

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 25th July, 2002 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Ivor Williams.
Cll. Selwyn Walters.
Cll. Kistiah Ramaya.

Before the commencement of business, members paid tribute to the late ex Councillor Edwin Jones by means of a minutes silence.

The meeting was then addressed by Mr. Mark Gardner from MLL Telecom who are the suppliers of the micro link connection between Lampeter and Aberystwyth for the Lampeter CCTV system. He explained the make up and operation of the system, which is part of the Pathway Project. The connection was 30 kilometers long and with no wires and was a pioneering project. The whole system was part of a 3.1 million pound project. Mr. Gardner answered questions put to him re the procedure in regard to any down time of the system and the procedures in place in regard to the detection of any faults. He was unable to comment in regard to the one faulty camera currently in use, since that installation was part of a contract awarded to PDS. Also one query in regard to the effect of the system on T.V. reception. At the conclusion Mr.Gardner was thanked by the Mayor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meeting on 27th June, 2002 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

The Funding letter had now been received and the Menter was at a stage where they would advertise for a Development Officer. Funding had also been received for a Needs Survey for Lampeter.

. CCTV. – minute 69e 2000 and minute 9a 2002.

Members had viewed the whole system on the Open day and had only one concern in regard to one camera which was not working to its capacity. Resolved to write to Mark Elliot of Ceredigion County Council expressing congratulations on the work carried out by Mr. Elliot and his team in setting up the operation, but also enquiring as to when the defective camera would be functioning properly.

Highway Matters.

A475 Llanwnnen to Lampeter Road-minute 44b.

The Ceredigion County Council has now re assessed the facts and were of the revised opinion that a 40 mph speed limit was appropriate. They would be consulting with the Town Council shortly. It was resolved that the Clerk immediately write back confirming the Town Council support for the revised speed limit of 40 mph.

Church Gate-minute 40a.

The Church Council had met and from enquiries made it appears that they would be making an application for a 50% grant. No confirmation in writing received.

Lamps at Bridge Street – minute 7b.

The County Council had replied to the Lampeter Chamber of Trade to the effect that they would not consider adopting the lamps until they were repaired. It was resolved to seek quotes for the repair and offer the Chamber of Trade 50% of the costs if reasonable. Chamber of Trade to be written to requesting their agreement.

Forest Road and Aberaeron Road– minute 7f. and 23a.

County Council were now preparing to erect new prominent speed restriction signs and chevrons, which they believe will reduce the speeds of driver. There was also an intention to operate speed cameras in the area in an effort to further reduce speeds.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

Work was still progressing..

College Street – minute 9b.

No intention currently to remove the College wall. The re construction of the footways had been considered at the conclusion of the road works, but it had been resolved to defer the programme until later in the year, when it was also hoped that further funding would be available to re construct the footways in High Street as well.

Bollard at Harford Square-minute 1e.

Bollard had now been ordered and would be erected when available.

Lampeter Guides-minute 14c.

Letter received thanking the Council for their support and the way they had entertained the Guides.

Magistrates Court – minute 19a.

Replies received from both Ceredigion County Council and the Dyfed Powys Magistrates Courts Committee to the effect that an appeal against closure by the County Council.

In Town Without My Car- minute 19c.

The Deputy Mayor reported on a meeting held in regard to this day and it was noted that a member of the Drover Festival Committee had some experience in the organisation of such events and was prepared to assist. The next meeting was due at the Black Lion Hotel on 6th August when members were urged to attend. All the arrangements re road closure etc would be arranged by the County Council.

Letter from Mrs. Conti – minute 19b.

No reply received to date in respect of letter forwarded.

Pavements and lighting matters – minute 23c and 23d.

The pavement defect had been attended to and the lighting defects were in the process of being rectified

Road Signs and Directional Signs – minute 23F and 23g.

The Road signs were in such a state that they cannot be cleaned and they would be replaced when funds were available. The County Council requested more information in regard to the directional signs requested. For instance, what locations were to be displayed. Resolved to write suggesting again that the Swimming Pool and Sports Centre be highlighted.

Army Tanks – minute 23j.

Reply letter from the Wales Army HQ at Brecon read out. Briefly the whole exercise had been organised at short notice due to a forced change of location and the Police had been contacted for their views. The Army regretted any inconvenience caused.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 24/2002.

Apology received from P.S. Lee who had been called away to attend to a serious road traffic accident.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 25/2002.

Ymlaen Ceredigion minute 25a.

Information received to the effect that the Course planned for the 23rd July, 2002 had been cancelled and was now organised for 29th August, 2002 at the Llanina Arms Hotel, Llanarth. Resolved that both the Mayor Cllr. Carter and Cllr. Phillips attend and that the Council pay for both members who were attending.

Resignation of Member – minute 25b.

Resignation letter received from Cllr. Matthew Burns, who was present. Cllr. Burns thanked for his services to the Council and resignation accepted.

Lampeter Arts Festival minute 25c.

Letter of appreciation received re sponsorship.

Lampeter Food Festival – minute 25d.

Letter of appreciation received in respect of sponsorship and inviting the Mayor to the official opening and reception thereafter.

Children Healthcare – minute 25e

Document received and available for the perusal of all members.

Ambulance Station at Whitland – minute 25f.

Letter confirming that the station would now remain open for 24 hours every day.

Town Twinning – minute 25g.

Request that permission be sought for the erection of a granite stone marking the twinning of Lampeter with St Germain sur Moine, on the area of land opposite the Police Station, known as King George 6th Park. Ceredigion County Council to be contacted. Also permission to be sought for the display of banners on the town approaches in Bridge Street, over the days of the French Towns return visit. Carmarthenshire County Council to be contacted .

Airwave Cymru – minute 25h.

Notification of the new system of radio links for the Police Force.

Financial Matters – minute 25i.

Notification received re Precept arrangements for Year 2003/04, Claim to be with the County Council, by 31st January, 2003. Also notification from Mr. Emlyn Watkins and Mr. Lyn Llwellyn offered to act as auditors, for fees.

Ethical Framework – minute 25j.

Documentation available at the Clerks Office.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 26/2002.

No Planning applications received.

Bronygaer, North Road, Lampeter erection of dwellings-minute 20c.
It was noted that whilst the Council had offered no objection there were some local objections.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 27/2002.

LAS Waste new compostable building – minute 27a.
Peterwell Estate, Forest Road dwelling– minute 27b.
Garage 50 Bridge Street – minute 27c.

FINANCE.

Minute 28/2002.

W.D. Lewis- minute 28a.	£55 46p.
Teify Forge-minute 28b.	£141 94p.
A.B. ToolHire-minute 28c.	£56 27p.
MLL Telecom.-minute 28d.	£3107 48p.
Vincent Davies-minute 28e.	£60 00p.plus vat if appl.
Clerks salary-minute 28f.	£729 66p.
Misc/Postage-minute 28g.	£32 22p.
E Wms grasscutting-minute 28h.	£60 00p.
Ymlaen Ceredigion-minute 28i.	£40 00p.
Lampeter Rugby Club-minute 28j.	£225 00p.

INCOME.

Ceredigion Community grant-minute 28k.	£200 00p.
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 29/2002.

Bus and train timetables-minute 29a.
Further enquiries requested to ascertain current position.

New Printer-minute 29b.
Enquiries by Cllr. Phillips revealed that the price of a new lazer printer for the use by the Clerk was in the region of £200 to 250. It was agreed that a new printer be purchased.

August meeting-miniute 29c.
It was resolved by a majority decision that a Council meeting would be held in August.

Parking Bridge Street-minute 29d.

Problems experienced with illegal parking of motor vehicles in Bridge Street, Lampeter, in particular near the entrance and exit to the Surgery. Resolved to write to the Police requesting action.

Dental Surgery-minute 29e.

Resolved to write to the Dyfed Powys Health Authority in regard to the provision of a Dental Practice in Lampeter, which treated patients under the National Health. Scheme.

Topwn twinning-minute 29f.

Resolved to request that the plaque and certificate of twinning received during the recent Town Twinning in France be displayed in the Lampeter Library museum section. The Curator to be contacted and permission sought.

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of.....2002.