

**Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2003 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.**

**PRESENT.**

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

**APOLOGIES.**

Cll. Selwyn Walters.

**PRESENTATION to Dr. Stephen Jones.**

Before the commencement of business the Mayor presented a Town Plaque to Dr. Stephen Jones, a native of Lampeter, but now resident and working in Canada. Dr. Jones has carried out pioneering work on isolation of the SARS Virus gene. Dr. Jones attended Lampeter School and paid tribute to the teachers at the school, who had encouraged him in his career. He also thanked the local Scout Movement and Cllr. Ivor Williams for their encouragement. He then went on to explain his work.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

The Minutes of the meetings on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 were agreed as being accurate.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.**

The project was still incomplete, Cllr. Williams reported that Wickstead had promised to fit the new safety tiles by the end of the month.

**CCTV – minute 9a**

Members were informed of a copy of a letter sent by the Lampeter Chamber of Trade to Mr. Bleddyn Jones of Ceredigion re the manning of the Control Room. It was agreed that the two nominated members of the Consultative Committee would raise the matter at their first meeting.

**Highway matters-minutes – 12b,12c,12d,12e,12f.**

A new sign had been ordered for Kingsmead re the turning area. Reply received from County Council to the effect that it was true that seats from Aberswyth were to be brought to Lampeter following refurbishment and would be placed near the Rookery where there were missing and broken seats. Following a discussion it was agreed that whilst the provision of second hand seats was not ideal, they should be accepted as a temporary measure, until the seating on the whole town could be renewed. The County Council had also agreed to provide some seating for the Lampeter owned Parc Yr Orsedd ground.

The street lighting defects had been referred to the contractor for attention, but no reply received in relation to the water puddle in Bryn Road. The pavement outside the Post office Sorting Office had been attended to but it would appear to be temporary.

**Sewage Works-minute 80f.**

Meeting had been arranged and the Mayor had circulated all members with the result of the discussions. A further meeting would be held in September, when it was hoped some progress would have been made. The Mayor stated that the authorities were pleased that Cll Carter had reported incidents.

**Christmas Lighting-minute 76b.**

Still awaiting a reply from Chamber of Trade.

**Town Notice Board-minute 80c.**

This work had now been completed.

**Lighting at Llanfair Road-minute 5l.**

A grant of 50% had been obtained from Ceredigion County Council and the work had been ordered. To date no installation had taken place.

**Iolo Willaims. Walk-minute 5m.**

The Mayor thanked all members for their contribution and it was agreed to donate £100 towards the cause from Council funds.

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

A 6 page reply had now been received from Ceredigion County Council and it was to be circulated to all members before full consideration. The views of Mr.Evans the complainant to be sought.

**POLICE MATTERS.**

**Minute 13/2003**

P.S. Stephen Lee present, no matter arising. The officer was released.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Minute 14/2003.**

**Royal Garden Party-minute 14a.**

Cllr. John Davies had been invited to this function as a NALC nominee.

**Welsh Assembly Regional Committee-minute 14b.**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2003 at Aberystwyth. All members invited to attend, no nominations.

**Ceredigion Quality Bus Survey-minute 14c.**

It was resolved to write to the firm concerned requesting consideration of a through bus service to Lampeter from Aberystwyth and no change of service at Aberaeron, that there be an integrated service between bus and rail at Aberystwyth and Carmarthen, more frequent services and for newer and cleaner buses.

**Lincs Ceredigion-minute 14d.**

This organisation had been allocated money for upgrade of playgrounds again this year and an application for a small grant in respect of the safety tiles at Parc yr Orsedd had been made. However in view of the previous grant received, it will have low priority.

**Draft Customer Strategy-minute 14e.**

Correspondence received from Ceredigion re this matter and it was resolved to circulate the document to all member for their views before make any submission to Ceredigion.

**Unitary Plan-minute 14f.**

A list of all amendments suggested by the Lampeter Council had been received and was in order.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**Minute 15/2003.**

Erection of extension to shed at Lampeter Comprehensive School-minute 15a.  
No objection offered.

Erection of extension at Trefin Garage-minute 15b.  
No objection offered.

Replacement ATM machine and sign Barclays bank-minute 15c.  
No Objection offered.

**PLANNING PERMISSIONS.**

**Minute 16/2003.**

New Primary School at Lampeter-minute 16a.  
Loading Bay at Organics, Lampeter-minute 16b.  
Alterations at Millbank, Lampeter-minute 16c.

**FINANCE.**

**Minute 17/2003.**

Ceredigion hire of halls,-minute 17a.	£82 50p.
Inframan lighting-minute 17b.	£22 70p

B.T. line rental/calls-minute 17c.	£44 30p.
SLCC membership-minute 17d.	£48 00p.
Ty Hafan Walk-minute 17e.	£100 00p.
Lamp Bowling Club-minute 17f.	£50 00p.

Donation requests received, Shelter Cymru-minute 17g. No donation to be made.

Lampeter Fire Station First responder Appeal-minute 17h. Advice to be sought from District Audit re double funding before a final decision is made. Possibility of holding a fundraising event.

Town Twinning-minute 17i. Still no balance sheet received.

INCOME. Minute 17j. £1000 00p from UCW re CCTV payments.

**Balance Sheet & Statement of Assurance for year 2002/2003. Minute 17k.**

Balance Sheet & Statement of Assurance had been circulated and was approved by all members.

**Menter Llambod.**

Minute 18/2003.

An initial draft report had been received from Atkins re the Environmental Study, but it had been returned to them for further consideration. The final draft was expected in July, 2003. Work was continuing on the Dylan Thomas project.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

**Minute 19/2003.**

**Town Twinning Civic Reception-minute 19a.**

Members felt that there was a view to the effect that the French Nationals should be left with their hosts for that part of Monday designated for the Civic Reception and that no such event should be held. Town Twinning Committee to be contacted and informed that it was a matter for them to decide, but the Council would put on a Civic Reception if it was requested, but would not be in any way insulted if not, bearing in mind the views emerging.

**Cleaning of Bus Shelters-minute 19b.**

The bus shelters were again in need of cleaning. Contractor to be contacted and requested to carry out work as soon as possible.

**Damaged pavements near Hafandeg and dead trees near Comprehensive School-minute 19c.**

The roots of some of the trees had damaged the pavements near the Rookery And Hafandeg and there was need for remedial action. There were also dead trees outside the Comprehensive School, which need to be removed and if possible replaced with new live trees. Ceredigion to be informed.

**Hafandeg Coffee Event-minute 19d.**

Event to be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30p.m. all welcome to attend. Mayor will attempt to attend.

**Overgrown Hedges-minute 19e.**

There were overgrown hedges in New Street and in Pontfaen Road, near Cricket Grounds. Ceredigion and UCW to be informed and requested to trim the hedges concerned.

**Lampeter sign-minute 19f.**

The 30 mph sign in Aberaeron Road was obscuring the the Lampeter Town Sign, Ceredigion to be requested to resite the offending sign.

**Parking of Schoolbuses and loading-minute 19g.**

Complaints that school buses were parked in the Rookery Car Park all day, thus depriving other users of spaces. Also that they park on the road in front of the School to load and unload and children are endangered due to this practice. Ceredigion to be informed and requested to seek alternative arrangements re loading.

**Town Guide-minute 19h.**

A town guide in respect of another town was produced and it was agreed that there should be a similar guide for Lampeter. Menter Llambod to be contacted re the possibility of compiling such a guide. Guide to cover all traders and organisations and not those taking adverts in it.

**Empty flower tub at Cwmmins-minute 19i.**

Resolved that this was the property of the Lampeter Chamber of Trade and that the matter was in hand.

**Fence at rear of Lloyds Chemist-minute 19j**

Resolved that this unsafe fence was private property and a matter for the owners.

**Lane at rear Bridge St/New Street-minute 12b.**

Resolved to pursue the matter with the County Council again, since no progress had been made to date.

**Turning area Kingsmead-minute 12b.**

Resolved to request no parking signs and a turning area sign for the turning area at Kingsmead.

**SEAT-MINUTE 12c.**

Resolved to write to County Council requesting information as to whether used seat from other towns were being used in Lampeter. Also request survey and repair of any defective seats.

**Street Lighting-minute 12d**

Defective street light in College Street near entrance to UCW and a street light operating for 24 hours near Somerfield. Ceredigion to be informed.

**Water in Road-minute 12e.**

Pool of water on road surface near Wyingarth, Bryn Road. Ceredigion to be informed.

**Defective pavement-minute 12f.**

Defective pavement outside the Post office Sorting Office in Station Terrace, Ceredigion to be informed.

**Town Plaque Presentation-minute 12g.**

The Mayor reported on the work of one Stephen Jones, a former resident of the town, who had carried out successful research into SARS at the University of Columbia. He would be visiting Lampeter at the end of June,.2003. Resolved to request Mr. Jones to attend the next Council meeting when he would be presented with a plaque.