

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL.
CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.**

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 30th January, 2003 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. Dorothy Williams.
Cll. Hazel Davies.
Cll. John Davies.
Cll. Greg Evans.
Cll. Mrs. Margaret Davies Evans.
Cll. Robert Phillips.

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Selwyn Walters..

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 28th November, 2002 and 9th January, 2003 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

The Menter Office at 20 High Street, Lampeter was now operation and the actual launch date was the 27th and 28th February, 2003, when all members would be invited. These dates would coincide with the new Menter Llambed web site Funding has also been obtained for an environmental assessment by independent consultants. This process would take 3 months and would cover all aspects in the town.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

The project was almost complete, only the non slip tiles and rubber covering to be fitted.

Bus/Train Timetables-minute 29a

Reply received from Carmarthenshire County Council to the effect that although the Thomas Bros. services had been amended, the only lost service was that between Llandeilo and Lampeter via Talley on Tuesdays. The only location left without any bus service was Caio.

Lampeter Market-minute 35d.

Plans had now been suspended until the new improvement work in High Street had been carried out.

Dewhurst Factory-minute 35f.

Part of the old factory had been purchased by LAS and there was no current information in regard to the rest of the buildings.

Highway Matters-minutes 55e..

Reply from Ceredigion to the effect that they were in the process of examining the drains system throughout the town and that the flooding at College Street was of a minor nature and no action was to be taken at this.

CCTV – minute 9a

The system was being monitored by the suppliers MLL Telecom and the County Council. Visit to the Control Room at Aberystwyth to be arranged for the 18th February, 2003 in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade. Members resolved that members of the Chamber of Trade and any partners of members should pay for the transport arranged.

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 are to be rectified. No further information in regard to request for consideration of traffic calming measures in the same area, possible speed humps.

Planning application at Plot 2 Pontfaen-minute 51b.

Site visit had been held when some members had attended. Also present were County Council officers and representatives of the local community. There had been a fair and frank exchange of views.

LAS Waste-minute 50f.

Site visit had been carried out, when many members had attended. Members impressed by the systems used, particularly the pink bag system. Ceredigion County Council to be contacted and requested to consider adoption of the pink bag system. Management of LAS to be sent a letter of appreciation in regard to the arrangements made and hospitality received.

Standing Orders-minute 54.

Translation had now been received and the documents were currently being printed. A total of 30 had been ordered.

Citizens Advice Bureau-minute 55a.

The members would be addressed by a member of the organisation at the commencement of the February meeting.

Footpaths-minute 55b.

Survey had been completed and forwarded to Ceredigion. Survey included the cost of a replacement gate at the Church footpath.

Lampeter Swimming Pool-minute 57p.

Resolved following discussion that a sum of £1000 be contributed towards the Swimming Pool for a period of 3 years, all things being equal, commencing in the next financial year 2003.2004.

Kings Head Hotel-minute 60a.

Presentation to be made after the conclusion of business.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 61/2002.

The Mayor welcomed the new Inspector for Lampeter area, Insp Samuel who was accompanied by P.S. LEE. The Inspector introduced himself. The matters raised were parking in High Street, near J.H. Willaims, where it was agreed that there were no parking restrictions and therefore the problems experienced in loading of goods by a ratepayer was due to double parking, which itself could be illegal. It was also outlined that the beat bobby was a vital part of policing and members felt that of late there had been less beat patrol. The Inspector stated that two officers were dedicated to the town beats and one had designed a poster for display in shops, in conjunction with the CCTV system. The views of the Council in regard to the local policing plan had already been submitted. It was also stated that Cllr. Ramaya was a member of the Police Consultative Committee and that the next meeting was scheduled for Aberystwyth.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 62./2002.

Register of Members Interests-minute 62.

Documentation had been received from Ceredigion in regard to this matter and forms distributed to all members for completion. All were to be returned as soon as possible and a return was to be forwarded to Ceredigion by the end of February, 2003.

Age Concern-minute 62b.

Open Day on 4th February, 2003 at St Thomas, Lampeter All members invited to attend.

Victoria Hall-minute 62c.

Closed for 6 weeks re repair of heating system. Town Hall offered as an alternative.

WACTC Membership renewal-minute 62d.

Following a discussion it was resolved not to renew the membership, bearing in mind that in April 2004 all the 4 main organisations in Wales would amalgamate into one and the 2003/2004 was a transition one. Council are members of NALC.

Town and Community Council Research-minute 62e.

Resolved to submit observations that Councils should be given more powers.

NALC Meeting at Aberaeron-minute 62f.

Only Cllr. D. Williams attending.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 63/2002.

Alterations, Islwyn, Bridge Street, Lampeter-minute 63a.

No objection offered.

Replacement window at Pantri, High Street, Lampeter-minute 63b.

No objection offered.

New Access to site, Mill Street, Lampeter-minute 63c.

No objection offered, but developer to be written to, requesting protection of the old Mill stones, located in a building that would have to be demolished.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 64 /2002.

Gwarcoed, Maestir Road-minute 64a.

3 Dwellings at Mill Street-minute 64b.

Rosehill, Lampeter. Granny flat-minute 64c.

Wall at Gwel y Creuddyn-minute 64d.

Replacement windows at Noddfa Chapel, Lampeter-minute 64e.

FINANCE.

Minute 65/2002.

Chamber of Trade re lamps-minute 65a.	£496 50p.
Clerks Salary-minute 65b.	£729 66p.
Misc/postage.-minute 65c.	£37 15p.
Helen Mainwaring-translation-minute 65d.	£112 75p.
Ceredigion-hall hire-minute 65e.	£48 00p.

ELECTION MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2003/2004.
Minute 66/2002.

Election for Mayor-minute 66a.
Cllr. Robert Harris, nominated and seconded. Elected unopposed.

Election of Deputy Mayor-minute 66b.
Following members nominated and seconded in turn and in order shown and for personal reason declined the post.
Cllr. Greg Evans, Cllr. Robert Phillips, Cllr. Margaret Evans. Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya nominated and seconded and elected unopposed.

TOWN HALL USEAGE.
Minute 67/2002.

#It was agreed to defer matter until next Council meeting. However it was resolved to write to Ceredigion County Council, requesting clarification as to what action if any they intend to do with the Town Hall, Victoria Hall and the old School Labs in Peterwell Terrace.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
Minute 67/2002.

Lampeter Court-minute 67a.
Resolved to send a letter to magistrates Court Committee to the effect that Lampeter Town Council are still opposed to closure

Town Hall-minute 67b.
The lighting in the clock was defective and there was a lack of heating in the building during the meeting. Ceredigion to be informed.

Sign Cambrian Road-minute 67c.
The one way sign at the junction of Cambrian Road and Bryn Road was defective, Ceredigion to be informed.

Bryn Road, water problems-minute 67d.
There was a problem with a flooded gully near Gwalia, Bryn Road, during heavy rain water gathered there and footpaths used and the inhabitants of Gwalia were splashed by passing vehicles.

Directional Signs-minute 67e.
Some of the directional signs in the town were in poor condition and hardly readable. Members are frequently asked directions by passers by who cannot read the signs due to their poor condition. Ceredigion to be informed.

Town Signs-minute 67f.

Posters and been pasted on the blue Town Sign in Tregaron Road. Ceredigion to be requested to remove the posters and warn the organisations who had posted them as to their future action.

Environmental Licence Application-minute 67g.

It was noted that an application for a Rendering plant in Cwmann had been advertised in the local paper. Resolved to request more details from Carmarthenshire County Council and following perusal, the Mayor and/or deputy to visit the proposed site, if thought necessary.

Sale of Land, Barley Mow-minute 67h.

The sale of the land used for parking next to Roberts Garden Centre had been noted. IT this lands is sold it is anticipated that there will be parking problems in the area. Ceredigion to be requested to reconsider the matter and retain area for parking.

Street Lighting-minute 67i.

The quality of street lighting in Bridge Street, Drovers Road and Bryn Road is poor and in need of upgrade. The Bryn Road lighting causes concern due to the fact that poor lighting causes danger to school children attending the local school. Ceredigion to be informed. Upgrade of lighting is to be carried out in Maesyfelin. Cllr. I Williams has made some enquiry re lighting in Llanfair Road.

High Street Works-minute 67j.

Some concern expressed re consultation before work commenced on the High Street Scheme. It was stated that there would be consultation.

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of2003.