

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

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

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Dorothy Williams.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meeting on 31st October, 2002 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

Cllr. Selwyn Walters introduced Ioan Thomas the new Community Development Officer for the Menter. Mr. Thomas stated that he was looking forward to working in Lampeter. He had studied for 5 years, Planning and Economic Development. Cllr. Walters then stated that good progress was being made in respect of premises in the High Street, but pending completion of the negotiations, Mr. Thomas was working at the UCW. The Menter were grateful to the UCW authorities for allowing such facilities. With regard to the foot and mouth grant, there had been a meeting of all Mentrau with Ceredigion County Council and misconceptions by the County had been cleared up. With regard to these grants, it was hoped that in respect of Lampeter, they would all be downloaded by the Spring.

A475 Llanwnnen to Lampeter Road-minute 44b.

Ceredigion County Council have agreed that this stretch of road was suitable for use of speed cameras, when the new speed limit came into being.

Church Gate-minute 40a.

No further progress, but a survey of footpaths and work to be undertaken could resolve the problem. See A.O.B. for further details.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

The Engineering report had been carried out and was very good, apart from some minor modifications in regard to non slip strips and new rubber tiles. These matters were in hand.

Letter from Mrs. Conti – minute 19b.

The work on the footpath was now in progress.

Bus/Train Timetables-minute 29a

No reply received from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Dental Surgary-minute 29e.

No further progress. Still attempting to arrange a meeting with the National Assembly Minister.

Lampeter Market-minute 35d.

Correspondence received from the Chamber of Trade to the effect that they were not now in agreement with a relocation to the High Street. They also requested consideration of a 2 hour free parking limit at the Commons car Park and High Street. Resolved to request a trial period of 3 months in respect of relocation of the Market and pass on the request re parking to Cerdigion.

Dewhirst Factory-minute 35f.

Correspondence from Elin Jones A.M. to the effect that there was some progress with a local business in negotiations for the lease. The Deputy Mayor congratulated the Mayor on his comments in the Cambrian News in regard to the article generated by the Rev Goronwy Evans.

Consultative Meeting-minute 37e.

Some members had attended and it was generally felt that there was insufficient time for local questions in regard to local matters. Ceredigion to be informed of this view and request a change of format in future.

Highway Matters-minutes 41c and 41d.

Reply from Ceredigion to the effect that they were in the process of manufacturing the lion heads and that an extended footpath for Drovers Road was now included in their future planning.

CCTV – minute 9a

The Chamber of Trade were concerned in regard to a recent incident, when a member was informed that the quality of the pictures were such that no prosecution could be undertaken. It was suggested that poor lighting was the cause. IT was revealed that there

were some technical problems, which were being investigated and that the offender concerned had been identified and had admitted the offence of criminal damage. The Police also invited members and members of the Chamber of Trade to attend at the control room at Aberyswyth on a Saturday evening to view the system. It was agreed to accept the invitation in the New Year, also inform the Chamber of Trade of the invitation. Ceredigion County Council to be contacted re current update on the technical difficulties.

Lane rear Bridge Street/New Street – minute 43a.

Ceredigion had replied to the effect that some financial contribution had been made by residents adjoining the lane in the past and that they were now pursuing the matter with their Finance Dept. Mr. Evans had been sent a copy of the reply.

Lampeter Ramblers – minute 43b.

No replies received from either Wales Tourist Board or Ceredigion County Council.

Maesyfelin and Parcyfelin – minute 47b.

Lighting defects had been reported to Ceredigion. It was further resolved to write to Ceredigion requesting consideration of traffic calming measures in the same area, possible speed humps.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 49/2002.

P.S. LEE in attendance. He outlined the new procedure adopted by the Police in respect of the unloading and loading in the main streets. Delivery persons are to be encouraged to deliver before 0815 hours or after 1800 hours. They would be afforded these facilities provided they were genuinely unloading or loading. In the past drivers had been viewed abusing the system by shopping some 50 yards away from their vehicles or drinking tea. The Police would operate the system on a fair and impartial basis. Resolved to request Ceredigion County Council views re a similar system to be operated by the refuse lorries.

The Mayor congratulated the Police on the fair and impartial way they had policed the anti Iraq War demonstration. Lampeter had a new Inspector, Inspector Alun Samuel who would attend future meetings.

The Lampeter Police Ball will be held on 11th April, 2003, all members are to be invited.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 50/2002.

Lampeter High School-minute 50a.

Letter of appreciation re civic reception for exchange trip from Sweden. Particular thanks to the Mayor and Cllr. Walters for his talk on the history of the town.

Ceredigion Unitary Plan-minute 50b.

Correspondence from Elin Jones to the effect that she was making an objection on the housing part of the Plan and requesting the National Assembly to call it in.

Building for business-minute 50c.

Correspondence from Ceredigion to the effect that they had commissioned three estate agents to search for empty, private buildings suitable for business location. Resolved to write to Ceredigion requesting that they also include redundant County Council owned buildings.

Welsh Language Society-minute 50d.

Can Welsh Survive in Ceredigion booklet available.

Lampeter Court-minute 50e.

The Consultation Document remains the same, with plans for one Courthouse in Ceredigion, based at Aberystwyth. Lampeter Court was now officially closed according to the list.

LAS Waste-minute 50f.

Invitation received to visit site and inspect the pink bag scheme. Resolved to accept invitation in the New Year, Mayor to arrange suitable time and date.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 51/2002.

Repair to Noddfa Chapel-minute 51a

No objection.

Erection of Dwelling plot 2 Pontfaen-minute 51b.

No objection.

Erection of Dwelling Old Warehouse Cambrian Street-minute 51c.

No objection.

Extension at Lampeter High School-minute 51d.

No objection.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 52 /2002.

Plot 1 & 2 Brongaer, North Road-minute 52a.

Change of use Rowland Williams Hall-minute 52b.

Extension J & P Improvements – Industrial Estate-minute 52c.

Conversion of garage to 2 dwellings at Mill Street-minute 52d.

FINANCE.

Minute 53/2002.

Gwynne Davies – minute 53a.	£45 00p.
W.D.Lewis –minute 53b.	£13 97p.
AAA Decorating – minute 53c.	£33 44p.
Clerks Salary – minute 53d.	£729 66p.
Postage/Misc – minute 53e.	£36 57p.
Teiser & Kreft – minute 53d.	£131 60p.

AMENDMENTS.

Bugler Rem. Day-minute 53e.

Bugler unavailable therefore no payment made.

Write Off. – minute 53f.

It was resolved to write off the old printer which was 3 year old.

Red Cross – minute 53g.

Resolved to receive only – no donation.

Budget for Year 2003/04.

Resolved to hold a meeting at 7-30p.m. 9th January, 2003 to discuss proposals and finalise budget.

STANDING ORDERS.

Minute 54/2002.

Resolved to adopt the new Standing Orders as recommended by the Sub Committee, with the inclusion of words, “Business may be in the English or Welsh language”. Standing Orders to be printed in both languages.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 55./2002.

Citizen Advice-minute 55a.

Member had attended a meeting, it was suggested that they be invited to give a presentation at February meeting.

Footpaths – minute 55b.

Correspondence received from Ceredigion requesting details of work to be carried out in 2003/04, when grants would be made available. Footpath Sub Committee of Cllrs. I. Williams. R.Phillips, G.Evans and H Davies formed. To report in mid January, 2003. Cllr. Williams had visited the site of the footpath at Gwel y Creuddyn and inspected the plans for new wall adjoining.

11th November Remembrance Day-minute 55c.

Some confusion as to where members should pay their respect on this day, it was resolved that it was a matter for individual members.

Letters of Congratulations – minute 55d.

Letters of congratulation to be forwarded to W.D.Lewis and Son and the More than Soap Company in regard to their recent success in the Ceredigion Business Awards night. Also to Alun Davies re his success in the Get Connected British nation Tarmac Championship. It was also resolved to write congratulating the Chamber of Trade for the Christmas Lighting this year.

Highway Matters-minute 55e.

Street Light not operation in Maesyllan and Bridge Street. Also there were some blocked drains in the town centre and Ceredigion to be requested to carry out a survey of all drains and remedy any blocked ones. One such blocked drain was in Drovers Road.

Mayors Old Persons Christmas Tea-minute 55f.

This function to be held on Wednesday 4th December, 2002 at Victoria Hall, all help appreciated.

Poultry Show-minute 55g.

Function to be held on 21st December 2002 at Victoria Hall. All donations of shields and help with raffle appreciated.

Xmas Tree at Town Hall-minute 55h.

Christmas Tree to be purchased for display on Town Hall.

Youth Club-minute 55I

Resolved to write and ascertain the current position re setting up of a Youth Club by the Ceredigion Youth Officer.

Town Hall-minute 55j.

Resolved to put the future use of the Town hall on the agenda for end of January meeting.

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of2003.