

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

PRESENT.

Cll. Robert Harris, Mayor, Cll. Kistiah Ramaya, Cll. Cecilia Barton, Cll. Ivor Williams, Cll. Andrew Carter, Cll. Hazel Davies, Cll. John Davies, Cll. Mrs. Margaret Davies Evans.

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Robert Phillips, Cll. Dorothy Williams, Cll. Greg Evans, Cll. Selwyn Walters.

PRESENTATION.

Prior to the commencement of business the Mayor welcomed Prof. Robert Pearce, the new Vice Chancellor of the UCW at Lampeter. Prof. Pearce outlined some of the plans that he had in mind for the establishment, which would benefit both the UCW at the Town. He then answered questions in regard to the proposed increase in college fees and the college boundary wall/hedge in College Street. It was resolved to write to Prof. Pearce suggesting an small sub committee be set up to progress the matter of the boundary further. However Prof. Pearce stated that ultimately the matter would have to be resolved by the College Council.

The Mayor thanked Prof Pearce for his presentation.

The Mayor then welcomes the new reporters for the Cambrian News and Carmarthen Journal.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 25th September and 30th October 2003 were agreed as being accurate. The members also accepted the Sub Committee minutes of 30th October, as being accurate and that they be a record. Cllr. John Davies thanked for allowing his premises to be used for the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Highway matters-minutes – 12b.39b, 39a.

No reply from Ceredigion County Council re query in regard to parking on the Cwmmins. Matter to be raised again. The Town Hall clock light was being attended to and all the lighting defects had been attended to by contractors.

Footpath at Lampeter Church – minute 26b.

Confirmation letter now received from Church authorities to the effect that they would not be replacing the gate.

CPRW-minute34b.

Cllr Barton had attended and gave a short resume of proceedings.

Problems re opening of Town Hall.

Apology received from Ceredigion County Council, new temporary caretaker appointed.

Consultative meetings-minute 40d.

The question in regard to the use of the town hall and the old Technology building had been raised. Members felt that the meeting had been of benefit and completed a questionnaire forwarded by the County Council.

Footpaths-minute 40f.

Application forms have now been received for completion by the end of January 2004 in respect of further grants. Cllr. Ivor Williams will prepare a list.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 42/2003

No police officer present or apology received. Letter from Insp Mark Collins to the effect that there were now one supervisor/operator and two full time operator in the CCTV control room, with a 7 day a week coverage.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 43/2003.

Police Policing Plan-minute 43a.

Members submitted that their priorities were, more visible policing on a 24 hour basis, less parking by motor vehicles on pavements, increase the number of staff at Lampeter and reduce the incidents of anti social behaviour.

BBC Cymru programme-minute 43b.

Programme on 9th December re the proposal to have an elected mayor for Ceredigion. Cllrs. Harris and Barton nominated to attend as representatives of Council.

AGM Shopmobility-minute 43c.

Cllr. Ivor Williams to be nominated as a Director.

Lampeter Music Club-minute 43d.

Publicity letter received for information.

Dyfed Powys Police increase in rates-minute 43e.

Documents had been circulated to members re possible increase and reasons. Cllr. Ramaya outlined the reasons for the possible increase. Members

concerned re possible rise in rates of 18% and resolved to write to the local M.P. for his views.

Town Twinning gift-minute 43f.

The Mayors gift was now to be displayed at the Library foyer along with other items from the town twinning.

Drover Festival-minute 43g.

Annual report received. Due to the lack of provision of a balance sheet, the funding allocated by the Council had not been downloaded and withdrawn.

Draft Housing Strategy-minute 43h.

Document had been circulated to members for their views.

Letter re suggested new bus timetables-minute 43i.

Letter and timetable received. Resolved to write to the County Council requesting their views on the matter.

Engineering Report re Parc yr Orsedd-minute 43j.

Report received and Cllr. Williams was in the process of carrying out the work suggested. The work concerned were suggestions and not regarded as essential.

Cymuned Camddwr-minute 43k.

Letter received re the current situation, resolved to take no further action at this time.

Royal Visits-minute 43l.

Request from Lord Lieutenant for a list of possible venues for Royal visits. Members to inform any organisation that they thought suitable.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 44/2003.

Erection of 6 residential units at Mill Street-minute 44a.

No objection offered.

Change of use at Walters Hall-minute 44b.

Change to office from residential-no objection.

Mill Street estate road-minute 44c.

Formation of estate road, no objection.

Alterations 6 Bridge Street-minute 44d.

No objection.

Extension Unit 12 Ind. Estate, Lampeter-minute 44e.

No objection.

Change of use 41 Bridge Street-minute 44f.

No objection.

Change of use Werndriw, Lampeter-minute 44g.

Changer from barn to offices, no objection.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 45/2003.

Agri. Building Mount Pleasant-minute 45a.

Madryn, Falcondale Drive-minute 45b.

Extension Pleasant Hill-minute 45c.

New windows at 13 Bridge Street-minute 45d.

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FINANCE.

Minute 46/2003.

SWALEC-minute 46a.	£11 19p
MLL Telecom-minute 46b.	£5757 50p.
HLB Audit-minute 46c.	£293 75p.
UCW, Printing-minute 46d.	£20 00p.
Chamber of Trade-minute 46e.	£1 00p.
Zurich Ins.-minute 46f.	£69 32p.
British Legion-minute 46g.	£16 00p.
AAA Décor-minute 46h.	£16 99p.
Ceredigion C.C.-minute 46i.	£36 00p.
Western Power-minute 46j.	£267 90p.
Clerks salary-minute 46k.	£729 66p.
Postage/misc.-minute 46l	£39 24p.
G. Davies –P.A.-minute 46m.	£50 00p.
SLCC membership-minute 46n.	£72 00p.
Round Table-minute 46o.	£200 00p.
Victim Support-minute 46p.	£50 00p.

Income- minute 46q

£498 80 footpath grants from Ceredigion.

Annual Returns of Account-minute 46r.

Report received from the auditors appointed and discussed by members. Two errors highlighted.

1. All sums to be rounded up to the nearest pound.
2. Every page of the minutes to be initialed by the person signing as being accurate.

The two errors were accepted by the Council Clerk congratulated on presentation accounts.

Requests refused-minute 46s.

Cyswllt Ceredigion, National Urdd and Aberporth Special needs School.

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Minute 47/2003.

No matter arising. The full Atkins report had not yet been received by the council. (Received on 29th November, 2003 and will now be circulated to members for perusal).

A.O.B.

Minute 48/2003.

Use of public seats- minute 48a.

Members had noted that persons under the influence of substances using public benches and were unruly. In particular the bench near the town notice board at the Library was a favorite place. Resolved to write to the Police requesting action.

Sewage Works-minute 48b.

It had been noted that there has been no improvement in the smells emanating from the works, despite assurance to the contrary at the last meeting held with members. Resolved to seek another meeting to progress matters.

Street lights-minute 48c.

Defective street lamps at Bridge Street, Hafandeg, College Street and Bryn Road.

Longwood Community Woodlands-minute 48d.

Request that a member be nominated onto the body, since part of its area was within the Lampeter Town area. Cllr. Ivor Williams nominated.

Letter of Congratulations-minute 48e.

Letters of congratulation to be sent to LAS Waste and Knobbly Carrot re the winning of their recent awards. the County Council.

Recycling Scheme-minute 48f.

Discussion re the re cycling scheme and current progress. No further action required.