

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2002 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Ivor Williams.
Cll. Kistiah Ramaya.
Cll. Robert Phillips.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meeting on 29th August 2002 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

The newly appointed Development Officer, Iwan Thomas had accepted the post, subject to contract, which it was hoped would be signed shortly. He would be in post by 1st October. Launch day would be delayed until after 1st October and in the meantime the officer would be lodged in temporary accommodation, pending the acquisition of premises at 19 High Street, Lampeter. The officer was from the St Clears area and was a welsh speaker. It was proposed to introduce him to the Council at the next meeting.

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

Mark Elliot had now acknowledged the original letter and replied to the effect that the one camera in the system would always be weaker than the rest, but on the launch day, due to operator difficulties, it was shown to be worse than when operating properly. The weaker camera could be switched to a less busy location if problems continue. Members

were now aware that the system had been instrumental in the detection of crime, and requested the Press present to make this fact known to members of the public.

Highway Matters.

A475 Llanwnnen to Lampeter Road-minute 44b.

Information now to hand that a experimental 40 mph speed limit was to be enforced on this road. Members still felt strongly that footpaths should be provided on this stretch of road. Letter from Co8unty Council to the effect that footpaths would be constructed on appropriate stretches when the improvement to the road was carried out.

Church Gate-minute 40a.

The Parochial Church Council has been contacted, but to date there was no progress. She was planning a meeting on 1st October, 2002..

Lamps at Bridge Street – minute 7b.

The County Council had been contacted with regard to the concerns re persistent vandalism and they had replied to the effect that the lamp standards should be raised to 5 metres. Costings for this work had been quoted at £1168 plus vat, this being in addition to the original cost of repair. It was agreed to pay only 50% of the original repair bill. Contact had been made with the Chamber of Trade and they had made a grant application to Ceredigion, which was now being processed. Probably a grant of 40% would be allocated.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

Work was still progressing, but almost complete. The grant of £2000 had been received from Lincs, Ceredigion. The Insurers had been contacted and requested to carry out a Health and Safety inspection, which they had agreed to do. It was suggested that there may be some danger with the bottom of the slide and that the steps into the castle were slippery. Matters to be attended to by the Community Service persons working on site. Debate re replacement of a hedge along the roadside. It was resolved to leave the current fence in place.

In Town Without My Car- minute 19c.

The event had been very successful and it was resolved to write a letter of appreciation to the Chamber of Trade for their efforts in organising the event. It was also noted that the diversion signs had been placed in Bridge Street, near its junction with New Street, hence some motorists heading for Aberaeron and the coast had been diverted, when they should have been allowed to carry straight on.

Letter from Mrs. Conti – minute 19b.

Correspondence received from County Council stating that they were awaiting grants from the Welsh Assembly and it was hoped that work would proceed shortly. Concerns expressed re the footpath leading to Maesyfelin through Mill Street. Members had been made aware that both the land required for the construction of the footpath and the funds had been made available, yet no work had commenced. Resolved to write a strong letter to the County Council.

Town Twinning-minute 25g.
Meeting planned for 1st October, 2002.

Bus/Train Timetables-minute 29a.
No reply received from the Director of Transportation for Carmarthenshire. Resolved to write to the Council Chairman requesting an update.

New Printer-minute 29b.
New printer and phone had now been purchased but not yet installed.

Parking Bridge Street-minute 29d
The Police had been monitoring the area and had reported several offenders. They would continue. Discussion followed in regard to the general enforcement of traffic regulation in the main streets, particularly in regard to the unloading and loading of goods onto vehicles. The police Officer present stated that it was policy to be even handed in regard to enforcement. Resolved to write to the Police suggesting a meeting between them, the Chamber of Trade and members of the Council in an effort to resolve any difficulties and make future progress.

Dental Surgery-minute 29e.
The Deputy Mayor stated that the points as outlined in the last minutes fairly reflected the position, but he had been in some discussions with the Community Health Council and others in an effort to resolve the problem. Following discussion it was resolved to wait the result of an advert, which would be placed in October by the authorities, in regard to the provision of a NHS dental service at Lampeter. Should there be a negative result to the advert then further action to be considered. Also seen amendment to WACATC resolution by Lampeter Town Council later in minutes.

British Austin Society-minute 31d.
The Mayor and Cllr. Walters had met the group. Cllr. Walters had given a very interesting talk on the town to the group and was thanked by the Mayor. The police were also thanked for the placement of no waiting bollards outside the Town Hall.

Bollard at rear of Somerfield Store-minute 35b.
The bollard had been re erected, but it is now down and in need of replacement. Letter to be forwarded to the County Council.

Lampeter Market-minute 35d.
Consultations had taken place between the stall holders, Chamber of Trade and officials of Ceredigion County Council and all appeared to agree that it would be beneficial for the removal of the Market to the High Street. However there were possible problems with the traffic flow etc and consultations would now take place with the Highway Authority and the Town Council.

Dewhurst Factory-minute 35f.

Replies received from Cllr. Ray Quant of Ceredigion County Council and Elin Jones A.M. Both stated that the current situation was that the Dewhirst Management were leasing the old Factory and were contracted for a further four years to do so, therefore there was no incentive to release the buildings for re lease. Elin Jones had met Andrew Davies, the Minister for Economic Development and discussed the matter. The Mayor had agreed to meet Elin Jones outside the redundant factory building on Friday 27th September, 2002 and an article would appear in the followings weeks Cambrian News. To date no reply received from Andrew Davies.

Anwen Butten-minute 35i.

Anwen was away on holiday at the time of the meeting, but would be prepared to attend a future meeting. Resolved to invite Anwen to the October, meeting. Gift purchased by the Mayor to be paid out of Council funds. Cllr. D Williams disclosed an interest and did not take any part in the decision.

Street lighting-minute 35j.

Matters to be attended to by Ceredigion County Council

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 36/2002.

P.C Alun Owen was in attendance and updated the members in regard to parking at Bridge Street. Discussion re parking as outlined in minute 29d. No other matter raised.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 37/2002.

Land at Maesycoed, Lampeter-minute 37a.

Request by an agent for a Mr. David Evans to address the Council on his behalf re a planing application in respect of land at Maesycoed. Agreed to invite agent to October meeting.

Parliament for Wales-minute 37b.

Campaign publication available at Clerks Office.

Map's- minute 37c.

Correspondence from Jill Evans and Earwig Wynn M.E.P.s in regard to their duties as members of the European Parliament and a report called "Wales in Europe".

Unitary Development Plan-minute 37d.

Consultation on Deposit Version between 26th September, 2002 and 20th November, 2002. Resolved to discuss at October, meeting.

Consultative Meetings-minute 37e.

List of meetings arranged. Lampeter meeting Thursday 7th November, 2002, Lampeter High School at 7p.m.

Community Safety Strategy-minute 37f.
Document available at Clerks Office.

Freedom of Information Act-minute 37g.
Resolved to adopt the model; code approved by NALC.

Royal British Legion-minute 37h.
Festival of Remembrance on 9th November, 2002 at Great hall, Aberystwyth. Tickets priced at £6.

WACTC Conference-minute 37i.
Resolved not to mandate the delegates on resolutions. Also resolved to forward a strongly worded amendment re dental services resolutions, whereby Lampeter delegates would propose and second the motion. Amendment wording agreed and available from Clerks Office.

Age Concern-minute-37j.
AGM 30th October, 2002 at Llanina Arms, Llanarth.

Remembrance Day Service-minute 37k.
Resolved to pay the expenses for leaflets, bugler and public address services in respect of Commission for Racial Equality-minute 31f.
Code of Conduct available at the Clerks Office for the use of all members.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.
Minute 38/2002.

Rosehill, Lampeter-minute 38a.
Erection of dwelling, granny annex and garage. No objection.

Pontfaen Cottage-minute 38b.
Erection of dwelling in grounds. No objection.

Black Lion, Lampeter-minute 38c.
Installation of extract duct. No objection.

Nat West Bank, Lampeter-minute 38d.
New signage. Concern re amount of signs and effect on the area.

Mill Street, Lampeter-minute 38e.
Erection of 2 dwellings as a conversion from garage/store. No objection.

Mill Street, Lampeter-minute 38f.
Erection of 3 dwellings. No Objection.

Showfield, Lampeter-minute 38g.
Erection of new Primary school.

Declaration of interest by Cllr. Carter on item 38g and Cllr. Dorothy Williams on Items 38e and 38f. Deputy Mayor took the chair in absence of Mayor in item 38g.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 39 /2002. No Permissions received.

FINANCE.

Minute 40/2002.

J. Morgan-petrol-minute 40a.	£25 85p.
AAA Decorating-minute 40b.	£41 22p.
W.D. Lewis-minute 40c.	£16 63p .
AAA Decorating-minute 40d.	£28 37p.
Williams & Son-minute 40e.	£18 80p.
Teify Forge-minute 40f.	£54 09p.
Inframan-minute 40g.	£22 70p.
Teifi Computers-minute 40h.	£417 26p.
British Telecom-minute 40i.	£40 09p.
Clerk's Salary-minute 40j.	£729 66p.
Postage/misc.-minute 40k.	£43 89p.
Teifi Forge-minute 40l.	£10 58P.
E. Williams-grass cut-minute 40m.	£60 00p.
A, Butten gift-minute 40n.	£33 00p.
Teifi Computers-minute 40o.	£8 97p.
Urdd donation-minute 40p.	£25 00p.

INCOME.

Lincs Ceredigion grant-minute 40q.	£2000 00P.
Ymlaen Ceredigion-return of cheque for £40 00p.	

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 41/2002.

NALC Conf-minute 41a.

Report by Cllr. Dorothy Williams on proceedings. Main points, the amalgamation of the 4 Associations in Wales, scheduled to be completed by 2004. Code of Conduct Guidelines and Best Practice. Dangers of double precepting.

Local Democracy Week-minute 41b.

Deputy Mayor informed members of the event during this week. All members to be circulated with the document containing all dates and events. Main events at Lampeter on 15th October, outside Black Lion Hotel and High School on 9th October, 2002.

Drovers Road-minute 41c.

Concern expressed re the lack of a continuous footway in Drovers Road, Lampeter. Resolved to write to Ceredigion requesting the provision of a continuous footway.

Lions Head at Harford Square-minute 41d.

These items still had not been replaced at Harford Square. Resolved to write to Ceredigion requesting the replacement as previously promised.

Standing Orders-minute 41e

The Sub Committee had now completed the work and all members had been circulated with the new proposed standing orders. It was resolved to deal with the matter at the November meeting. Mr. Ian Barton to be thanked for the work he had carried out on the document and offered a fee for the work.

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of2002.