

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON  
THE 27.05.2010 AT 7.00PM  
AT THE CHURCH HALL, LAMPETER**

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

The new residing Mayor, Rob Phillips, extended a welcome to all present and thanked everyone for their input, during the Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony of the 7 May 2010. Cllr Chris Thomas led members in prayer.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Mayor Rob Phillips (Chairperson);  
Town & County Cllr Robert (Hag) Harris (Deputy-Chairperson);  
Cllrs Cecilia Barton; John Davies;  
Margaret Davies-Evans;  
Lynda Mason-George; Kistiah Ramaya;  
Chris Thomas; Selwyn Walters.  
Cambrian News Reporter;  
Mr Carl Stringer – Freelance Reporter;  
Mr Derek Smith Vice-Chair Lampeter Chamber of Trade;  
Mr Norman Hill – Cilgwyn Golf Club;  
Miss Lowri Thomas - Ceredigion County Council;  
County Cllr Ivor Williams.

**2. APOLOGIES & PERSONAL MATTERS**

Town Cllrs Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis, Greg Evans, Dorothy Williams, Derek Wilson and PC Richard Marshall, apologized for their inability to attend the meeting.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Cllrs Barton and Harris declared an interest, when the request for financial support was considered, from the Lampeter Family Centre. They left the room during the discussion.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

- 4.1 Alcohol Exclusion Zone for Lampeter - Display of signage:** Members expressed a preference for the signs to be displayed on existing posts.
- 4.2 The Mayor will speak to the Police** regarding the possibility of introducing a Traffic Order at Market Street.

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

These were agreed to be correct.

**6. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE INTRODUCED TO MR NORMAN HILL.**

He presented the Town Council (TC) with a book titled, "Peterwell-Cilgwyn 1905-2005 - The first 100 years recorded in words and pictures.", which was published in 2005, to mark the centenary of the Cilgwyn Golf Club, Llangybi.

*Mr Norman Hill left the meeting .*

**7. A PRESENTATION WAS RECEIVED FROM LOWRI THOMAS, Street-Scene Manager,**

Ceredigion County Council (CCC), in relation to improvements, which could be implemented at the Harford Square, Lampeter e.g. to the Fountain. The estimated cost was given as £12,000, from which £3,000 would be provided by the CCC, and £9,000 would be required from the Town Council. The TC endorsed the

project and agreed that the appearance of Harford Square should be enhanced, due to its central location within the town. In order to make an informed decision, an itemised list of the proposed work to include the individual costs, was requested. It was resolved to include the matter as an agenda item, at a future meeting, on receipt of this information.

*Miss Lowri Thomas & Mr Derek Smith left the meeting, at this point.*

## 8. MATTERS ARISING

**8.1 Meeting with representatives of the Ceredigion County Council to discuss concerns of the Town Council:** The date was set as Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 7pm, at the Church Hall. The Clerk had collated examples, which highlighted past and present concerns of the TC, which could be discussed at the meeting. *The Mayor, in liaison with the Clerk, will compile the evening's Agenda.*

### 8.2 Feedback of the Consultative Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009, between CCC & the TC

A written response was received from the Chief Executive (CE), Ceredigion County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010, to the queries raised at the Town Council's Consultative Meeting of the 16.11.2009. Also received on the 4.05.2010 was a written account of the telephone conversation of the late afternoon, of the 29<sup>th</sup> April between the CE and the Clerk, when it had not been possible for the CE to forward the response of the Consultative Meeting, before the TC's April monthly meeting of 7 o'clock, of the same date. It had also not been possible for the CE to contact the Chair Selwyn Walters, via email. This delay had been due to the installation of a new telephone system, at the CCC's offices and the subsequent absence of electronic communication.

The report from CCC, appertaining to the Consultative Meeting had been circulated to members, by the Clerk, prior to this TC's meeting of the 27.05.2010, and in addition, for those with email facility, the letter outlining the content of the telephone conversation of the 29.04.2010, had been posted on the 4.05.2010. Traffic issues' updates, alluded to, during the telephone conversation of the 29.04.2010 had also been relayed verbally, by the Clerk, during the meeting of the 29.04.2010 of the TC.

*Outstanding issues, of the Consultative meeting, will be discussed at the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> June with the CCC.*

### 8.3 Traffic Problems

**A reply was forthcoming from Mr Tom Delph-Janiurek, Traffic Section CCC on the 6.05.2010 in relation to the:**

**8.3.1 Pedestrian Safety North Road; a parking restriction at Harford Row, a parking restriction at the junction of Bryn Road/Cambrian Road:** these three issues are on a list of projects to be considered for possible action for this financial year. There has been some delay in reaching a decision as to which projects will receive funding, this year as the budget allocation for the department has only recently been confirmed. &

**8.3.2 Full Traffic Survey of the Town:** “Regarding the request for a full traffic survey of Lampeter, this has been repeated several times. We continue to appreciate that members of the Town Council have concerns regarding various traffic issues in Lampeter, but we are simply not in a position at the present time to be able to allocate the relatively considerable financial resources this would require. We continually collect data on traffic volumes, classes and speeds from 2 permanent counter sites within Lampeter on the A482 (north) and A475. It is our intention at some stage to add another counter (probably on the A482 south), to enhance this practice. However, a detailed, holistic survey of Lampeter could cost many thousands of pounds, depending on the scope and remit.

All that we can suggest at present is that if there are particular issues/locations that are the cause for concern, could these be identified and reported to us. We can then seek to be as helpful as possible with these more localised, smaller scale requests, rather than simply having to turn down a larger scale and more generalized one.”

**8.4 Meeting re signage within the town 17.05.2010: Mr Lyndon Griffiths CCC;** Cllr D.Williams, Cllr C Thomas & D.Wilson had attended this meeting.  
Cllr Thomas stated that a productive meeting had taken place and that certain signs within the town, will be replaced and others refreshed.

**8.5 Sign Clos Glyndŵr:** 3/5 of the householders have granted permission to display this sign on their street. The Ceredigion County Council has been informed. *Awaiting a reply.*

**8.6 Document in Circulation: Ombudsman: Code of conduct - Draft Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:**  
Cllr Mason-George has forwarded the document for the perusal of Cllr D.Williams.

**8.7 Fair Trade Organisation Lampeter**-no developments.

**8.8 Town Council’s Notice Board:** discussion deferred in the absence of Cllr Wilson. (and also the situation regarding the repair of the bench – Bryn-yr-Eglwys)

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

**9.1 Ombudsman: The Code of Conduct** for members of local authorities in Wales: Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: *noted for information.*

**9.2 A Shared Community-** guidance on relationship building measures and charters for unitary authorities and community and town councils WAG: *noted for information.*

**9.3 Papur Sain Ceredigion;** Talking newspaper: Open Day St Paul’s Methodist Centre, Aberystwyth; To celebrate 40 years of voluntary service: *for information.*

**9.4 Notice of One Voice Wales 2010** Conference and AGM: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at the Bont Pavilion. £65/delegate if booked before

30.07.2010. The Mayor and Cllr D. Williams were nominated to attend. The Conference will provide an opportunity to assess the future direction for community and town councils in Wales, with a particular focus on the implementation of the recently approved Local Government Legislative Competence Order. Member Councils are invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM. (for submission by the 2.07.2010)

*Resolved: To consider a motion for debate, further, at the next meeting of the TC.*

**9.5 Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority:** Draft Action Plan 2011-12: Consultation-“Have your say” – commenced 11 May 2010 and will end on the 3.08.2010. *To be completed by the TC.*

**9.6 Shelter Cymru:** Celebration of the success of the “Information matters to rural Communities’ project”: Lampeter University 25 June 2010, from 10.30am to 1.00pm, to finish with complimentary lunch: *Cllr Harris may attend this event.*

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

## 10. PLANNING

**10.1 Planning Permission** granted by CCC for the building of a steel framed extension to existing industrial building to be used as a material recycling facility. Applicant: Mr M Saunders. Location: LAS Tregaron Road, Lampeter. Application Number: A090831. Date 24.05.2010.

**10.2 Planning Application:** Variation of condition (A070834) to extend time for submission of reserved matters. Location: Plot adj Pennant, Falcondale Drive, Lampeter. Applicant: Mr P Evans. **Town Council’s Comment: No objections.** Date on letter 12.05.2010 and received a day later by TC- 14 days allowed to respond. (When planning applications “fall” between meetings and in order to respond within the 14 day guideline, it was resolved in the past, to delegate responsibility to any 2 out of 3 from the Mayor/Deputy-Mayor and Immediate Past-Mayor. If it was felt that the application warranted the consideration of the whole TC, a special meeting would be arranged or alternatively, an extension requested to the 14 day response deadline).

**10.3 Development Control Committee CCC:** Minutes of the meeting of the 14.04.2010 and the Agenda of the meeting of the 12.05.2010: for information only.

**10.4 LDP Settlement Allocations Meeting CCC:** 11 May CCC Offices, Penmorfa, Aberaeron: Cllr Harris reported that the meeting had been informative and encouraged the Town Council to be represented, at future meetings.

**10.5 CCC Local Development Plan:** Information received viz:

**10.5.1 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.

**10.5.2 Housing Distribution Paper-** Working Draft (Countywide)

**10.5.3 Candidate Site Assessment Process:** Working Draft (Countywide)

**10.5.4 Map of all Candidate site submissions** – Working draft (Urban Service Centre- Lampeter only)

**10.5.5 Executive Summary of candidate site assessment** – Working Draft Urban Service Centre - for Lampeter.

**10.5.6 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 may submit a response to the CCC.*

**11. FINANCE:**

**11.1 EXPENDITURE**

ITEM	Payment
Lampeter Family Centre	£ 1,000.00
Ceredigion Samaritans	£ 25.00
Cyfaith – Translator Mayor’s Inauguration 7.05.2010 £80 Vat £14	£ 94.00
Hire of St Peter’s Hall x 3hrs 27.05.2010	£ 22.50
Mayor’s Allowance 2010-2011	£ 2,705.50
One Voice Wales Conference 2010 £65x 2	£ 130.00
Clerk’s salary May 2010 gross	£ 628.16
Heat & Light & Storage Costs May 2010	£ 20.00

**11.2 INCOME**

ITEM	Amount
Precept CCC: 2010-2011	£43,220.00
A donation from a member of the public of Lampeter, who wished not to divulge his identity, in aid of the Mayor’s Inauguration Celebrations.	£ 100.00

**11.3 Cllr Walters reported** that in excess of the £15,000 grant funding as received from the Dyfed-Powys Police Cash-Back Scheme, had already been allocated for improvements, at the Maesyderi Field.

**12. SUB-COMMITTEES**

**12.1 Street Lights’**

**(Cllrs J.Davies; D.Williams; M Davies-Evans; G. Evans)**

**12.1.1 Repair of the light of the Cenotaph (Mr Dudley):** it was not ascertained whether action had been taken in relation to this matter.

**12.1.2 Cllr Greg Evans had reported** to the Clerk on the 10.05.2010 that problems were encountered, with the street-lights of North Road, extending from Troedrhwiw Garage to the Bryn Steffan Estate. The cause of the malfunction stems from a cable fault. The matter was directed to the CCC, who has notified *Derwen Lighting*. Remedial action should be undertaken shortly (stated on the 10.05.2010 by CCC).

**12.1.3 The request to rectify the dysfunctional street-light** at Victoria Terrace has been reported to the CCC.

**12.1.4 Members were reminded that** it is possible for them and members of the public, to report defective street-lights directly to the CCC’s Call Centre: Tel: 01545 572572 quoting the serial number and/or location.

**12.1.5 Awaiting a reply from CCC regarding the introductory date,** in which certain street lights, within the town, were extinguished between 12midnight and 5am. The TC had resolved in its meeting of January 2009, to review the situation after one year, in collaboration with the Police, in a bid to identify problem areas.

## **12.2 Pavements'**

**(Cllr C.Thomas; L.Mason-George; E.Dafis; R.Phillips)**

**12.2.1 Area of land, which needs** attention in close proximity to the Black Lion, Lampeter. The Manager of the Black Lion has been contacted to ascertain ownership of this area of land, which is in need of maintenance. Also to request the provision of a litter bin. *Awaiting a reply.*

Verbal reports from cllrs suggested that this land is not the responsibility of the Black Lion. It was stated that Mr Gareth Jones, the owner of Mountwalk Garage, had maintained this land, when his garage operated from this vicinity. It was resolved to contact Mr Jones to ask him, whether he owned the land in question. If it was established that he was the landlord, he would be asked whether he would be in agreement to resume responsibility for its maintenance.

**12.2.2 Cllr Walters enquired** whether progress had been made, concerning the inventory of the pavements' faults within the town. The Mayor reported that there were no developments to report.

## **12.3 Footpaths' - + Parc-yr-Orsedd**

**(Cllr A. Carter, H.Harris, S.Walters, C.Barton)**

**12.3.1 Cllr Barton** expressed her wish to resign as a representative of the Footpaths' Committee.

**12.3.2 Footpath which runs through the St Peter's Church Cemetery:** Mrs D.Lloyd President of the Lampeter WI had forwarded a cc (carbon copy) of the letter, which was directed to the County Council, to the March 2010 meeting of the Town Council. Two ccs had been received by the Town Council. One cc was posted to the CCC. In the response it was conveyed that the CCC will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Rookery flower beds.

Regarding the maintenance of the footpaths to the grounds of St Peter's Church, the Church is responsible for the various footpaths which run through the grounds and the maintenance of the Church grounds. The CCC is responsible for maintaining the surface right of way only, to the 2 main public footpaths nos 62/14 and 62/15. The street cleaner for Lampeter undertakes a litter pick to these formal path routes, as and when required. Maintenance of the general church grounds (including removal of litter detritus) is the responsibility of the Church Authority. It was asked in Mrs Lloyd's letter, whether responsibility could be transferred to the CCC, in relation to a seat in need of remedial work, which is positioned opposite the Police Station – there was no reference to this seat, in the response received from CCC. CCC has responded directly to Mrs Lloyd.

**12.3.3 Parc-yr-Orsedd:** Enquiries ongoing in relation to the repair of the Fit-Trail Equipment, mesh for the gate (North Rd entrance); repair of gate (Bryn-yr-Eglwys entrance) and a replacement for the wooden donkey.

## **12.4 CCTV Cameras'**

**(Cllr H.Harris, R.Phillips, K.Ramaya)**

**12.4.1 The Mayor** and Deputy-Mayor had attended the CCTV Forum meeting, held at the CCC Offices, Aberaeron on the 24.05.2010. The

CCTV Performance Report had been discussed, which highlighted the positive impact of CCTV in reducing crime and the fear of crime.

**12.4.2 Monthly Report: April 2010:** There had been 2 requests from the Police for Copy Discs.

**12.5 Maesyderi Field Management Committee:**  
**(The Mayor Cllr R.Phillips, S.Walters; C.Thomas; D.Wilson;  
C.Barton; G.Evans; County Cllrs H.Harris; I.Williams; Lizzie  
James, Sue Davies; Maureen Williams; Eleri Thomas (Clerk).**

A meeting will be arranged shortly. It was reported that Mr Mike Brown had completed the final of 6 grass-cuts on the 26.05.2010.

**12.6 Welsh Language**  
**(The Mayor Rob Phillips; Cllrs Selwyn Walters; D. Williams; C.Thomas  
Clerk – E.Thomas)**

The TC'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](http://www.lampeter-tc.gov.uk) and it was recommended that the TC should consider adopting a Welsh address in conjunction with the English address. *It was resolved to do so.* Also, it was asked for the Welsh Language Scheme to be made available, in Welsh, on the website. The WLB commended the TC on producing a website, which is fully bilingual.

**13. A.O.B.**

**13.1 It was resolved to congratulate the Headmaster** of the Lampeter Primary School, in producing an excellent technology display, in preparation for the Urdd 2010 Llanerchaeron National Eisteddfod. *(Mayor)*

**13.2 Cllr Ramaya reported** that motorists park their cars on the pavements of Bridge Street. *To report to the Police. (Mayor)*

**13.3 The Lampeter Food Festival** will be held on Saturday 24 July 2010.

**13.4 The 3 bus-shelters** within the town are in need of cleaning – to enlist the services of Mr Mark Jenkins.

**13.5 Cllr Davies-Evans expressed** concern regarding the lack of weeding in the environs of the Cwmins and St Thomas' Street. Cllr Harris said that measures were in place, by the CCC, to treat overgrowth, biannually.

**As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 9.15pm.**

**14. Date of next meeting – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm at the  
St Peter's Church Hall.**

*Members were reminded of the Mayor's Civic Service of Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am at St Peter's Church, Lampeter.*

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