

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE 26.08.2010 AT 7.30PM  
AT THE CHURCH HALL, LAMPETER**

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

The Chairperson, the Mayor Rob Phillips extended a welcome to all present. Cllr Williams led members in prayer.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mayor R. Phillips (Chairperson)  
Deputy-Mayor Cllr. Robert (Hag) Harris (Deputy-Chairperson)  
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; Elsie Dafis; John Davies;  
Margaret Davies-Evans; Greg Evans; Chris Thomas;  
Selwyn Walters; Dorothy Williams & Derek Wilson.

**Reporters:** Carl Stringer; Hannah Smith.

- 2. APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Cllrs Andrew Carter; Lynda Mason-George & Kistiah Ramaya.

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

**3.1 Alcohol Exclusion Zone**

It was reported that the introduction of the Alcohol Exclusion Zone within the town, was proving to be effective. Cllr Greg Evans raised concerns in relation to the potential displacement of problems, to non-zone areas.

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**4.1 Cllr Harris declared** a personal interest during the discussion appertaining to the provision of a bench, adjacent to 12 Bryn-yr-Eglwys. (Point 6.8)

**4.2 Declaring an Interest:** advice had been sought from *One Voice Wales* and circulated amongst members, prior to the meeting, regarding personal and prejudicial interest. Declaring a prejudicial interest is very often an objective test and members should ask themselves, "Would a reasonable member of the public, with knowledge of the facts, think that my personal interest was so significant that it would prejudice my judgment?"

**5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES** of the meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010

These were agreed to be correct.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

**6.1 Establishing a Traffic Management Consultative Committee between representatives of the Ceredigion County Council and the Town Council.**

A meeting has been arranged for January 2011. One nominee is requested from the Town Council, and representatives will also be invited from community councils in the area. The St Peter's Church Hall was suggested as a venue. It was resolved to enquire:

- Whether a minimum of 3 representatives of the Town Council, could attend the meeting;
- Whether it would be possible for the date of the meeting to be brought forward &
- Why representatives of community councils in the area, will also be present.

**6.2 Improvements to the Harford Square:** no site meeting had taken place during the month of August, as envisaged in July. The sub-committee comprising the Mayor, Cllrs S.Walters, D.Williams and D.Wilson will meet on site during September and compile a report, for consideration, at the next meeting of the town council, to include a list of the necessary work. To qualify for 30% grant-funding from CCC, prospective contractors will have to adhere to the CCC's Procurement Policy.

It was reported that coins were thrown into the Fountain, as some members of the public mistook the Fountain for a Wishing Well.

6.3 **Sign Clos Glyndŵr:** has been displayed by the CCC.

6.4 **Other signs within the town:**

- **Carmarthenshire/Ceredigion border sign:** the signed way leave agreements have been received from the landowner.
- **Bryn-yr-Eglwys/Penbryn & Maesyderi/Gwêl y Creuddyn Signs:** awaiting further information from CCC.

6.5 **The Town Council's draft IT Policy** as prepared, by the Mayor, was accepted, apart from one amendment – the word *Mayor* was deleted and replaced with *designated IT Champion*. (Appendix 1)

6.6 **Compiling a Town Guide:** request received from the Town Library re the Visitor's Guide – no copies had been available from Menter Llambod. Cllr Elsie Dafis offered to compile a *Visitors' Guide* and will commence the work, in January 2011.

6.7 **Town Council's Notice Board:** Cllr Wilson will paint the notice-board shortly.

6.8 **Bench adjacent 12 Bryn-yr-Eglwys;** communication from CCC stating that it will not be possible for them to transfer one of their benches, in close proximity to the rear entrance of the old primary school, to the now, empty spot adjacent to 12 Bryn-yr-Eglwys (where the bench, which had been removed by Tai Ceredigion, was positioned), as this land is now under the jurisdiction of Tai Ceredigion. Tai Ceredigion has previously reported that there are no plans, at present, to place a new bench, in front of 12 Bryn-yr-Eglwys.

6.9 **Link for the website** – history of the town: work in progress.

6.10 **Cleaning of Bus-Shelters:** Mr. Mark Jenkins has been awarded the contract of cleaning the TC's 4 bus-shelters, every 2 months for a fee of £10/bus-shelter. A request has been made for a Direct Debit, from the TC to Mr. Jenkins.

6.11 **Future presentations of the TC will include:**

- **September;** Ceredigion Care & Repair; Mr. Dafydd Pugh-Jones;
- **October:** Elin Russell-Davies – Outreach Youth Worker; &
- **November:** Mr. Michael Freeman: Curator, who will discuss future plans for the upkeep of the little museum adjacent to the Town Library.

6.12 **Hunger Lunch 6.08.2010:** The Mayor thanked everyone for their help. The Deputy-Mayor thanked Cllr D. Williams for cooking and preparing the meal. A sum of £170 had been raised. It was resolved that the TC would not host the Lunch during the month of August, in future.

6.13 **Cllr Walters** reminded members of the urgent need of finding a home for the Town Council's property e.g. chairs, which are currently stored at the Registrar's Office.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 **Letter from Mr. A Williams,** asking if it would be possible for the TC to present Mr. Leno Conti with an award, in recognition of his services to the town. It was resolved to present Mr. Conti with an award at the Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony 2011- it was not established whether an inscription would be included on the shield. All shields are presently in the possession of Cllr D. Williams. *To inform Mr. Conti of this development.*

7.2 **Notification of Military Exercise** (Pilgrim's Progress) 9-16 October 2010; Mid-Wales & a significant part of Ceredigion: for information.

7.3 **Lampeter Family Centre:** AGM Thursday 9 September 6pm, 6 St Thomas' Street: for information.

7.4 **Tai Cantref: AGM:** 16.09.2010: 6.30pm, Small World Theatre, Cardigan: Cllr Carter was nominated to attend this meeting.

- 7.5 **OVW: The Voice Magazine:** Mr. Lyn Cadwalader will be taking over as the permanent Chief Executive, from Mr. Simon White, with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- 7.6 **Hand-painted Lampeter Badge on presentation shields,** on offer by Cavalier Heraldry Organisation: for information.
- 7.7 **Local Government Partnership Scheme Annual Report 2009-10** – now available on the website: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/local-government/partnership/publications>.
- 7.8 **St Peter's Church Lampeter:** request for a letter of support in relation to their grant application, the CCC's Community Grant Scheme: a letter has been sent.
8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- 8.1 **Planning Permission Granted** by CCC: Display of Signage, Barclays Bank PLC, Harford Square, Lampeter. Application No: A100390AV.
- 8.2 **Planning Application: Proposal:** New air conditioning condenser to be installed next to the 3 existing condensers on the side wall of the building (facing internal grass yard): Barclays Bank Plc, Harford Square, Lampeter. Application No: A100518. Comments submitted by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as the application was received between meetings, response required by the 17<sup>th</sup> August (14 day rule). When applications "fall" between meetings, responsibility is delegated to any 2 of 3 from the Mayor/Deputy/ Past Mayor, to comply with the CCC's rule that comments should be forwarded within 14 days of notification. Should an application require the consideration of the whole TC, a special meeting would be arranged between meetings.  
Comments: *No Objections*.
- 8.3 **Planning Application: Proposal:** Display of signage, Service Garage, North Road, Lampeter. Application No: A100556AV: Applicant: Mr. Matt Primesight Ltd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 116 New Oxford Street, London, WC 1A 1HH. Letter sent by CCC 10.08.2010; response requested by the 24<sup>th</sup> August (14 day rule). No response had been forwarded before this meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> August. Comments to be submitted (posted 27<sup>th</sup> August): *The Town Council objects to the displaying of signs, which are not directly relevant to the business.*
9. **MENTER LLAMBED:** Victoria Hall: Cllr G Evans reported that they were awaiting a survey, concerning the subsidence.
10. **FINANCE**
- 10.1 **Mr. Dave Smith carried out the Internal Audit** of the Town Council's Accounts for the Fiscal Year 2009-10. This was found to be satisfactory. (Charge of £110) Income & Expenditure 2009-10. (Appendix 2) enclosed.
- 10.2 **The BDO Stoy Hayward External Auditors' Form** was signed by the Mayor and the Responsible Financial Officer, at this meeting.
- 10.3 **The Town Council's accounts for 2009-10** are available for the electorate to inspect, during the month of September. The form will be forwarded to the External Auditors on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- 10.4 **Received:** VAT Reclaim for 20009-10 £4,545.73
- 10.5 **Teifi Forge Garage Ltd:** Lock and keys for the Maesyderi Field: £25.40 VAT £4.45. Key-holders; Mayor (residing); Cllr Derek Wilson; County Cllr Ivor Williams, Clerk Eleri Thomas & Mr. Lyn Jones.
- 10.6 **Teifi Forge Garage Ltd:** new fence £7,675.00; VAT £1,343.13.
- 10.7 **Third World Lunch** – food supplied c/o Cllr D. Williams £47.73.
- 10.8 **2 Litter bins** – Maesyderi Field 2x£43.53 = £87.06; VAT £15.23
- 10.9 **Hire of Victoria Hall: Young at Heart Teas**  
10.02/24.02/10.03/24.03/21.04/5.05/19.05/2.06/16.06/30.06 @ £11 per session = £110.

- 10.10 **Clerk's Pay August 2010**; £632.27 (Gross); Heat & Light £20.00
- 10.11 **Hire of St Peter's Church Hall** 26.08.2010: £15 (Town Council Meeting)
- 10.12 **It was resolved not to make a donation to Dyslexia Wales**, a voluntary organisation, which is endeavouring to raise £10,000 to provide a Welsh screening rest for children between 6.5 and 11 years of age.
- 10.13 **£25,000 of the TC's funds** have been transferred from the Swansea B/s (0.1% interest as from 1 Sept 2010) to a Barclays One Year Bond (2.35% annual rate of interest)

## 11. SUB-COMMITTEES

### 11.1 Footpaths' + Parc-yr-Osedd

- 11.1.1 **The invoices** and relevant paperwork, have been forwarded to the CCC appertaining to the Community Footpaths' Grant Scheme 2010 – a sum of £1,060 (75%) funding. Mr. Eirwyn Williams has undertaken the work.
- 11.1.2 **Operational Playground Inspection Training Course CCC: 25/26/27** October 2010. Cllr Chris Thomas will attend the course, for a fee of £275 + VAT.
- 11.1.3 **Securing a bin to the ground and the provision of bin lids:**  
Cllr C Thomas will contact the CCC.

#### 11.1.4 O/s

- **Mesh for the gate** North Rd
- **Repair of gate** Bryn-yr-Eglwys entrance &
- **Replacement** of wooden donkey:

Mr. Alec Page's attention has been drawn to these matters.

- 11.1.5 **The Annual Playground Inspection** will take place at the end of September by Digley Associates for a fee of £45 + VAT.

11.2 **CCTV Cameras'** Report July 2010: There had been 3 requests to view digital media concerning criminal damage (6.07.2010); a robbery (20.07) and an assault (24.07.2010)

11.3 **Maesyderi Field Management:** Minutes of the meeting of the 21 July attached.

## 12. A.O.B.

- 12.1 **Cllr Davies-Evans reported** that an untaxed transit van had been left at the Cwmins. The matter had already been reported to the Police. The Deputy-Mayor agreed to report the matter to the CCC, as an *abandoned vehicle*.
- 12.2 **The recycling bin at Market Street** is full to capacity, and is in need of servicing. The Clerk to contact Mr. Ian Thunderball, who empties the bins.
- 12.3 **CCC would be asked if it would** be possible to position a litter bin on the pavement opposite Troedrhiw Cottage, North Rd, Lampeter.
- 12.4 **It was reported that plans** were in place to introduce new methods of collecting household waste by the county council, as from November 2010.
- 12.5 **Cllr Dafis enquired** whether maps were available to show the land, which was now under the jurisdiction of Tai Ceredigion. It was reported that no maps were currently available. Cllr Harris stated that queries could be reported to him, as Chair of Tai Ceredigion.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 13.1 **Maesyderi Field Management Committee** 15 Sept 2010 at 7.00pm at the Menter Llambod Office;
- 13.2 **Monthly Meeting:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm St Peter's Church Hall, Lampeter.

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