



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
30.11.2017 SAINT PETER'S CHURCH HALL, LAMPETER AT 7.30pm.**

*Before the onset of the meeting members were invited to participate in prayer.  
Cllr Ann Morgan led members in prayer.*

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS**

The Mayor Cllr Hag Harris welcomed all present, to the meeting.

**2. PRESENT**

Mayor Cllr R. G. (Hag Harris); Deputy-Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan;  
Cllr Rhys Bebb Jones; Cllr Elin T. Jones; Cllr Dinah Mulholland;  
Cllr David Smith; Cllr Selwyn Walters & Cllr Christopher Thomas.  
Chief Inspector Stephen Davies;  
Chief Inspector Richard Hopkin;  
PCSO Ryan Jones.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Rob Phillips and Cllr Kistiah Ramaya apologized for their inability to attend the meeting.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

In April 2017 the opening hours of Lampeter Police Station were reduced from 24 hours to 16 hours/day, which meant that Lampeter had been covered at night, by mobile patrols from Aberystwyth and Cardigan. This move had proved unpopular with residents and Cllrs, who were fully persuaded that Lampeter Station should remain a 24-Hour Station. Current response times to incidents were questioned, in light of Lampeter's night-time economy, a student population and a number of itinerant workers. It was felt that the lack of a Police Presence at night and the "disappointing" non-return of CCTV (despite an increase in the Police's Precept in 2017-18) were both negative factors; members believed that CCTV was an effective tool in preventing and detecting crime.

Chief Inspector Richard Hopkin said that Officers faced the challenge of covering a large area, with limited resources and the situation concerning CCTV was reviewed on an ongoing basis. Chief Inspector Hopkin defended the transition to part-time Aberaeron and Lampeter Stations, stating that the Force had been compelled to make budget cuts since 2008 and to justify resources in proportion to demand. Manning the stations in question throughout the night, would have removed resources from other key areas. It was reported that the Police were currently reviewing the situation; activity analysis on what officers do, on their shifts, would be included with the review.

Chief Inspector Steve Davies reported a slight overall increase in crime in Lampeter, as compared to the previous year, viz 1,090 crimes in the past 12 months & 800-900 in the previous year. Most of these crimes were instances of criminal damage and assaults.

A new way of recording crime meant that incidents were recorded at source, whereas in the past, the Police were given hours or days to investigate whether a crime had been committed. This could have accounted for the increase. Members stated that many instances of crime were not reported and that people should be encouraged to do so.

Other issues which were discussed included, drug problems and drug related crime in Lampeter, anti-social activity within certain Wales and West Houses at Bryn Road and North Road; Parking problems at Drovers' Road & in close proximity to Noddfa Chapel; it was reported that some motorists were parking on pavements and causing an obstruction. Ceredigion CC are currently reviewing all Parking Orders. Problems were reported on the pavement on the Cwmann boundary to the town; this could be reported to Pencarreg Community Council.

Further clarification regarding the Policy in place, in relation to a Police Presence at certain Civic Events, was sought eg Remembrance Sunday Events 2017 (2 minutes' silence had been observed at Harford Square on Saturday 11.11.2017 and the Town Council had to recruit volunteers to man the closed roads despite informing the Police of the closure in advance).

## 5. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & INTEREST

None declared.

## 6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 26th OCTOBER 2017.

These were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman apart from the following amendments:

- 6.1 **Cllr Elin T Jones and Cllr Robert Phillips** had declared a personal interest when the request for financial support from the Lampeter Round Table to stage the Annual Fireworks' Display, was considered.
- 6.2 **Minute Ref No 4** Presentation: Gina Hawkes, Hywel Dda University Health Board; .....*Another letter would be sent out...*  
It had been stated that *no* letter will be sent out.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 **Maes-y-Felin Play Area:** The draft Lease has been forwarded to the ADVE Solicitors for legal advice. *The area of land has been ascertained and a fee of £159.60 paid to undertake the initial searches.*

7.2 **Floral Displays within the town over the summer months to include Planters at the town entrances (Tregaron; Aberaeron and Llanwnnen)**

**Cost for 2017 (ex VAT)**

Floral Displays £3,400 (Ceredigion CC)

Labour Cost £2,971.35 (Ceredigion CC)

Watering costs £4,200 (Mr Robert Jones)

**TOTAL £10,571.35**

Members of the Flowers' Sub-Committee will meet at the beginning of next year to discuss the floral arrangements within the town, during the

Summer of 2018. Cllr David Smith said that he no longer wished to remain the Chairman of this Sub-Committee. Other members include Cllr Kistiah Ramaya; Cllr Rhys Bebb-Jones and Cllr Elin T Jones.

- 7.3 Mayor's Chain and the Purchase of a Safe:** Arrangements are in hand for the purchase of a safe to store the chain. UWTSD Lampeter has agreed to store the safe within the Reception area. Cllr David Smith had identified a qualified person to revalue the civic regalia within the next few weeks.
- 7.4 Roll of Honour:** is now in storage within the Campus of UWTSD Lampeter.
- 7.5 Cllr Phillips had set up a Facebook Page & Twitter Feed,** for the Town Council. Cllr Mulholland reported that some traffic was now received. Responses to comments are undertaken by Cllr Rob Phillips and Cllr Dinah Mulholland in consultation with the Chair, where necessary. Individual e-mail accounts for Councillors: work in progress.
- 7.6 Fountain, Harford Square: It was felt that the Square was in poor condition and detracted from the appearance of the town.** A communication from Mr Neil Hinchliffe Ceredigion CC, during a previous meeting, asked whether the Town Council had reached a decision in relation to the transfer of responsibility for the Fountain, from the County Council, to the Town Council. The pump was replaced last year, but had since, been the subject of vandalism. It was felt that it would be an expensive enterprise to take over the running of the Square; another option would be to make a financial contribution to the County Council, in aid of maintenance costs. It had been **RESOLVED** to arrange a meeting with representatives of Ceredigion County Council.
- A site-meeting had been held between** Mr Eirian Jones, Assistant Chief Building Maintenance Officer CCC, the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, to discuss the Fountain and the whole Square.
- A 99 Year Lease had been suggested, where the Town Council would take responsibility for the Fountain and the paved area. It was **RESOLVED** to seek further clarification; the Town Council agreed in principle to the takeover, subject to conditions:
1. That the Pump is operational and repaired;
  2. Ceredigion CC to clean/weed area before hand;
  3. A breakdown of existing costs was provided;
  4. Insurance obligations;
  5. Servicing of the bins and sweeping of the area.
  6. As the Area remains the Property of CCC under the 99-year Lease, would the Town Council be able to employ its own contractors to undertake improvements/maintenance or would it be bound to Ceredigion County Council regulations?
- 7.7 Sub-Committee: Saint David's Day March 2018 and Gig: Minutes of the last meeting attached.**

The Clerk enquired in relation to her duties when sub-committees such as the above, were set up. She had attended and provided administration support during the past 2 meetings. It was resolved that in the future, the Clerk would attend the first meeting of a sub-

committee convened by the Town Council and keep the minutes (as was the case during the Walkers are Welcome Meeting), but after that, another person within the sub-committee would be appointed to the role.

- 7.8 Best Christmas Window Display Competition.** It was formally agreed to hold this Competition under the direction of Cllr Mulholland.
- 7.9 One Voice Wales Annual Conference:** 30 September 2017: Cllr David Smith reported back in relation to the Conference. Mark Drakeford AM, one of the Guest Speakers had addressed the Austerity/Draft Budget, the Reform of Councils and the Devolution of Services. It was stated that 20% of seats within Town /Community Councils were vacant and that people should be encouraged to become Cllrs. OVW Fees would be raised by 3% during the next financial year.
- 7.10 Remembrance Sunday 2017**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at Harford Square** Two minutes' silence was observed. A Road Closure Licence was in place 10.55-11.05am. Cllr Chris Thomas, Mrs Dorothy Williams and Mr Phillip Lodwick had manned the roads, during the 2 minutes' silence. Cllr Chris Thomas had provided the CD Player; Dorothy Williams the music and Nerys Lloyd, Lloyd Jewellers had ensured that the 2 minutes had been observed, and the music played. Two minutes' silence was also held by the Lampeter War Memorial.  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am by the War Memorial:** Canon Andy Herrick had officiated. **Exhortation:** Mr John Davies.  
**Marshal:** Cllr David Smith directed organisations in relation to the laying of the wreaths. A Bugler could not be found; Cllr Chris Thomas said that he was aware of a person, who could execute this task in 2018, on the condition that he was given sufficient notice. 2 minutes' silence was observed at 11am in remembrance of those who gave their lives during the WW1, WW2 and in military conflicts, since that time. A Road Closure Licence was in place between 10.55-11.15am and a member of the Police had been present. Representatives of the Round Table manned certain roads and Mr Gwynne Davies had provided the sound-system. Immediately after the service at the War Memorial, another Service was held at St Peter's Church, Lampeter. Cllr David Smith was thanked for his worked and it was agreed to thank Canon Andy Herrick; Mr John Davies and members of Lampeter Round Table.
- 7.11 Young at Heart Annual Christmas Tea Party:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Victoria Hall, Lampeter under the direction of the Young at Heart Co-ordinator, Dorothy Williams. Further information would follow. Helpers to arrive at the Victoria Hall at 1.30pm.
- 7.12 Lampeter Integrated Health Board:** Cllrs Hag Harris and Cllr Christopher Thomas were elected to represent the Town Council at future meetings of the Lampeter Integrated Health Board. Cllrs Elin T Jones and Dinah Mulholland had also expressed an interest.
- 7.13 Town Council's Meeting Room:** it was resolved to meet at Shiloh Vestry, Lampeter during the months of January, February and March 2018.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Letter from Theresa Haine**, Llangadog thanking the Town Council for organising the floral displays within the town during the Summer of 2017, which gave her great pleasure every time she visited the town.
- 8.2 Ceredigion County Council: Public Consultation:** Proposed Changes to the Waste Collection Service: Survey to be completed and available on-line [www.ceredigion.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/consultations). Closing Date Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.
- 8.3 Rural Housing Enabler:** Pont Steffan Business Park, Lampeter. Asking whether she could attend a future meeting of the Town Council to discuss existing plans to develop affordable homes in Lampeter. It was agreed to suggest the January Monthly Meeting.
- 8.4 Ceredigion Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment:** In 1998, The Crime and Disorder Act placed a duty on Local Authorities and the Police to form a partnership to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. The Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership, comprising representatives from the County Council, Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service and the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Authority, HM Prisons and Probation Service, Wales Community Rehabilitation Company, Hywel Dda University Health Board; Public Health Wales, Youth Justice and Preventions Service; and Substance Misuse Area Planning Board is currently carrying out an Assessment of Crime and Disorder related issues within the County. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Ann Morgan would complete the Questionnaire on behalf of the Town Council.
- 8.5 Other Correspondence: Noted for information.**

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

- 9.1 Development Control Committee Ceredigion County Council:** Minutes of last meeting and Agenda of the next meeting: for information.
- 9.2 Pre -Application: Ysgol Ffynonbedr, Lampeter**
- Demolition of School Buildings and Erection of 21 Affordable Residential Dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works. It was agreed to submit the following**
- Lampeter Town Council opposes the above development on the following grounds:*
- 1. Density of development, that is 21 dwellings; the number is perceived as too many;*
  - 2. Traffic concerns on Bryn-yr-Eglwys, Lampeter;*
  - 3. Is there a need in Lampeter for such a large number of units of social housing at present?*
  - 4. Possible adverse effect on the Welsh language. Is it possible to incorporate the front elevation of the old school in the design?*

- 9.3 Local Development Plan (LDP) Review** and preparation of Replacement Plan: available on inspection from Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion Aberaeron. Comments should be sent to CCC by Midday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- 9.4 Planning Application A171001:** Proposal: Change of use from office to residential. Location: The Bryn, North Road, Lampeter: Town Council's Observations: No Objections.
- 9.5 Planning Application A170957.** Proposal: Internal alterations to first and second floors. Location: Royal Oak: 38 High Street, Lampeter. Town Council's Observations: No Objections.

## 10. FINANCE

### 10.1 PAYMENTS

**10.1.1 Clerk's Salary October 2017 £792.44;** HMRC Tax & NI £96.07

**10.1.2 Hire St Peter's Church Hall** Monthly Meeting 30.11.2017: £28.50

**10.1.3 Simultaneous Translation at Monthly Meetings:** Carol Thomas: July/September/October £262.50.

**10.1.4 Dyfed Gardening Services:** Parc-yr-Orsedd: £231.47.

**10.1.5 Transition Llambod Development Trust:** Young at Heart: £13.50 x 4 = £54.00.

**10.1.6 Compass Stationery** £164.40 (inc VAT)

**10.1.7 Mr Steve Edwardes:** removal of Castle at Parc-yr-Orsedd £150.

**10.1.8 Open Study College:** European Computer Driving Licence Course: £249.17; VAT £49.83.

**10.1.9 Leaflets:** Remembrance Sunday £16.20 (inc VAT)

### 10.2 RECEIPTS

**10.2.1 Precept (in part): CCC 2017-18:** £13,666.67.

### 10.3 FINANCIAL REQUESTS

**10.3.1 Gorymdaith Gŵyl Ddewi:** St David's Day March 2018: £200

## 11. SUB-COMMITTEES

**11.1 Parks:** Mr Edwardes, has removed the logs which were positioned in close proximity to the dismantled castle at Parc-yr-Orsedd. Cllr Elin T Jones had made enquires in relation to suitable play-apparatus at the park. She will meet the Mayor, on site, to discuss further.

### 11.2 Welsh Language

**11.2.1 St David's Day March and Gig** to be organised within the town. A meeting had been held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**11.3 Administration:** no report.

*The Meeting was adjourned at 9.30pm.*

**Date of next meeting: Budget Meeting. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.**

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