

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 28th February, 2002 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

Cll. Mrs Cecilia Barton Mayor.
Cll. Andrew Carter Deputy Mayor.
Cll. Ivor Williams.
Cll. Mrs Dorothy Williams.
Cll. Kistia Ramaya
Cll. John Davies.
Cll. Greg Evans.
Cll. Hazel Davies.
Cll. Mrs. Margaret Davies Evans.
Cll. Robert Harris.
Cll. Robert Phillips.
Cll. Matthew Burns.

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Selwyn Walters.

PRESENTATION.

Prior to the commencement of business, Ms. Elin Jones A.M. the Ceredigion Constituency Member for the Welsh Assembly, spoke to the Council on her role as an Assembly Member and the workings of that body. There followed a question session when the following matters were discussed. The continual lack of a tenant for the old Dewhirst Factory, due to the fact that the lease was still being paid by Dewhirst, thus giving the owner little incentive to find a new tenant and thereby thwarting the efforts of the WDA, the future of the UCW at Lampeter, the foot and mouth crisis and the future services of the Post Office/Consignia. There was also some discussion on Quangos and the possibility of their being absorbed into the Assembly. Ms. Jones was thanked by the Mayor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 31st January, 2002 were agreed as being accurate after one deletion, of word young in minute 39a.

MATTERS ARISING

The Objective 1 and Menter, Llambod. – minute 4c.

The application for the project funding had been forwarded to the WDA and the result of the application is awaited, in some 3 to 4 weeks. It was requested that the minutes of the Menter meetings be made available to the County Councillor members. The business plan/application document were not yet available for public distribution, pending the result of the application, when they would be placed in the public domain. The Menter were currently working on the £33,000 00p grant allocated as a result of the foot and mouth crisis.

Town Twinning – minute 4d.

Final meeting scheduled for 5th March, when the Constitution would be discussed and Committee formed. Fees suggested were £5 per individual and £10 per organisation. The visit to France would be on the 13th/14th July, 2002. Final details to be agreed.

. CCTV. – minute 69e 2000.

The Opening ceremony would be at Aberystwyth on 16th July, following a small ceremony at Lampeter. It was agreed that the following guest list be submitted to Ceredigion County Council in respect of the Lampeter Town Council. The incoming Mayor Cllr. Andrew Carter, The incoming Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Selwyn Walters and the Vice Chancellor of the UCW at Lampeter. All the Council members to be invited to the ceremony at Lampeter and members of other organisations such as the Chamber of Trade.

Ceredigion Voluntary Bureau – minute 1b

The result of the Lottery application was awaited. (Result received on 2nd March, application turned down.) Work on site still in progress.

Highway Matters.

Seating at Harford square – minute 5e.

Cllr. Williams had placed the order with Mr. Page. The iron work was currently being manufactured.

A475 Llanwnnen to Lampeter Road-minute 44b.

Reply from the County Council to the effect that the speed limit proposal was only at the consultation stage and that Lampeter Council would shortly be requested to provide their views. Work on the physical improvements of the road was scheduled for the new financial year, if funds permitted.

Town Hall cleanliness-minute 44c.

No reply received to date.

Signs for Lampeter Swimming Pool-minute 44e.

No reply received as yet.

Magistrates Courts closure-minute 44a.

No reply received from the County Council leader, David Lloyd Evans.

Clerks Gown-minute 44d.

Quotes for repair obtained by Cllr. Dorothy Williams. Following a short discussion as to whether ceremonial gowns could be dispensed with, it was agreed to accept the quote of £120 for the repair.

Mayoral Board-minute 42j.

The work had been done, but members thought that the size of the new entry did not match the other former entries. Lampeter Signs and Graphics to be requested to re do the work. (Contact made 4.3.02. when they agreed to carry out a re examination of the work.)

WACTC Chairmans letter-minute 40e.

Free planning booklet had been delivered.

CALC meeting 14th Feb, 2002-minute 40g.

Cllr. Dorothy Williams reported on the meeting. Matter of interest was the double precept in regard to the dog warden scheme, the issue of nominated members of Community Councils being trustees of other organisations and the lack of Ambulance cover in the area. It was agreed to write to the Wales Ambulance Authority in regard to the lack of cover. The next meeting was on 18th April, when Cllr Williams was unable to attend. Another member to be nominated near the date.

Web Page-minute 28e.

The site was up and running, but completion was being held up, awaiting information from the Chamber of Trade. It was agreed that Cllr. Robert Phillips had done an excellent job to date, but that consideration should be given to making some other arrangements for the upkeep of the site in the future. It was suggested that the new Menter Llambled development officer could be tasked with maintaining the site, if and when appointed.

Church Gate-minute 40a.

The gate had been examined and work was in hand. Neither residents nor the Church Council had replied to the invitation to make their views known or attend a site meeting.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute45/2001.

Police Sergeant Steve Lee attended the meeting. He introduced himself as having taken over the town area beat on that day and tendered apologies on behalf of Inspector Lloyd Jones for the non attendance of an officer at the last Council meeting.

Discussion followed on the drinking out of cans, minute 39a. It was resolved that Sgt. Lee would seek a consensus as to whether it was possible to set up a by law to prohibit such behaviour. It was stressed that the public would have to cooperate. The press were requested to give the matter publicity.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 46/2001.

Scout Hall, Lampeter, new trustee-minute 46a.

Correspondence from Mr.I.J.H.Griffiths requesting that the Council or and individual member take over as trustee of the Scout Hall. Cllr.Ivor Williams agreed to take over post in a private capacity.

Army display 14th March, 2002-minute 46b

Display to be held in High Street, with an evening event for local landowners and others. It was a P.R. event by the Army to meet the people.

Highway Matters-minute 46c.

St Thomas Street to be closed from 8th April to 3rd May for new sub station to be built. College Street to be one way traffic from 25th March to 3rd May, to resurfacing. Traffic to travel westwards in College Street and eastwards through Bryn Road/High Street.

Dyfed Powys Magistrates Courts Committee Strategic Plan-minute 46d.

The only changed proposed was the closure of one office in Powys and the re designation of deputy Clerks and Clerks. Resolved to write requesting a continued satellite court at Lampeter.

Mid Wales Youth Offending Team- minute 46e.

Volunteers requested for the scheme.

Bus and Rail Services-minute 46f.

Kath Timothy was now in charge of the project and had made an application for funds to improve the system. She was requesting a letter of support. Agreed to forward letter of support.

NALC. Garden Party-minute 46g.

Nominations requested for persons to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace on 20TH July, 2002. Resolved to nominate Cllr. John Davies.

Christmas Lighting-minute 46h.

Following the receipt of invoices from the Chamber of Trade, a claim had been submitted, including a reimbursement of £5 paid for the Town Hall Christmas tree. Any money received with exception of £5 to be forwarded to Chamber of Trade.

Community Bank for Ceredigion-minute 46i.

Correspondence from Antur Teifi requesting support for the project. Agreed to make a donation, see Finance for details.

Mayor Elect 2002/03.-minute 46j.

Cllr Carter had written accepting the nomination.

Deputy Mayor Elect 2002/03.-minute 46k.`

Cllr.Margaret Davies Evans had written declining the post.
A discussion followed on the new nomination for Deputy Mayor. The list maintained showed Cllr.Harris to be next in line, but he has less than the required 4 years service as a town councillor. It was suggested that with the experience of Councillor Harris and the fact that by the time he would be elected to Office, he would have attained 4 years service, he could be nominated. Other members disagreed and stated that the 4 years rule applied to deputies as well as full mayors and that this was contained in Standing Orders. No person was in possession of standing orders. Due to the legal position being unclear the Clerk stated that he would seek advice from NALC and other members stated that they would locate their copies of Standing Orders. Matter adjourned for one month.

Wales Cooperative Centre-minute 46k
Information received re the services available.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 47/20021.

Lampeter Comprehensive School-erection of a store near Gym-minute 47a.
No objection offered.

Maesyppwll, Lampeter. Renovations, and erection of stables and all weather yard-minute 47b.
No objection provided the road access was acceptable.

Royal Oak, Lampeter. Conversion to 5 domestic units and structure repairs-minute 47c.
No objection offered.

Coop Bridge Street, new satellite dish-minute 47d
No objection to be offered.

FINANCE.

Minute 48/2001.

Ceredigion hire of halls-minute 48a.	£86 00p.
Lampeter Signs & Graphics-minute 48b.	£25 00p.
Williams &son re gravel-minute 48c.	£89 30p.
Somerfield Store-minute 48d.	£92 40p.
Harolds Disco-minute 48e.	£25 00p.
CALC fees-minute 48f.	£244 39p.
Gwyne Davies,public address-minute 48g.	£45 00p.
Ceredigion Community Bank-minute 48h.	£100 00p.
Llangollen Eisteddfod-minute 48i.	£50 00p.

Grass cutting Parc yr Orsedd-minute 48j.
Resolved to seek quotes from contractors in respect of this task in regard to May, June, July August and September 2002.

Donation request from High School re town twinning trip, Matter deferred until March meeting when more details of the trip are known. Matter also referred to District Audit for clarification under Sec 137 payments.

QUEENS JUBILEE.

Minute 49/2001.

Matter discussed and samples of a medal and mug examined. Matter deferred to March meeting, when quotes from more suppliers can be obtained.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 50/2001.

Highway Matters-minute 50a.

It had been noted that there was pools of surface water in North Road and outside the Pantry, High Street, Lampeter in wet weather, whereby pedestrians were splashed with water by passing vehicles. Resolved to write to the County Council.

Drovers Road-minute 50b.

It had been noted that there was no One Way directional arrow for vehicles emerging from the private lane that runs at the rear of the Kings Head, resulting in some vehicles turning right against the flow, instead of left along the One way street as designated. County Council to be informed.

Lions Head on Fountain at Harford Square-minute 50d

It was noted that despite a promise by the County Council these items had still not been replaced. Resolved to write to the County Council.

Lights on Bridge, near Coop Store-minute 50e

It was noted that one lamp had been broken in the storms of the last few weeks. It was indicated that the matter was in hand by the Chamber of Trade. No action to be taken.

Mayors Dinner-minute 50f.

Event arranged for 12th April 2002 at Pantry, Lampeter. Menus to be circulated at later date.

Childrens Party-minute 50g.

The event will be held at Victoria hall on 15th March, 2002, Any help available appreciated. Items for use had been purchased. See Finance for details re cost.

Signed.....

Dated this.....day of.....2002.