in relation to the site meeting, which took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 between representatives of the Ceredigion CC and the Town Council. Feedback from this meeting has been circulated in previous minutes. The *Safe Routes to School Walking Bus* Scheme for primary school children.

**6.10.6 Parking at Bryn Road** outside the building of the previous primary school: CCC has been approached concerning the possibility of revoking the existing Traffic Order at Bryn Road by the former school (the single yellow line). There has been a delay in reaching a decision because of the uncertainty in relation to the future use/occupancy of the building. The CCC wish to avoid revoking the order and removing the yellow line only to have

to reverse the procedure should the new use/occupants require. Guidance is awaited from the Estates' Dept.

Regarding the zig-zag marking on Bryn yr Eglwys, this has faded to such an extent that it may not be enforceable and there is not much left to physically remove from the road surface. Full removal is again dependent on the future use/occupancy of the building.

**6.11 New Town-Entrance Sign** to be positioned on the Carmarthenshire Border CCC: *Awaiting further developments.*

**6.12 Two years ago the WAG issued a consultation document** "*A Shared Community: Relationship building and charters for unitary authorities and community and town councils*". It recommended that charter agreements should be set up between Town and Community Councils and the local unitary authority. Aberystwyth Town Council has resolved to pursue such a charter. WAG is now preparing a Legislative Competence Order for consideration at Westminster, which, if passed, will introduce measures to enforce charter working in all counties. The aim is not to add another bureaucratic tier to government but to achieve a document which will underpin and facilitate the partnership between unitary authorities and community and town councils. The Clerk of Aberystwyth Town Council, Mr Jim Griffiths sought the town council's initial feelings regarding the matter. It was resolved to read the relevant document namely *A Shared Community* before submitting a response. (Circulated amongst members)

**6.13 Arrangements are in hand for the Ceredigion CC** to host consultative meetings with town and community councils in the near future.

**6.14 Hunger Lunch St Peter's Church Hall Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** Lampeter Town Council will assume responsibility for this lunch.

**6.15 Visit to Lampeter Secondary School:** Interested parties should convene in the Foyer at 4.pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**6.16 DEFRA:** a questionnaire to be submitted on-line appertaining to environmental issues: Cllr Rob Phillips to complete this task.

**6.17 Overflowing Wood-Chip** from the flower beds, Sainsbury Car-park: o/s (Mayor)

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

**7.1 Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2008-09: WAG:** circulated amongst members.

**7.2 AGM One Voice Wales:** Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigiad. **10/10/2009**  
Cllr Phillips and D.Williams will represent the town council at this conference.

**7.3 Local Government Boundary Commission For Wales – Annual Report and Workshops 2009:** for information.

**7.4 Macmillan Cancer Support:** The World's Biggest Coffee Morning 25<sup>th</sup> September: noted for information

**7.5 Other correspondence: for information only.**

## 8. MENTER LLAMBED

**8.1 The Town Council's New Website-** Four quotations were received.

- **LucidTek Studios Ltd**, 5 Old Post Office Mews  
Lampeter SA48 7DW;
- **CWNDESIGN**, Pant-y-Nos, Llanfair Clydogau, Lampeter, SA48 8LU;

- **Dr C L Harrison**, Deskforce, Lampeter, SA48 8YP;&
- **New Audience Limited**, Unit 26 Empire Industrial Park, Empire Close, Aldridge, West Midlands, W598UQ.

Permission was granted for Cllr Phillips to contact three of these companies to seek further clarification in relation to certain requirements for the website. It was resolved to delegate powers to the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor to decide on the most suitable candidate for the design of the Town Council's website.

## 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>
4/09/2009 Applic. No. A080688	Mr E Davies Wenllys New Street Lampeter <i>Erection of 3 apartments and associated parking</i>	Land at Market Street Lampeter
11/09/2009 Application No; A081161	Mr A Hughes Cwmhendryd Lampeter <i>Conversion of outbuilding into dwelling and erection of garage/hobby room.</i>	Beudy Pontfaen Pontfaen Road Lampeter

### 9.2 PLANING APPLICATION WHICH HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

<b>Date received</b>	<b>Applicants/Location/Proposal</b>	<b>Grid reference</b>
4/09/2009 Application No: A070072	Mr & Mrs DE Jones  <i>Erection of a dwelling Land adjacent to The Hollis, Lampeter</i>	(257778 248856)

**9.3 Minutes of the Development Control Committee** held at the Ceredigion CC's Offices at Penmorfa, Aberaeron on the 12/08/2009 and Agenda of the meeting of the 9/09/2009: noted for information.

**9.4 It was resolved to respond to the CCC's invitation** to view and to reply to planning applications electronically. These applications comprise approximately 30% of the planning applications received by the Town Council. A "trial" application has been received. Hard-copies will also be sent to the town council.

## 10. FINANCE

**10.1 Donations:** £50.00 – Air Ambulance Wales.

- 10.2 A message of thanks was conveyed to the TC** from the *Papur Sain Ceredigion Talking Newspaper* for the recent donation of £50.00. Also from *Sioe'r Cardis* for the donation of **£100** in aid of the Ceredigion Appeal for the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.
- 10.3 It was resolved not to make a financial contribution** to the *Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales*, which helps children who have cerebral palsy.
- 10.4 Lampeter Round Table:** Request for financial report for their Annual Fireworks' Display on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. It was reported that £400 had been donated last year and it was resolved to donate the same amount this year. (this matter will be reconsidered at the October meeting)
- 10.3 Clerk's Pay September 2009:** £535.88
- 10.4 Heat/Light/Storage** £20.00
- 10.5 H M Revenue + NI Contributions** £97.12
- 10.6 Grass Cutting by Mr Mike Brown, Caerfoel, Cribyn;** Maesyderi Field: 6 cuts £800 (to be paid in November)
- 10.7 It was resolved to deposit £20,000 of the Town Council's funds** in a 9 month Barclays' Bank a/c which yields 2% per annum (locked). Expected interest on maturity £300.
- 10.8 It was decided to defer the discussion in relation to the options** available to the Town Council appertaining to the Bequest, for the second time, until the next meeting. Its present value is approximately £11,500.
- 10.9 Risk Assessment** for the Town Council for the yr 2009-10: work in progress.
- 10.10 Sign for Maesyderi Field:** No Dogs/ No Litter etc £125.35 (Inc VAT)

## 11. SUB-COMMITTEES

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

**11.1.1 Parc-yr-Orsedd:** A letter was received from Cally Mason-George containing a petition of 100 names, from members of the public seeking improvements to Parc-yr-orsedd in the interest of the safety of young children in the park. Also a request for an increase in the provision of play facilities at Parc-yr-Orsedd.

Cllr Chris Thomas agreed to assign further attention to the matter and to report back at the next meeting. It was resolved to purchase another sign similar to the one presently on display on the main entrance to Parc-yr-orsedd, to be located on the North Road entrance to the park.

**11.1.2 Playground Inspection at Parc-yr-Orsedd:** This took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September by Digley Associates Ltd. Cllrs Chris Thomas, Derek Wilson and the Clerk had been present. A written report is now awaited.

**11.1.3 Invoice of £350 received from** the Ramblers regarding improvements to footpaths in the vicinity of Lampeter. It had been resolved in a previous meeting to meet this cost.

**11.1.4 Invoice of £650** from Mr Eirwyn Williams regarding work undertaken on the footpaths over the summer months. This has been submitted to the CCC where it is hoped to receive 75% funding under the auspices of the *Ceredigion Community Paths' Scheme 2009* ie £487.50. The remaining 25% will be met by the Town Council.

## **11.2 CCTV CAMERAS**

**11.2.1 Monthly Report for July 2009 CCC:** There had been two requests by the Police to view digital media in relation to a sexual assault and an assault.

**11.2.2 Monthly Report for August 2009 CCC:** There had been 4 requests by the police to view digital media concerning a murder enquiry, criminal damage, an assault/affray and a road traffic collision. There had been 7 requests from the Police for copy discs

## **11.3 STREET LIGHTS**

**Complaint received from Mr Andrew Jones** a BrynSteffan resident on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, stating that 9 street lights were not working from the ATS Garage to the Bryn Steffan estate. This matter has been resolved.

## **11.4 MAESYDERI FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**A Meeting had taken place** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. (Minutes attached). The Mayor stated, "Work is progressing well and we already have children playing in the area that was completely overgrown before."

## **11.5 PAVEMENTS**

**It was reported that problems** existed on pavements situated:

- **Between the Gwilym Price Store** and the Spar Supermarket;
- **At Drovers' Road** by the previous Doctor's Surgery; &
- **Below Landre, Bridge Street:** the pavement has been dug up and the surface replaced by tarmac and not slabs which is incongruous with the remainder of the pavement.

## **12. AOB**

**12.1 It was resolved to contact the Education Department** CCC to find out if it is possible for the Town Council to conduct its meetings at a local school, free of charge.

Lampeter Town Council does not have a permanent home at present to hold its meetings. Meetings were previously held at the Town Hall, before its conversion to a Welsh Quilt Centre.

**12.2 Cllr Margaret Davies-Evans** reported that weeding was necessary at the Cwmins and in the surrounding area – to report to CCC.

**As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 10.00pm.**

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday the 29th October 2009 at 7.00pm at the St Peter's Church Hall, Lampeter.**

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(signed/date)