

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 20th May, 2002 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Mathew Burns.

Before the commencement of business, members were addressed by Mr. Mark James of the firm PBS, who had installed the new CCTV system at Lampeter. Mr. James informed members that the system was now fully operational with images being transmitted and recorded on all 6 cameras. It was expected that the training programme for 8 operators would be completed in Mid June. There was still some more work to be carried out on the main mast at the Council Offices at Lampeter. This work was technical and an engineering report was awaited. The County Council would be employing 2 operator and 6 police operators and the times the system would be viewed was a matter for them. However in the event of an incident the system could instantly be turned from recording mode to manual operation. The contract for the installation and follow on work was with Ceredigion County Council and in view of the extra work to be carried out, had probably not been signed to date. The contract for the transmission only was between MLL and Lampeter Town Council. Mr. James stated that he was prepared to attend and address the Council at any time in the future and he predicted that the life span of the system to be 10 to 15 years. At the conclusion he was thanked by the Mayor, Cllr. Carter.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 25th April, 2002 and 23rd May, 2002 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

A copy of the Action Plan for Lampeter had been lodged with each member of the Council, and a Welsh version would be available shortly. This Action Plan was now with the WDA. The organisation was now fully incorporated and progress on funding was likely soon.

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

MLL had now agreed in writing to the fact that Lampeter Town Council would be reimbursed the payment made in respect of the February, 18th to 31st March period, the sum to be credited in June invoice. It was agreed to invite the Wales manager of MLL to address the Council at the July meeting. The grand opening on 16th July, 2002 was now in doubt, but confirmation was expected within two weeks.

Highway Matters.

Seating at Harford square – minute 5e.

The work was progressing. Also an application had been made under the Ceredigion Community grants for 50% of the costs. Decision awaited.

A475 Llanwnnen to Lampeter Road-minute 44b.

A meeting between the two County Councillors and the Highways re the speed limits, scheduled for the 30th May, 2002 had been postponed.

Mayoral Board-minute 42j.

It was agreed to order BK Signs to carry out the work of entering the name of the new Mayor on the Board.

Church Gate-minute 40a.

Site meeting had been held, when it was agreed by members that they would fund a new gate. However since it appears that the Church Council may be eligible for Ceredigion County Council Community grant, application forms had been sent to Mr. Brian Whitehead for the application to be made. If such an application was successful then the Council would only have to fund half of the costs. If unsuccessful, it was agreed that the Council would on this occasion fully fund the cost. It was also agreed that no future replacement/work on this gate would be undertaken by the Council. No order for new gate to be placed until position re grant application became clear. noted that the upgrade work on the dwelling would be carried out this Financial Year. Some discomfort would be caused to the tenants during the work.

Cleaning of Bus Shelters – minute 7a.

No reply received.

Lamps at Bridge Street – minute 7b.

No reply received, but in view of the correspondence received from the County Council in regard to the possible take over of all street lighting, it was agreed that they Highways Department be contacted and requested to take over these lamps.

Forest Road – minute 7f.

County Council have placed the matter on a list for consideration. No red warning signs to be placed on entry roads into Lampeter. These type of warning signs were experimental and there were no plans to extend the scheme to Lampeter. It was agreed to request anti skid surfaces at the junction of Forest Road and Aberaeron Road.

Children at Play signs – minute 2g.

The matter was now being considered by the County Council.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

The old timber had now been removed and the Community Service Department informed that they were to carry out the work. IT was not possible to place a time schedule on completion of the work.

College Street – minute 9b.

The Cabinet Member for Ceredigion in regard to highways was to meet the County Councillors in an effort to speed up matters. The Chamber of Trade, whilst unhappy with the disruption caused and loss of trade, accepted the position. Some concern as to whether the construction of new pavements would now go ahead. It was agreed to write to the County Council requesting that the whole scheme, including new pavement construction be completed at this time.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 13/2002.

Apology received to the effect that due to unavailability of officers, no officer would be attending.

By laws re drinking on the streets – minute 1a.

Information from the Police to the effect that all areas of the town would have to be covered by the by law, excepting beer gardens. It was resolved not to progress the matter any further at this time. Members to note any [problems in the coming summer months and there continues to be problems experienced, the return matter to the agenda.

Crime and Disorder Act – minute 1d.

The Mayor was out on patrol with the Police on Saturday 1st June, 2002.

Bollard at Harford Square – minute 1e.

Information to hand suggesting that the HSBC Bank was prepared to fully sponsor the cost of this bollard. Contact to be made with the Bank to ascertain position.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 14/2002.

Welsh Language Society – minute 14a.

Correspondence received outlining the way members of Ceredigion County Council had voted in connection with Unitary Plan.

Ceredigion Credit Union Interreg application – minute 14b.

Request for support in application for funding. Agreed full support.

Lampeter Guides – minute 14c.

Request for a visit to Town Hall and for the Mayor to attend the official opening of their structure at Parc yr Orsedd. Agreed to invite Guides to Town Hall on 19th June, 2002.

Light refreshments to be provided.

Ceredigion Acces – minute 14d.

Request for support in an application for funding from Ceredigion Community grants.

Also possible financial support in future for a new surgery. Agreed support but not agreement as to financial support at this time.

NALC Cymru Conf. – minute 14e.

Mayor and Cllr. Dorothy Williams nominated as delegates.

WACTC Conf. – minute 14f.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 15/2002.

No applications or permission received since 23rd May, 2002.

FINANCE.

Minute 16/2002.

Balance Sheet/Accounts for 2001/2002 – minute 16a.

Copy of the documents had been sent to all members. They were approved.

Mayors Allowance- minute 16b.	£2400 00p.
W.D.Lewis –cement – minute 16c.	£199 73p
CCC Halls – minute 16d.	£111 00p.
D.Wms re Clerks Gown – minute 16e.	£110 00p.
Teifi Computers – minute 16f.	£12 46p.
J.H.Wms – mugs – minute 16g.	£1300 00p.
Misc/Postage – minute 16h.	£45 15p.

Clerks Salary – minute 16i.	£729 66p.
MLL Telecom – minute 16j.	£5757 50p.
Food Festival – minute 16k.	£350 00p.
Grass cutting – minute 16l.	£60 00p.
NALC Conf fees – minute 16m.	£101 76p.
WACTC Conf fees. – minute 16n.	£50 00p.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 17/2002.

NALC meeting report – minute 17a.

It had now been ascertained that the Dog Warden could be employed by local councils for extra hours and not be in breach of double funding rules. Also debate re members nominated for other bodies still ongoing.

Mill Street – minute 17b.

Current position ascertained as enquiries as to the ownership of the hedge.

Jubilee Mugs – minute 17c.

Arrangement made for distribution of mugs at Victoria Hall on 12th June, when light refreshments would be provided for the schoolchildren. Surplus mugs to be sold off at £4 each. Any member available to attend at Victoria Hall top assist on 12th June, between 12–20p.m. and 3-30p.m.

Cllr, Margaret Davies Evans –minute 17d.

Cllr. Evans thanked all members for their kind wishes during her recent illness due to an accident.

Hafan Deg Celebrations – minute 17e.

Members reminded of the function on 1st June, 2002.

Guides Project at Parc yr Orsedd – minute 17f.

It was resolved to fund protection for the statute by means of 4 small poles and fence. Cost £94 80p.

Daffodils Bulbs – minute 17g.

Despite written confirmation from Ceredigion County Council, the promised daffodil bulbs had not materialised. Resolved to write a letter expressing disappointment.

Signed.....

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