

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 27th March, 2003 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Ivor Williams, Cll. Selwyn Walters.

MINUTE SILENCE.

A minute silence was observed in memory of the former Mayor, Mr. George Quan and in respect to the servicemen killed in the current Gulf War.

ADDRESS Re Environmental Study,

Members were addressed by Mr. Daimian Barry of the firm of W.S. Atkins, who have been awarded a WDA funded contract to carry out an Environmental study of Lampeter on behalf of the Menter Llambed. The speaker stated that there were three phases to the study, one being an audit of the physical townscape, which included views on the new scheme for High Street, secondly, a survey of the redundant buildings in the town and suggestions as to possible uses and thirdly the marketing of Lampeter as a business and tourist centre. The speaker stated that he could be contacted at any time pending the completion of the audit report, through the Menter Llambed or through a telephone number left with the Clerk. It was hoped that the report would be completed by the end of May, 2003. The speaker was thanked by the Mayor for his talk.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 27th February, 2003 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

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

Interviews had been held for the post of development officer, meanwhile the office was being staffed by a skeleton staff currently.

Parc yr Orsedd –minute 8/2002.

The project was almost complete, official opening to be arranged when work complete.

CCTV – minute 9a

Reply letter received from Mr. Bleddyn Jones to the effect that he was only aware of one visit arranged. New procedure now set up to arrange visits. Cancellation of visit was due to work in progress re mobile CCTV unit. There followed a short discussion re the system, when it was revealed that of late two offenders had been convicted recently as a result of the CCTV system.

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

Ceredigion requested to provide an update. No reply received to first letter sent.

Standing Orders-minute 54.

Standing Orders had now been distributed.

Citizens Advice -minute 55a.

Arrangements made for personnel to attend the April meeting. Now confirmed.

Highway matters-minutes 67c. 67d 67e 67f 67h and 67i

Following replies received from County Council. Lights at Bryn yr Eglwys and Ffynnonbedr reported to contractor as faults. The damaged illuminated sign had been repaired and road gully unblocked.

The faded road signs are to be replaced as and when funds are available. Posters have been removed from the entry signs and it has not been possible to pursue and prosecute offenders.

New lanterns have been installed in respect of Drovers Road and Bridge Street and improvements cannot be considered at present. Bryn road and Maesyfelin will be replaced when and if funds become available.

POLICE MATTERS.**Minute 75/2002.**

P.C. Richard Marshall present. He reported a crime detection rate of 71% in February. He reported one incident of hate crime in the area, no progress made in detecting offence as yet. Peace protect had passed without incident. The officer highlighted one incident whereby the CCTV had helped to convict offenders.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Minute 76/2002.****Complaint re uneven pavements at Bridge Street, Lampeter – minute 76a**

Complaint received in respect of a person who had tripped over some uneven pavements at bridge Street and been injured. Resolved to forward to Ceredigion County Council together with a request that the faulty pavements concerned be remedied.

Christmas Decorative Lighting – minute 76b.

Claim had been submitted on behalf of the Chamber of Trade. Problems being experienced in obtaining insurance in respect of the work carried out by the

Chamber of Trade and public liability re the light fitments. Town Council insurers to be consulted regarding extension of this cover for the work.

Evaluation of Housing Land – minute 76c.

Survey being circulated to all members.

Sale of surplus land at Barley Mow – minute 76d.

Communication from County Council to the effect that agreement had been reached with local members before proceeding with sale and that sale will continue. Resolved to write to Ceredigion requesting information as to what action they to take in respect of the additional vehicles which will now be parked on the highway.

Voluntary Viewpoint meeting – minute 76e.

Meeting to be held on 3rd April between 10 –30a.m. and 8 –30p.m.

Action Plan for Bilingual Wales – minute 76f.

Cllr. Andrew Carter nominated as member of the new Forum. This nomination not to be renewed on yearly basis, long term appointee.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 77/2002.

Transfer Station at LAS-minute 77a.

No objection offered.

Replacement windows at 17 College Street –minute 77b.

No objection offered.

Alterations to access at Mill Street – minute 77c.

No objection offered.

Floodlights Lampeter Tennis Club – minute 77d.

No objection to be offered.

Dwelling at plot 3 Pontfaen – minute 77e.

No objection offered.

Renovation/extension at Maesycoed – minute 77f.

No objection offered.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 78 /2002.

Change of Use Bryn, Lampeter – minute 78a.

Dwelling plot 2 Pontfaen – minute 78b.

New Widows Pantri High Street – minute 78c.

FINANCE.

Minute 79/2002.

SLCC Subscription – minute 79a.	£48 00p.
Inframan –minute 79b.	£22 70p.
B.T. –minute 79c.	£40 59p.
Clerks salary-minute 79d.	£729 66p.
Postage/misc. – minute 79e.	£41 59p.
Young at Heart Ins-minute 79f.	£125 69p.
CALC membership-minute 79g.	£244 30p.
SWALEC-minute 79h.	£11 19p.
Lampeter Eisteddfod-minute 79i.	£1000 00p.
Lampeter Swimming Pool-minute 79j.	£1000 00p.
Food festival-minute 79k.	£350 00p.

NOTE. The three last entries will be paid at the end of April, when the new Precept is received.

Bus Shelters-minute 79l.

It was agreed that the offer by Mark Jenkins a local window cleaner to clean the 3 bus shelters for £15 be accepted. Cleaning to take place every 3 months.

Grass cutting at Parc yr Orsedd.-minute 79m.

Quotes from local contractors had been requested in respect of one cut in May, June, July, August and September. 2003. Tenders to be discussed at next meeting.

Donation request not contributed to-minute 79n.

The Ian Rush Tournament.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 80/2002.

Pilot scheme re refuse-minute 80a.

A new scheme would be operated experimentally in Lampeter commencing in August, 2003. This scheme appears to be an improvement on the Carmarthenshire pink bag scheme.

Town Notice Board-minute 80b.

It was resolved that the notice board needed re staining and enquiries to be made re this work.

Lions Head at Harford square-minute 80c.

The 3 lions head were still missing and there was no water in some of the outlets on the fountain. Ceredigion to be contacted again re these defects.

Street lighting defects-minute 80d.

Defective lights in North Road and Walters Square. Ceredigion to be informed.

Drainage defects-minute 80e.

Pool of water retained on highway near Caxton Hall, pedestrians showered by passing vehicles. Ceredigion to be informed.

Sewage Works-minute 80f.

Still smells coming from the site. Environmental Agency to be informed.

Footway lighting at Llanfair Road-minute 80g.

3 quotes requested in respect of work, grant aid available from Ceredigion.

Business rates-minute 80h.

Welsh Assembly to be contacted re the lack of business rate rebate in respect of properties of rateable value over £12000. Requested to standardise the rate relief system to cover all business property whatever value.

Parking on Cwmmins-minute80i.

Complaint from one member to the effect that large vehicles were parking all day in the area and were a problem in that if they parked outside the dwellings at Harford Row, they obstructed the light and view. Ceredigion to be contacted to request parking be limited to cars only or move the parking area outside the dwellings more into the main area.

Childrens Disco-minute 80j.

Party arranged for Wednesday 30th April, 2003. Victoria Hall to be booked. Harold Disco to be booked and supplies of refreshments to be sourced from Somerfield.

Gary Hicks-minute 80k.

Resolved to invite Mr.Hicks to address the Council on safety matters at the May meeting.