

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
THE 24.06.2010 AT 7.30PM AT THE CHURCH HALL**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor Rob Phillips, extended a welcome to all present.
Cllr Cecilia Barton led members in prayer.

PRESENT

Cllr Mayor Rob Phillips (Chairperson)
Town & County Cllr Robert (Hag) Harris (Deputy-Chairperson)
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; Elsie Dafis;
John Davies; Margaret Davies-Evans;
Greg Evans; Lynda Mason-George;
Chris Thomas; Dorothy Williams; Derek Wilson.
Cambrian News Reporter – Hannah Smith
PCSO Ryan Jones

2. APOLOGIES & PERSONAL MATTERS

Town Cllrs Kistiah Ramaya, Andrew Carter, Selwyn Walters and
PC Richard Marshall apologized for their inability to attend the meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

3.1 The Mayor and Cllr Chris Thomas declared a personal interest when the request for financial support was received from the Lampeter Food Festival. They completed the "Declaring an Interest" form and left the room, when the amount to be donated, was discussed.

3.2 Cllrs Evans, Harris, Mason-George & Wilson declared a personal interest when the request for financial support, was received from the Lampeter Carnival Committee. They left the meeting during the discussion.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Ryan Jones updated members on recent events.

4.1 Many gravestones have been vandalized at the St Peter's Cemetery, Lampeter. The Police have made a number of arrests.

4.2 The Alcohol Exclusion Zone should be in place by the 2nd September 2010, before which, a second Public Notice will be displayed in the local press and signs will have been installed.

4.3 The introduction of a Traffic Order at Market Place could be a complicated process.

4.4 Many parties, involving teenagers, take place at Parc-yr-Orsedd during the weekends and mid-week. Local residents at Bryn Road and North Road have expressed concern in relation to the noise element and to the detrimental effect on their quality of life.

PCSO Jones left the meeting, at this point.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES of the meeting of the 27th May 2010

These were agreed to be correct.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Meeting with representatives of the Ceredigion County Council to discuss concerns of the 7.06.2010: Awaiting the minutes of this meeting from CCC. It was reported that the *Children's Integrated Centre*, for Lampeter, had been approved.

6.2 Improvements to the Harford Square: no further developments, as Lowri Thomas, CCC, is presently out of the office. Although members agreed that the appearance of the Square should be enhanced, some cllrs drew attention to the cost-implications of this project. The cost for the TC, (£9,000) had not been discussed at all, during the first site-meeting of the 1 March 2010, which had been initiated by the Ceredigion County Council, and was not brought to the attention of the TC, until the meeting of the 27th May 2010. The Town Council is committed to accountability and value for money, when dispensing of the public's finances. These factors will be key for decision, on receipt of an itemised list of the proposed

work, to include a breakdown of the costs, from the CCC. Cllr G. Evans stated that the work could be allocated to local tradesmen.

Awaiting further developments from CCC.

- 6.3 Motions for Debate: One Voice Wales AGM**
Cllr Dafis proposed *Charter Working between County Councils & Town/Community Councils* as a motion for debate. It was reported that there would be particular focus on the implementation of the recently approved Local Government Legislative Competence Order, at the meeting, which would cover Charter Working. *It was resolved not to submit a motion for debate.*
- 6.4 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Consultation:** *The Mayor to compile a response by the 3rd August.*
- 6.5 Sign Clos Glyndŵr:** The Clerk had reminded the CCC of this issue. *Awaiting further developments from the CCC.*
- 6.6 Document currently in Circulation amongst members:** Ombudsman: Code of conduct - Draft Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.
- 6.7 Ombudsman: The Code of Conduct** for members of local authorities in Wales: Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Cllr Barton had read this document and asked for clarification in relation to personal and prejudicial interest. *To seek further clarification on this process from the Ombudsman for Wales.*
- 6.8 Fair Trade Organisation Lampeter-***no developments.*
- 6.9 Town Council's Notice Board:** will be painted shortly. Problems are sometimes encountered when attempting to open one of the doors.
- 6.10 Repair of Bench outside 12 Bryn-yr-Eglwys:** to ask the CCC to dispose of the bench and to relocate one of the benches at the rear entrance of the old primary school, to the empty spot, adjacent to 12 Bryn-yr-Eglwys .
- 6.11 Start Time of Meetings;** due to other commitments some members felt that 7o'clock start to meetings, did not suit their schedule. *To consider further at the next meeting.*
- 6.12 Bunting on display within the town:** it was resolved to ask the Ceredigion CC whether permission could be granted to leave the bunting on display over the summer months.
- 6.13 Bus Shelters:** Mr Mark Jenkins, Llanllwni, had cleaned 3 bus-shelters within the town. Cllr C Thomas agreed to make enquiries in relation to the cleaning of the bus-shelter in close proximity to the Co-op Store, Lampeter. Resolved: *to investigate the feasibility of setting-up a Cleaning Contract for the bus-shelters within the town, at the next meeting. (Pavements' Committee)*
- 6.14 Traffic Issues**
- 6.14.1 Picton Lane:** communication from CCC: the joint initiative at Picton Lane is currently planned to begin in the Autumn i.e. during the university term time.
- 6.14.2 Rookery Car-park Entrance & Visiting Coaches:** response received from CCC to the letter submitted by the Mayor in Office, on the 24th April 2010, Cllr Selwyn Walters. The CCC has looked at the possibilities available to facilitate a safe means of providing dedicated coach parking facilities and these investigations are ongoing. To minimize reversing manoeuvres, the car-park may need to be clear of obstructions including the existing recycling facilities and a significant number of existing car parking bays may be lost. The county council is also undergoing a road safety impact assessment for the various options.
It is understood that there are plans to provide a new or modified entrance, to locate an all weather pitch at Lampeter Comprehensive School and negotiations between all involved parties will be necessary, to establish the best way forward.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 **Local Authority Bye Laws in Wales:** Consultation Document WAG: Responses required by the 17.09.2010: *Cllrs Barton & Dafis to read.*
- 7.2 **National Training Programme for Community & Town Councils** OV Wales: *to consider further at the next meeting.*
- 7.3 **Request for an explanation re an old photograph** appertaining to Lampeter Town Council, entitled "Deputation of Lampeter Town Council meet General Brigadier Fryer". To make further enquiries. (*Mr Noel Davies/ Cllr Selwyn Walters/ Local press*)
- 7.4 **Request to display information re a Bed & Breakfast** in Llanfair Clydogau on the Town Council's website: *it was resolved that only information in relation to the area covered by the Town Council would be permitted on the website.*
- 7.5 **Other correspondence:** for information only.
8. **PLANNING**
- 8.1 **Planning Application from CCC:** Building of a house: Plot 5 Maeshyfyrd, Lampeter. Planning Application No: A100342; Applicant: Mr Euros Davies, 52 Penbryn, Lampeter: Date received by TC 17.06.2010. Town Council's observations: *No comments to submit.*
- 8.2 **Planning Application from CCC:** Building of a house: Plot 6 Maeshyfyrd, Lampeter. Planning Application No: A100343; Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lyndon Gregson, Oakdene, Lampeter: Date received by TC 17.06.2010. Town Council's observations: *No comments to submit.*
- 8.3 **Development Control Committee CCC:** Minutes of the meeting of the 12.05.2010 and the Agenda of the meeting of the 9.06.2010: for information.
- 8.4 **CCC Local Development Plan:** Information received viz:
- 8.4.1 **Delivery Agreement Revision:** CCC has recently reached an agreement with the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) on revisions to the timetable for delivery of the LDP. The new agreement sets out the new consultation target for the Deposit Version as November 2010.
- 8.4.2 **Housing Distribution Paper-** Working Draft (Countywide)
- 8.4.3 **Candidate Site Assessment Process:** Working Draft (Countywide)
- 8.4.4 **Map of all Candidate site submissions** – Working draft (Urban Service Centre- Lampeter only)
- 8.4.5 **Executive Summary of candidate site assessment** – Working Draft Urban Service Centre - for Lampeter.
- 8.4.6 **Map of provisional land allocations for the Urban Service Centre** – Working draft- for Lampeter- this includes, at this stage, predominately, housing allocations.A list of questions, appertaining to the above, was enclosed. *The TC did not submit a response to the CCC.*
9. **MENTER LLAMBED**
Cllr Evans reported that Menter Llambled had secured a 20+ year lease on the Victoria Hall. A Public Consultation, concerning the future uses of the hall, will ensue.
10. **FINANCE**
- 10.1 **Request for financial Support from the Lampeter Food Festival**
It was resolved to donate £500. Cllr Chris Thomas thanked the Town Council for the donation, on behalf of the Food Festival.
- 10.2 **Request for financial Support from the Lampeter Carnival:** It was resolved to donate £400 on receipt of the Balance Sheet.
- 10.3 **NSPCC** – it was resolved to donate £25.00
- 10.4 **It was resolved not to make a financial contribution** towards that YFC European Rally.
- 10.5 **Members were updated** regarding the current financial situation of the town council.
- 10.6 **It was resolved to ask Mr Dave Smith** to audit the town council's accounts for the financial year 2009-10.

- 10.7 **Mr Alec Page** – 2 galvanized benches from the Maesyderi Field £650 VAT 113.75; Total £763.75
- 10.8 **Hire of the Old Hall**, University of Wales, Lampeter: Mayor's Installation Ceremony 7th May 2010: £200 VAT £35 Total: £235
- 10.9 **Amount Donated to Charity under Sect. 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972:** £6.15 per elector (maximum for the financial year 2009-10). In the Town Council's minutes of the 25 April 2002 it is written, "It was agreed that the following formula be adopted as a guide- National organizations with no local office or workload £25.00; Organisations with either local offices or a proven workload in the town £50; Events which had town and rural communities support £100; High Profile events within the town £350; Lampeter Eisteddfod £1,000." It was resolved to discuss this matter further at the following meeting.
- 10.10 **BT Broadband** 13 March – 12 June 2010 £124.23 (inc VAT)
- 10.11 **Cleaning 3 bus-shelters-** Mr Mark Jenkins £30
- 10.12 **Clerk's Pay** June 2010 Gross - £614.51
- 10.13 **Heat/Elect/Storage** Costs June 2010 £20.00
- 10.14 **Hire St Peter's Church Hall** 7.06.2010 & 24.06.2010 £45.00
- 10.15 **Lampeter Sports' Association** re-issue previous obsolete cheque £1,000 c/o Cllr G.Evans.

11. **SUB-COMMITTEES**

11.1 **Street Lights'**

11.1.1 **The street lights** from Troedrihw Garage to the Brynsteffan Estate, have by now, been repaired by Derwen Lighting.

11.2 **Pavements'**

11.2.1 **Area of land, which needs attention in close proximity to the Black Lion, Lampeter.** Mr Gareth Jones the owner of the Mountwalk Garage, had cut this area of land a fortnight ago. He stated that it is not his property, although he did cut the grass when his garage operated from this vicinity. The manager of the Black Lion was of the opinion that the land in question was also, not the responsibility of the Black Lion. He agreed to check the deeds of the Hotel. *Awaiting the outcome. The Mayor to thank Mr Gareth Jones, Owner of the Brondeifi Garage, for cutting the grass.*
The Manager of the Black Lion stated that the Hotel would be prepared to provide litter bins in the vicinity of Black Lion/ Ambulance Station/Llys Idwal. *The Mayor to thank them for their generosity.*

11.2.2. **Two Pot-Holes on the walking area** to the rear of 12 Peterwell Terrace: according to the CCC, there had been issues surrounding the ownership of the road, which have, by now, been resolved. An Official Order has been issued for repair work to be carried out by the CCC.

11.3 **Footpaths' + Parc-yr-Orsedd**

11.3.1 **Work is ongoing on the footpaths**, by Mr E. Williams. Receipts for completed work will be required by the 3rd September by the CCC, to qualify for 75% grant funding.

11.3.2 **Parc-yr-Orsedd**

11.3.1 **Fit-Trail Equipment:** *should be repaired next week*, by the suppliers at no cost to the TC, as the equipment is covered by the warranty.

11.3.2 **Mesh for the gate:** North Rd entrance: *to remind Mr Alec Page of this request.*

11.3.3 **Repair of gate** (Bryn-yr-Eglwys entrance) & replacement for the wooden donkey- *enquiries ongoing.*

11.4 **CCTV Cameras'**

11.4.1 **Monthly Report: May 2010**

There had been one request from the Police to view digital media in relation to a theft, which took place on the 3 May 2010.

11.5 Maesyderi Field Management

Minutes attached, of the meeting of the 23rd June. The Mayor will write to the Ceredigion CC, to request a 7 year extension, to the present lease.

11.6 Welsh Language

The Town Council's Annual Report had been presented to the Welsh Language Board (WLB) for consideration. It was noted that the TC's website address is in English only – www.lampeter-tc.gov.uk and it was recommended that the TC should consider adopting a Welsh address in conjunction with the English address, as the site contains much information, which is aimed towards local residents as well as for visitors from other parts of Wales. Members considered the cost implications and decided not to change the present arrangement. Resolved: *to review the situation after two years.*

12. A.O.B.

12.1 The Mayor has written a letter of congratulations to the Lampeter Primary and Secondary Schools, on their achievements in the Llanerchaeron 2010 Urdd Eisteddfod.

12.2 It was resolved to congratulate members of the Lampeter Chamber of Trade on decorating the exterior of their properties, in such a creative manner, in preparation for the Urdd 2010 Llanerchaeron, Eisteddfod.

12.3 Cllr G.Evans enquired whether it would be possible for a link, outlining the history of the town, to be added onto the Town Council's Web-site: *to ask Cllr Walters for the information.*

12.4 It was reported that a past Town Councillor, Mr Vincent Evans, had recently celebrated his 90th Birthday. *The Mayor to forward the Town Council's best-wishes on reaching this land-mark birthday.*

12.5 Cllr Harris stated that he had reported a problem associated with the drains to *Welsh Water*. Problems had been encountered three years ago, at Market Street, due to Flash Floods.

12.6 Cllr Dafis mentioned that a satellite dish was presently on display at High Street and questioned whether this was allowed, within a Conservation Area – *Cllr Harris agreed to make further enquiries.*

12.7 Cllr Dafis expressed health and safety concerns regarding a gate at the Maesyfelin Play-Area. This play-area is now under the jurisdiction of Tai Ceredigion – *to report the matter for their attention.*

12.8 The Lampeter Swimming Pool's AGM will take place on Monday 5th July-7.00pm.

12.9 Lampeter will play host to HRH Prince Charles on Thursday 1st July 2010. His itinerary will include a tour of the Jen Jones' Quilt Centre and a visit to the University of Wales, Lampeter to commemorate the refurbishment of the Founders' Library.

12.10 Members were reminded of the Third World Lunch, to be co-ordinated by the Town Council on Friday 6th August 2010.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 29th July at 7.00pm at the Church Hall, Lampeter

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