

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 31st January, 2002 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

Cll. Mrs Cecilia Barton Mayor.
Cll. Andrew Carter Deputy Mayor.
Cll. Ivor Williams.
Cll. Selwyn Walters
Cll. Mrs Dorothy Williams.
Cll. Greg Evans.
Cll. Hazel Davies.
Cll. Mrs. Margaret Davies Evans.
Cll. Robert Harris.
Cll. Robert Phillips.

APOLOGIES.

Cll. John Davies.
Cll. Kistia Ramaya
Cll. Matthew Burns.

PRESENTATION.

Prior to the commencement of business the Mayor present the retired headmaster of Lampeter Comprehensive School, Mr. Gareth Jones with a Town Plaque in recognition of his service to the community. Mr. Jones had been with the school since 1985 and thanked the Town Council for the honour bestowed on him.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 29th November, 2001 and 10th January, 2002 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

There had been a number of recent developments, with the two and a half day consultation being very successful. Some 300 persons had attended the sessions and had made valuable contributions. The two researchers employed had now completed their task and the business plan prepared for submission to the WDA as an application for the Seed Corn Project, whereby a development officer would be employed for a period of 3

years and a shop type premises leased as a contact point for other organisations and members of the public to attend. Part of the application was the fact that the Menter had to form itself into a Company Limited by Guarantee, with 16 directors. Three of these directors would be nominees from Lampeter Town Council. The Council would have less than 20% of the board, with the same total for the UCW and Chamber of Trade. The remaining 7 directors would be independent from the 3 organisations mentioned. There was also news of a recent award of a £33,000 grant from the Welsh Assembly, whereby Ceredigion County Council had nominated the Menter to administer. The money was in the main for joint ventures. Members congratulated the 3 Councillors who were part of the Menter, Cllr. Selwyn Walters, Cllr, John Davies and Cllr Greg Evans and placed the fact on record that they wished the same 3 members to be nominated directors of the new Company when it was formed.

Town Twinning – minute 4d.

Progress had been made, with a 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. It was hoped to visit St Germain during the last two weeks in May. 2002. (Since the meeting a July date has been suggested for the visit.)

. CCTV. – minute 69e 2000.

The current position was that the work on the project was nearing completion and Ceredigion had requested an Opening Ceremony at Aberyswyth. Members were of the opinion that the ceremony should be at Lampeter and suggested that members could attend at Aberystwyth, following the ceremony at Lampeter. Ceredigion to be informed of the decision.

Ceredigion Voluntary Bureau – minute 1b

The five picnic tables had now been purchased and on site. Application had been made for Lottery funding for the replacement of the play area, the maximum sum permitted of £5,000 being requested. Members were informed that no work on the purchase and erection of the new play area was to be undertaken until the grant process had been exhausted. It was hoped the new structure would be in place by Easter 2002.

Highways Matters

Seating at Harford square – minute 5e.

Cllr. Williams had placed the order with Mr. Page. No progress as yet.

Street Lighting matters, minute 35a.

County Council had replied as follows. Comments re Bryn Road and Ffynnonbedr had been noted and would be considered when capital was available to improvements. Penybryn and Brynyreglwys had already been identified as areas where improvements were need and would be replaced when capital was available. Any faulty lamps would be replaced. The faulty lamp near Lloyds/TSB in High Street was due to cabling fault and would be rectified. The engineer would look at the Maesyfelin site.

Seat damage and No Entry sign at St Thomas Street, Lampeter, minute 35b and 37b. All other directional signs were being replaced as part of an ongoing programme. A “No Through Road” sign for Station Terrace was under investigation. The seat was part of a repair programme to be carried out in the Spring and the sign was to be replaced.

Scaffolding at Town Hall, minute 35c.
This had now been removed.

Pavement Mill Street, Lampeter, minute 35d.
The work was planned to commence after new cabling work was completed, shortly.

War Memorial handrails, minute 35e.
A feasibility study was to be carried out.

Use of Brynyreglwys by HGVs as a shortcut, minute 29b.
The County Council did not have funds to carry out any traffic study in the current financial year, but one solution was the imposition of a weight restriction, which was expensive and in need of strict enforcement.

Gritting of Highways, minute 37c.
The County Council had replied to the effect that over the Christmas Holiday period all the major roads had been gritted. When the full staff returned to work in January, all secondary roads had also been gritted. However with such a rural area, it was impossible to have an even spread of service

Pavements at Lampeter-minute30b.
The County Council were aware of the problems at New Street and other areas and footpaths were being replaced as funds became available. The hole left by removal of sign in the footpath outside Stewarts Seconds was being attended to.

Web Page minute 28e
The site was up and running and the Chamber of Trade had agreed to a joint site. There was an advantage, in that we could use their domain name. Cll. Phillips was in consultation with Tony Unsworth of the Chamber of Trade. IT was also agreed that information regarding the Menter Llambod could be placed on the site. There would be benefits to each organisation by this cooperation.

Mayors tea for the elderly, minute 28g.
The Mayor thanked all who contributed to a very successful event.

Cambrian News reporting, minute 37d.

The Editor had replied to the effect that the paper was as prompt as possible with its reporting of local authority matters and thanked the Council for their cooperation in reporting any matter of interest.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 39/2001.

No Police Officer in attendance or any apology received. Following matter of interest to be reported to the police.

Drinking by young persons on the street, minute 39a.

Members were concerned by the number of young persons who were seen drinking from cans and bottles on the main streets, particularly Harford Square. Whilst it was appreciated that the new CCTV system would probably deter this type of behaviour in the future, it may also drive these persons onto other areas not covered by the system. It was thought that a By law prohibiting such actions might be the answer. Police to be consulted re the possibility of a by law.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 40/2001.

Complaint re Church gate, minute 40a.

Complaint received from the Maesyderi Residents and Tenants Association in regard to the condition of the gate leading from Lampeter Church. Resolved to take action to reduce any danger at the site and to invite both the residents Association and Church Council to a site meeting to progress matter further. It was agreed that the damage caused was due to vandalism. Police to be informed and requested to patrol area.

Welsh Language Society Conf. Minute 40b

Conference at Aberaeron on 20th April, 2002 on the topic of, "Can Welsh Survive" .

NALC Conf, minute 40c.

Details received of NALC Conference at Preston on 14th/16th June, 2002.

Members to contact Clerk for details and costs if they wish to attend.

CPRW, minute 40d

The organisation had written requesting the Council to contact the Minister for Trade and Industry, requesting a Public Enquiry in regard to the Cefn Croes Wind Farm Planning consent. Agreed by 7 votes to one to write a letter of support.

WACTC Chairpersons letter, minute 40e.

Contents of letter read out to members. Resolved to write to chairperson requesting the free Planning Booklet that the Council were entitled to. Lampeter Council had purchased all their booklets to date.

Dog Warden scheme, minute 40f.

Resolved following a discussion that that the Council would not participate in the Scheme for the financial year 2002/2003.

Ceredigion Association of Local Council, minute 40g.

Next meeting on 14th February, 2002 at Aberaeron. Cllr. Dorothy Williams attending.

24 hours Ambulance cover at Whitland, minute 40h.

Resolved to support the campaign.

Zurich Insurance Engineer report, minute 40i.

Report received. Due to the current work no inspection had been carried out.

Welsh Air Ambulance, minute 40j.

Letter received requesting support by means of volunteers and sources of funding by legacies.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 41/2001.

New Waste Transfer Station at LAS, minute 40a.

No objection.

Construction of 10 new dwellings at Gwel y Creuddyn, minute 40b.

No objection.

New Fence for Post Office at Mill Street, minute 40c.

No objection provided the views of nearby householders were taken into consideration.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 41/2001.

Site for sign at Bridge Street, Lampeter, minute 41a.

Alterations at Black Lion Hotel, Lampeter, minute 41b.

Withdrawn.

BT mast at Barley Mow, Lampeter, minute 41c.

Garage at Creuddyn, Bryn Steffan, Lampeter, minute 41d.

EXPENDITURE.

Minute 42/2001.

District Auditor fees-minute 42a	£279 18p.
Clerks Salary-minute 42b.	£729 66p.
Postage/Misc.-minute 42c.	£34 83p.
Teifi Computers-minute 42d.	£19 98p.
CPRW membership-minute 42e.	£15 00p.
Lamp Fencing Club-minute42f.	£100 00p.
Lamp Surer Start-minute 42g.	£100 00p.
Lamp Music Club-minute 42h.	£100 00p.

Red Cross request for donation, minute 42i.
Received but no contribution to be made currently.

Lampeter Arts Ass.-minute 42j
Matter deferred for more information.

Income.

Repayment of SWALEC overcharge- minute 42k.	£ 33 07p.
Grant from Ceredigion re picnic tables-minute 42l.	£225 00p.

QUOTE.

Quote received from Lampeter Signs and Graphics in respect of new entry on Mayoral Board, £25. Resolved to accept tender – minute 42j.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2002/2003

Minute 43/2001.

Resolved to elect Cllr. Andrew Carter as Mayor for the year concerned-minute 43a.

Resolved to elect Cllr. Margaret Davies Evans as Deputy Mayor for year concerned-minute 43b.

Clerk to write to both Councillors informing them of decision and confirmation of acceptance of office.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 44/2001.

Magistrates Court Closure-minute 44a.

Members had been made aware through press coverage that the Ceredigion County Council were now pursuing a plan to have a two court strategy in the County, one at Aberystwyth and one at Cardigan. Members were concerned at the lack of consultation by the Council Cabinet with Lampeter Council. Resolved to write to the County Cabinet requesting updated information and an explanation as to why there had been no consultation.

Lampeter to Llanwnnen Road-minute 44b.

Members were appraised that the County Council are applying for a 50 mph speed limit on that stretch of road. Members felt that a 40 mph limit was more appropriate and that there should be an extended footpath. Members were also concerned as to the schedule of work improvements that are to be carried out and the time schedule. Resolved to write to the County Highways requesting up dated information on work scheduling and requesting consideration of a 40 mph speed limit and extended footpath.

Town Hall Cleanliness-minute 44c.

Comments was made by members in regard to the cleanliness of the Town Hall. Large number of dead flies in lamp housings and the clock was not operating. Also water being leaked in through one of the front windows. It was agreed that the state of the building did not reflect well on the town. Resolved to write a letter of complaint to the County Council.

Town Clerks Gown-minute 44d.

It was resolved to seek quotes on the repair of the gown which was now unusable.

Lampeter Swimming Pool-minute 44e.

A member had attended the meeting at the Swimming Pool and commented on the good work now been done by staff and members. However it was noted that the 3 Swimming Pool directional signs in the town were in a poor state and in need of replacement/cleaning. It was noted that the current signs were not bilingual. IT was suggested that these signs if replaced could have the Leisure Centre direction incorporated on them.

School Children,s Party-minute 44f.

The Mayor had not yet received a firm date from the headmaster, due to the fact that the school had been busy with an inspection. Comment was also made on the good work done by the school for the inspection.

Signed.....

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