

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 28th August, 2003 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Dorothy Williams, Cll. Ivor Williams.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 31st July 2003 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

The project was complete. The application for funding from Lincs Ceredigion had been successful with a grant of £300 being awarded.

Highway matters-minutes – 26c and 26d.

The Victoria Hall matter was being dealt with by the County Council, who had received other complaints in regard to the same subject. The hedge at Priordy Flats was being dealt with.

A member had received a complaint from one bus operator re the new arrangements for the loading and unloading of the school children at the High School. Resolved to monitor the new system.

Christmas Lighting-minute 76b.

Meeting had been held, when it was resolved to obtain more confirmation from the Council Insurers. There were two ways forward, one being that the Council made a donation towards the Insurance required by the Chamber of Trade or two, that the Council take over the ownership of the lights and use the Chamber of Trade members as volunteers for installation. Further meeting to be arranged when more information to hand.

Lighting at Llanfair Road-minute 5l.

Work had commenced.

Land at rear Bridge Street/New Street-minute 12b.

In view of the fact that Mr.Evans did not wish to pursue matter it was resolved that matter should not be further pursued at this time. Resolved to request a white line at the junction of Picton Lane and the unadopted road, marked on the surface of Picton Lane.

Lampeter Fire Service First responder vehicle-minute 17h.

No reply received from District Auditors, resolved to deal with the matter by way of a £100 donation.

Lampeter in Bloom – minute 21d.

Chamber of Trade to be congratulated by letter re the effort made in the town, which enabled it to obtain 2nd Prize. Meeting to be arranged with the Chamber to progress matter further, members nominated, Clls. Harris, Ramaya, Carter and Greg Evans.

Anonymous letter re Cwmmins – minute 21b.

Letter from County Council suggesting that the area be made a pay and display car park with maximum 4 hour stay, residents parking to be allowed. Following discussion, resolved to request more information re legal position of charging, option for permits for residents and the policing of the system.

Footpath at Lampeter Church – minute 26b.

Letter from Church Authorities to the effect that they were seeking legal advice re matter and a meeting would be arranged at a later date, when the Canon Rev. A. Williams would be available.

Vice Chancellor – minute 26e.

Reply received to the effect that he would attend the October meeting to address the Council.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 27/2003

Apologies received from P.S. Lee. Who was unable to attend due to other duties. Matter of vehicles being driven at high Speeds, (Racing), discussed. Members concerned re incidents on 17th August, 2003 and the fact that some motorists were now using Bryn Road, High Street, College Street and Somerfield Car park as a race track. Danger was being caused to road users and disturbance to residents in dwellings adjoining the roads. Resolved to write to the Police Inspector drawing attention to concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 28/2003.

Cantref AGM –minute 28a.

AGM on 25th September, 2003 at Aberystwyth, no nominations to attend. Night of Council meeting.

Ceredigion Project Funding Day – minute 28b.

Funding Fair at Llanerchaeron on 16th September, 2003. All members invited to attend.

GM Crops – minute 28c.

Correspondence from Friends of the Earth re the use Council owned land for GM trials. No suitable land held Lampeter Council.

Street Closure – minute 28d.

High Street to be closed 10a.m. to 3p.m.on 22nd September.,2003 re “*In town without my car*” day.

Draft Licensing Policy for Ceredigion – minute 28e.

Document had been circulated to all members, no comments made. Cllr. Carter stated that the draft was in line with policy suggested for the rest of the U.K.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 29/2003.

Display Dylan Thomas Sign at HSBC Bank – minute 29a.

No objection offered.

Replacement windows at Vernon Shoes at High Street – minute 29b.

No objection to be offered.

Replacement windows at 13 Bridge Street –minute 29c.

No objection to be offered but comment made re lack of drawings of the windows.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 30/2003.

Extension Trefin Garage – minute 30a.

Replacement windows at 17 Collage Street – minute 30b.

Temporary Classroom at High School –minute 30c.

Temporary classroom at Ffynnonbedr School – minute 30d.

FINANCE.

Minute 31/2003.

AB Plant Hire-minute 31a	£230 50p.
Wickstead Leisure-minute 31b	£370 71p.
AB Plant Hire-minute 31c.	£141 00p.
W.D.Lewis-minute 31d.	£82 49p.
IDS U.K.-minute 31e.	£39 99p.
Fire service-minute 31f.	£100 00p.

Donation request Bobath Cymru-minute 31g. Received only-no donation to be made.

Purchase of a strimmer-minute 31h.

Suggested that the Council purchase a strimmer, thereby reducing the cost incurred in constant hiring. Cllr. I Williams to be approached at next meeting.

Menter Llambod.

Minute 32/2003.

Cllr. Phillips spoke on the efforts being made to secure Broadband Services for Lampeter and the alternative methods of implementation. Any person who wished to register an interest should contact Mr. David Willis

Cllr Walters stated that funding was being sought for a Town Guide with a possible source being the Welsh Tourist Board grant of 50%, the remainder being made up of sponsorships and advertising. The Atkins report was being launched on 26th September, 2003, and 3 meetings had been arranged through the day at the Church Hall. Members were invited. The Heritage Town trail was progressing with permissions for the erection of plaques being sought from house owners.

The same 3 members of the Council were reelected to serve another term on the Menter Board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 32/2003.

Gareth Morgan-minute 32a.

The local reporter, Mr. Gareth Morgan was leaving the area and was thanked for his services by the Mayor.

Lampeter Eisteddfod-minute 32b.

The Rev. Goronwy Evans had recently retired following 35 years service as an official of the Eisteddfod. Resolved to present him with a town plaque at the September meeting

Refuse-minute 32c.

Complaints received re refuse being place out for collection to early, on some occasions over the weekend, when it was vandalised by unruly persons and animals, leaving a mess on the streets. Resolved to write to the County Council requesting their help to resolve matter.