

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING  
THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008 AT 7.30PM  
AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER**

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

The Mayor Cllr. Chris Thomas, extended a welcome to all present and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to gauge the level of the precept (local tax levied by the Town Council), for the next financial year.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Chris Thomas; Deputy-Mayor Selwyn Walters, Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, Elsie Dafis, Hazel Davies, Margaret Davies-Evans; Greg Evans, Robert (Hag) Harris, Lynda Mason-George, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya, Dorothy Williams and Derek Wilson.

**2. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. John Davies.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Cllr R.Phillips declared an interest when the planning application A071312CD was discussed (Point 9 in the minutes).

**4. THE PRECEPT FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

It was decided that the precept for the next financial year would remain the same as the previous year i.e. at £43,220. This represents a payment of £48.96p.a. for the Band D Rate-Payer.

**5. ATTENTION WAS ALSO DRAWN TO OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS, WHICH COULD REQUIRE FUNDING DURING THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR:**

5.1 **Youth Drop-In Centre:** not discussed.

5.2 **Cittaslow Initiative:** having a paid co-ordinator was not a popular option.

5.3 **Development Officer for the Town:** this could be considered in the future.

5.4 **New Web-site for the Town Council:** refused.

5.5 **Venue for meetings:** not discussed.

5.6 **Shopmobility Services:** not discussed.

5.7 **Leasing the Old Primary School as an amenity for the people of Lampeter:** developments ongoing between the Town Council and Ceredigion County Council.

- 5.8 **Town Council Election May 2008:** the cost of £1,000 would have to be accommodated within the budget, in the event of an election. -noted for information.
- 5.9 **Tourist Information Centre:** not discussed.
- 5.10 **Working in Partnership with the CCC to deliver certain projects:** not discussed.
- 5.11 **Training for Clerks and Councillors:** not discussed.
- 5.12 **Nationally Negotiated Wage Settlements (for Clerks):** not discussed.

5. **DONATIONS TO CHARITY**

It was highlighted that £9,024 was the maximum sum, which could be donated to charity in 2007-08. Actual donations to 31 December - £4,333.

6. **THE PROJECTED VALUE OF RESERVES AT 31 MARCH 2008 IS £124,000.**

7. **£11,000 (inc interest accumulated)– RECEIVED FROM A RESIDENT OF LAMPETER (DECEASED) AS INSTRUCTED IN HIS WILL (APRIL 2005)**

It was felt that an effort should be made to use this money constructively within the next year.

8. **CCTV CAMERAS**

Projected cost for the next financial year is £12,000, as compared to nearly £20,000 in previous years.

9. **AOB - PLANNING MATTERS**

The following planning applications were received

<b>Applic. No</b>	<b>Applicant &amp; Location</b>	<b>Application Details:</b>	<b>Observations</b>
A071354EL	Western Power Distribution	Electricity Lines Lampeter to Tregaron	No objection
A071362	Lampeter Medical Centre	Erection of an extension	No objection
A071312CD	CCC Lampeter Comp. School	New entrance to school and swimming pool car-park	No objection

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 31st January 2008 at 7.30pm**

(Signed: Chairman and date) \_\_\_\_\_