

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 29th April, 2004 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Ivor Williams.

TRIBUTE.

Before the commencement of proceedings, the Mayor and all members paid a tribute by way of one minute silence to the former Town Clerk, Mr. Brian Davies, who had recently passed away. A sympathy card had been forwarded on behalf of the Council by the Clerk to Mrs. Eiryl Davies.

YOUTH SERVICE

Before the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr. Harris introduced Mr. Rhydian Wilson, the Youth Services Officer for Ceredigion who spoke to members on the subject of youth services in Ceredigion in general and Lampeter in particular. A sum of £4000 per year is spent in Lampeter on youth services, with the Youth Club being held one night a week. However there was need for improvement and the way forward was by the formation of a Support Group. Tentative work had been carried out by Damien Conti and the Menter Llambod and it was agreed that Cllr. Greg Evans make contact with the Menter Llambod and Mr. Conti and arrange a meeting with members of the Council. Cllr. Evans to contact the Mayor with details of any meeting arranged. At the conclusion Mr. Wilson was thanked by the Mayor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the meetings on 25th March 2004 were agreed as being accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

Fair Trade Town Talk.

Chamber of Trade written to, but no written reply from the Chamber of Trade. However it was suggested that the Chamber of Trade will request 3 members for the committee. Members nominated, Cllrs. Robert Phillips, John Davies and Dorothy Williams. When and if a written request is received from the Chamber of Trade, Clerk to forward the names of 3 nominated members.

Highway matters-minutes – 12b.

Correspondence from Council noted.

Misuse of Public Seats-minute 48a.

Seat had now been removed and situation re anti social problems had eased.

Sewage Works Odour-minute 48b.

No indication that the work had been completed yet. Letter to be sent requesting that the sub committee of three members would meet management 2 weeks after full commission and that a site visit by all members be requested thereafter. Concern re number of lorries still transporting waste material into the plant.

CCTV costs-minute 49a

Mark Elliot still trying to arrange a meeting with MLL Telecom.

Old Technology Block-minute 55e.

Ceredigion Council to be contacted and further informed of this Council's concern re building being empty.

Town Hall-minute 63i.

Correspondence from County Council to the effect that the Hall would not comply with the legislation from October 2004 and that there was no immediate plan to carry out any renovations. Contact to be made with County Council expressing concern re the lack of repair and use of this historic building and requesting renovations be carried out as soon as possible.

Farmers Market Meeting-minute 68a.

Cllr. Dorothy Williams had attended and updated the members. Market now to be held at side/rear of Somerfield Store, with up to 12 stalls, which were provided by the County Council No complaints from residents. Traders congratulated on their efforts to continue market.

Street Lighting Bryn Road-minute 68b.

Priority would be given in this area to any replacement programme.

Request to purchase seat-minute 63a.

County Council had made contact with Cllr. Phillips and he had provided them with a map of the proposed location.

Wall rear of Black Lion-minute 75c.

Matter being attended to by County Council.

Vehicles parking on pavements-minute 75e.

Matter being attended to by the Police. Any complainant to contact the police direct.

Closure of Rural Surgeries-minute 70a.

Letter from Health Board re lack of NHS Dentists. They stated that they were trying to recruit dentists to the area and offering substantial grants. Emergency treatment available at Carmarthen.

Lampeter Signs-minute 70b.

Quotes received from County Council. Menter Llambod were making some enquiries re the purchase and installation of complete new signs. It was thought that if funding could be obtained complete new signs were the answer. It was also suggested consideration be given that the advert of facilities available in the town be displayed on the new signs.

POLICE MATTERS.

Minute 1/2004

The Mayor Welcomed the new Police Inspector, Paul Williams, who was accompanied by P.C. Marshall. It was resolved that the item of Police Matters be placed first on the Agenda following the apologies.

Officers reported that problems were being experienced re parking on the pavements and vehicles traveling the wrong way along High Street, during the current roadworks. Better signs were suggested as a solution.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 2/2004.

Visitor Survey-minute 2a.

This document was being circulated. Some very good results.

Welsh Assembly Meeting-minute 2b.

Meeting at Sennybridge on 7th May, 2004.

Trees Peterwell Terrace-minute 2c.

Suggestion from County Council that present trees be removed and replaced. Agreed to support idea, but consideration be given to the type of trees so they should not be a danger to passers by.

Article re Stephen Jones-minute 2d.

The Mayor read out an article in a magazine in regard to Dr. Stephen Jones, who was working on the SARS Virus and was given a town plaque.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Minute 3/2004.

Pereryn, Drovers Road-minute 3a.

Change of use to Hairdressers – no objection.

Castell Farm-minute 3b.
Construction of a slurry pit, no objection.

Pontfaen Plot-minute 3c.
Erection of a dwelling, no objection.

LAS Waste-minute 3d.
Construction of a composting vessel, no objection.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS.

Minute 4/2004.

Las Waste extension to transfer station-minute 4a.
Storage shed at Llanfair Road Sub Station-minute 4b.
Erection 2 dwellings Mill Street-minute 4c.

FINANCE.

Minute 5/2004.

Balance Sheet 2003/2004 and Risk Assessment Report- minute 5a.

Balance sheet had been circulated to all members together with Risk assessment report. Both were adopted as being correct by members.

Grass cutting Parc Yr Orsedd-minute 5b.

One tender for £375 submitted and accepted. Resolved to inform contractor. Other contractors had been contacted and notice placed in Notice Board. No replies.

Mayors extended allowance-minute 5c	£200 00p.
Derby/Joan Insurance-minute 5d.	£117 46p.
One Voice Wales-minute 5e.	£189 00p.
Swalec-minute 5f.	£9 40p.
Ceredigion-halls-minute 5g.	£48 00p.
MLL Telecom-minute 5h.	£5757 50p.
Lampeter Chamber of Trade-minute 5i.	£193 35p.
Lampeter in Bloom-minute 5j.	£15 00p.
Lampeter Food Festival-minute 5l.	£350 00p.
Lampeter Eisteddfod-minute 5m.	£1000 00p.
Lampeter Swimming Pool-minute 5n.	£1000 00p.
C.A.B.-minute 5o.	£1500 00p.
Lampeter Scouts-minute 5p.	£100 00p.
Welsh Air Ambulance-minute 5q.	£25 00p.
Bobby Van Scheme-minute 5r.	£25 00p.

Donation Requests Received but not acted on-minute 5s.

DASH, Childline Cymru and Ceredigion YFC.

INCOME.

Precept-minute 5t.	£41,580 00p.
Footway Lighting-minute 5u.	£114 34p.
VAT reclaim-minute 5v.	£3.912 12p.
Christmas Lighting-minute 5w.	£339 85.

NOTE.

Payment made to Lampeter Chamber of Trade reflects part of the Christmas Lighting grant.

MENTER LLAMBED.

Minute 6/2004.

Cllr. Walters outlined the new procedures put in place by BT in regard to Broadband. The programme had a completion date of June 2005. Resolved to write to BT requesting priority for Lampeter. With regard to the Heritage Trail there was planning consent required in respect of each sign and there was an expense involved. It was resolved that the Lampeter Council could make the planning application but with no financial commitment agreed. Menter Llambled to progress matter further. The Town Brochure was progressing.

A.O.B.

Minute 7/2004.

One Voice Wales-minute 7a.

Cllr. D. Williams reported on the Steering Group meeting she had attended.

Children's Disco-minute 7b.

Arrangements still not firmed up.

Town Twinning-minute 7c.

Trip to France on 11.07.04. to 15.04.04. Contact organiser re booking and payment etc.

LAS advert re toxic materials-minute 7d.

Concern re storage and transport of these substances. Resolved to write to LAS seeking re assurances re these concerns.

Chimney Style Ni-minute 7e.

Chimney appears to have been removed without planning permission. Resolved to write to the County Council.

Crossing at Bridge Street-minute 7f.

Resolved to write to County Council requesting the construction of a pedestrian crossing near the Coop in Bridge Street as part of the improvements planned for Bridge Street and pavement construction in Drovers Road.

Letter of congratulation-minute 7g.

Resolved to write a letter of congratulation to Mr. Gareth Jones on his appointment as Director of Education for Ceredigion.

Guest Speaker-minute 7h.

Resolved that speakers would only be invited when the workload of the meeting was light.

Town Plaque-minute 7i.

The Mayor had arranged for a Town Plaque to be taken with the head Teacher of Ffynnonbedr School on their recent trip abroad.