



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAESYDERI FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
22nd SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00PM
AT THE MENTER LLAMBED OFFICE LAMPETER**

PRESENT

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr Mayor Selwyn Walters (Chairperson);
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; Chris Thomas; Derek Wilson.

MYDTARA ORGANISATION

Sue Davies, Maesyderi, Lampeter.

LAMPETER FOOTBALL AND RUGBY CLUBS

Cllr Greg Evans.

IN ATTENDANCE

Eleri Thomas – Clerk Lampeter Town Council

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

The Mayor Selwyn Walters extended a warm welcome to all present. Best wishes were conveyed to Mr Ian Barton, who is presently in hospital. Also a message of condolence was extended to Cllr Chris Thomas, on the recent death of his father-in-law.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Town Cllr Robert Phillips, County Councillors Robert (Hag) Harris and Ivor Williams, and from MYDTARA Representatives Elizabeth James and Carol Knowles.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE 24TH AUGUST

These were agreed to be correct and were signed by the Chair.

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5.1 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The tender has been awarded to Mr Mike Brown, Caerfoel, Cribyn to undertake 6 cuts on the field from mid-September to the end of August. The initial cut was carried out on the 18th September. This was the only written quotation received. A verbal expression of interest had also taken place but had not materialized.

5.2 GRASS-CUTTING OF THE VERGE - ON THE ROAD LEADING TO THE MAESYDERI ESTATE

This area of land lies outside the condition of the lease and is not the remit of the Town Council. The Town Council's Public Liability Insurance does not cover this land and therefore the TC is not eligible to cut this grass. A dispute is presently ongoing with the Ceredigion County Council in relation to which department should assume responsibility for the cutting of this section, which

has not been cut at all, since the acquisition of the 3 year lease by the Town Council from CCC on the 13th April 2009. The Education Dept had previously funded the cost, when the field had formed a part of the primary school's grounds, but since the relocation of the school to its new site, this department is not prepared to meet the cost. The Estates', Highways and Legal Departments are also involved in the discussion. It is hoped that the Highways Dept will agree to the cutting of the grass. It was explained by Mr Peter Matthys of Ceredigion CC, that should they agree, the frequency of the cutting will be 2/3 times per year as opposed to the 6/7 times per year on the county council owned land in close proximity to the field. It was resolved that the Chair Selwyn Walters would write to the Ceredigion County Council to seek further clarification with a view to obtaining closure.

5.3 HEDGE CUTTING

The hedge has not yet been cut. Cllr Chris Thomas agreed to cut and lay the hedge in November.

5.4 THE FENCE

No work has been undertaken since the previous meeting. Cllr Chris Thomas and Derek Wilson agreed to repair the fence.

5.5 LITTER BINS

To be considered in the future.

5.6 SIGNAGE

The Clerk had ordered and received a sign and post from *Contract Systems* declaring *No Dogs, No Litter, No Unauthorised Access* eg overnight stays, barbecues; & Telephone Contact Details in the event of an emergency. Cllr Wilson agreed to erect the sign and to set the post in concrete. Cllr Thomas is in the process of ordering NO DOGS signs via the Police.

5.7 GATES

The new gate needs to be relaid – Cllrs Wilson and Thomas agreed to carry out this work.

5.8 PITCH MARKING

It was reported that the Soccer Club was involved in negotiations with the owners of the Show Field at Pontfaen for the hiring of the field. It was resolved to await for expressions of interest from the Soccer Club in relation to using the field. A Formal Agreement would then be set up.

5.9 SUGGESTIONS' BOX FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE FIELD

This has not been undertaken to date. Elizabeth James conveyed that it would be carried out in the near future.

Members discussed the possibility of a Skate Park. Aberystwyth Town Council could be contacted for advice regarding this matter. Play equipment would be considered in the Spring. Sue Davies drew attention to the Newcastle Emlyn Park/Play area. Members were encouraged to visit this park before the next meeting in order to glean ideas which could be adopted for the Maesyderi Field.

5.10 GRANT APPLICATION VIA THE POLICE

This has not been successful due to the large number of applications. There had been insufficient votes to warrant an award. Another grant could be made available in the future.

5.11 PROGRESS REPORT TO THE PRESS

Cllr Barton stated that it would be a worthwhile exercise to submit a report to the press to inform members of the public of the work which has been undertaken and also future plans for the field, in order to generate public interest and to seek volunteers from the community. Although provision will be made for children who live in close proximity to the field, it was felt that an inclusion policy should apply. It was stressed that the field was an amenity for all the residents and visitors of the town.

5.12 MOUND OF EARTH ON THE FIELD

It was reported that this mound of earth comprised mainly of builder's waste and rubble and that an effort should be made to remove the soil. Cllr Thomas agreed to make the necessary arrangements to dispose of the waste.

5.13 BENCHES FOR THE FIELD

It is hoped to relocate 3 of the benches presently situated at Parc-yr-orsedd to the Maesyderi Field.

6. FINANCE

EXPENDITURE:

ITEM	PRICE EX VAT £	VAT £	TOTAL £
GATE	365.00	54.75	419.75
NEW SIGN	109.00	16.35	125.35
GRASS CUTTING 6 CUTS			800.00
RUNNING TOTAL TO DATE			£1,345.10

As there were no other matters the meeting ended at 8.05pm.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27nd October at 7.00pm at the Menter Llambod Office.

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