



*Before the meeting, all present, were invited to participate in prayer.
Cllr. Richard Marks led members in prayer.*

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF
THE MONTHLY MEETING
25.10.2018 VICTORIA HALL, LAMPETER AT 7.300pm.**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

The Mayor Cllr. Ann Morgan welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

The Mayor, Cllr. Ann Morgan, Deputy-Mayor Cllr. Robert Phillips, Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya, Cllr. Chris Thomas, Cllr. R. G. (Hag) Harris, Cllr. Elin T Jones, Cllr. Richard Marks, Cllr. Emma Wood, Cllr. Gary Thorogood, Cllr. Dinah Mulholland, Cllr. Rhys Bebb Jones & Cllr. Helen Thomas.

Meryl Thomas - Clerk Lampeter Town Council.

Carol Thomas - Simultaneous Translator.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Dave Smith & Cllr. Selwyn Walters.

3. PRESENTATION – CEREDIGION GREENWAYS PARTNERSHIP – ELLIE WATERS

Ceredigion Greenways Partnership is a partnership with Lampeter Longwood, Transition Llambod, Lampeter Ramblers and the Rotary Club. The plan is to redevelop the old railway line between Lampeter and Llanybi into a multi-purpose pathway which would cater for cyclists, walkers and would be disabled friendly. Five out of seven landowners who own farms along the route have been tentatively positive about the plan. Traws Link Cymru, the group campaigning for the re-opening of the Aberystwyth to Carmarthen rail link have said there would be sufficient room for such a path to run alongside a reinstated line. A rural development funding application has been made. Deputy-Mayor Rob Phillips said the idea would be a great tourist attraction and also for locals who could use it to travel to work or cycle to town. Cllr. Gary Thorogood thanked Ellie for her hard work and hoped that eventually it could be extended up to Tregaron and Aberystwyth.

Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya proposed that the council supported the plan and was seconded by Cllr. Chris Thomas.

4. POLICE MATTERS –

No police present.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

The Mayor Cllr. Ann Morgan – Financial requests - Plygain – Minute Ref 10.3

The Mayor Cllr. Ann Morgan – WASPI – Minute Ref 8.2

Deputy-Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips - Financial request – Member of Round Table – Minute Ref 10.3

Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya – Correspondence – Bowling stadium – Minute Ref 8.3

Cllr. Elin T. Jones – Financial request – husband member of Round Table – Minute Ref 10.3

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Elin Jones and **SECONDED** by Deputy-Mayor Cllr. Rob Philips and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 27th September, 2018 were a correct record and signed by the Chair, The Mayor Cllr. Ann Morgan.

7. MATTERS ARISING.

7.1 Maesyfelin Play Area

The Town Clerk to send a further reminder letter regarding Maesyfelin notice period on Lease.

7.2 Parc yr Orsedd Grant

Deposit of £6012.80 plus VAT has been sent to Playdate, 50% of the cost of the work to be carried out. The work is due to commence on the 3rd December, 2018. Community Grant of £6012.00 and £2000.00 from Wales and West Housing Association have been awarded for this project. Cllr. Chris Thomas confirmed that the gate has been repaired and that the life trails will be cleaned and painted in the next few weeks. Clerk to send letter to Ceredigion County Council regarding loose stones and pillars that need repairing. Cllr. Chris Thomas also thanked the Rotary Club for the donation of 4 trees to be planted in Parc yr Orsedd, 3 cherry trees and 1 walnut tree. The park committee to meet to discuss planting of the trees.

7.3 Remembrance Sunday

Rev. Jenny Kimber will conduct the service, Cllr. Dave Smith will carry out the Parade Marshall role and John Davies will conduct the Exhortation. Cllr. Dave Smith might know of a Bugler. The road closure is in place and members of the Round Table will be available to help out on the day if the police get called away. It was agreed for the councillors to process in the order of Mayor, her consort and the clerk and then everyone else follows in no particular order.

7.4 Plastic-Free Initiative and litter collection

A litter collection took place on 20th October 2018, another will be arranged for

February. Cllr. Dinah Mullholland confirmed that steering group had met, got a link with the school in Heini Thomas, and she will organize the wellbeing committee and the school report team.

7.5 Fountain and Harford Square

Cllr. Hag Harris had spoken to Elin James. Mr. Price is working with the students at the moment.

7.6 Litter bin – adjacent to Rugby Club

Cllr. Hag Harris will chase Mark Chapel Technical Services, CCC as the bin has still not been replaced.

7.7 Parking in Lampeter

The clerk has written to Ceredigion County Council for an allocation of spots for a whole day parking for £2.50, free parking on weekends leading up to Christmas and an hour free parking but no response received yet.

7.8 Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights have been put up in town, including the new ones purchased by the Town Council. The town clerk to send a thank you letter to all involved.

7.9 Other matters arising

One Voice Wales - Cllr. Dinah Mulholland and Cllr. Dave Smith attended the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM. Keynote speaker Alun Davies was unable to attend. Debbie Wilcox Leader of Cardiff Council and Leader of the WLGA, spoke about the changes and challenges within the recommendations from the Independent Review Panel which was set up to consider the future role of Town and Community councils as part of the Welsh Government review of the sector. Recommending the retention of town and community councils, place based services should be delivered by councils. We need to be engaging with young people, maybe a youth town council could be set up. Cllr. Hag Harris suggested a working group to look at this, Cllr. Dinah Mullholland, Cllr. Elin T Jones and Cllr. Helen Thomas volunteered to do this.

Recent Floods – Cllr. Hag Harris said that the consequences of the floods in Lampeter were not as bad for Lampeter as they had been for other communities, some people were affected badly, albeit not a great number. One home in Tregaron Road suffered a lot of damage as did two in Llanfair Road, while lower Bridge Street suffered the highest Teifi levels ever recorded so a few homes were affected there. Cllr. Hag Harris suggested the we invite Natural Resources Wales along to a future meeting to discuss what positive steps we can take in a similar situation. Concerns raised that there was no Post Office available in Town while the Coop was shut. The clerk to write to the Post Office to ask if a mobile post office could be set up if this happened again. Cllr. Dinah Mulholland commented on how informative the Ceredigion Community Travel Alerts Facebook page had been in the recent bad weather. Cllr Elin T. Jones paid tribute to the public spiritness of local farmers with their 4x4 vehicles who helped her get to her clients as a community carer.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1** Letter was received from Ceredigion County Council in response to our letter about street lighting between Teifi Terrace and the Common stating that the footway is not maintained by CCC and any street lighting would have to be installed and maintained by the community council. It was decided to ask CCC how much it would cost to install two street lights.
- 8.2** Cllr. Helen Thomas attended a meeting of WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) and they had asked if the Town Council would support the motion. It was agreed to support the motion.
- 8.3** Letter received from Lampeter Bowl Club asking for advice about having an indoor bowling stadium. The Town Council would be happy to support the plan but do not have any advice apart from suggesting that they contact CAVO for advice on grants etc.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- 9.1 Ceredigion County Council - Application A180938** - The Front Room, Harford Square, Lampeter. Proposal – Change of use from A1 shop to D1 podiatry clinic. No objections.
- 9.2 Place Plans** – Alan Haird attended the last meeting. A £6000.00 grant is available to buy services of an external consultant to assist and advise in the consultation process and to help prepare the draft Place Plan. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips is still posting pictures and questions on the Facebook Group (Love Lampeter) and asking for observations. Plans in progress with Sarah Ward, Y Stiwdio Print to decorate the old Spar shop.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Payments - The following payments were agreed

UWTSD - Banner litter pick - £21.60
SWALEC - £14.73
Transition Llanbed - Hire of Hall - £30.00
D T Eirwyn Williams – Maintenance of footpaths 2018 - £1330.00
Dyfed Gardening Services - £191.66
Cambrian Mountains Initiative CIC – Map - £50.00
SSE – Christmas lights 2017/18 - £478.03
CWN Design – Website management & e mail accounts - £813.60
Clerks Wages - £609.38
HMRC PAYE - £172.51
Clerks expense – H&L, telephone, stationery - £288.94

10.2 Receipts -

Ceredigion County Council Precept - £13,666.67
BT Refund previous clerks' telephone - £74.04

10.3 Financial Requests -

Lampeter Round Table - Firework display - AGREED £500.00

Pwyllgor Gwyl Dewi – AGREED - £500.00

Plygain – AGREED - £100.00

10.4 Thank you letters

Lampeter Lionesses for £100.00 donation.

11. COMMITTEES

a. ADMINISTRATION

Meeting to be arranged to discuss the Standing Orders.

b. FOOTPATHS

Due to the storms Cllr Hag Harries suggested the member have a walk on the paths and report back. Meeting arranged 10th December, venue TBC.

c. PARKS

Parc yr Orsedd – Tenders received for hedge cutting – Approved D T Eirwyn Williams - £150.00.

Maesyderi – CCC have instructed their insurance company regarding the accident. Letter to be sent to ask CCC to repair fence ASAP.

d. WELSH LANGUAGE

In the meeting in Aberaron regarding the National Eisteddfod in Tregaron in 2020. Lampeter was asked to raise £12,500.00 for the Eisteddfod Fund. An Eisteddfod Appeal fund meeting will be held in the Rugby Club on Friday 23rd November.

The Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan thanked Cllr. Rhys Bebb Jones for completing the feedback on the Ceredigion Language Strategy 2018-23. This can be seen on the Ceredigion County Council website

e. FLOWERS

No tender packs requested – it was decided to contact Mr. John Hadlow at CCC to arrange the flowers for 2019.

12. AOB

Young at Heart Christmas party will be held on 5th December.

Cllr.Elin Jones said that a few of the residents of Bryn Steffan were concerned about the fencing at the end of the site. Fencing has fallen down and children have access to waste land. The developer has been contacted but has made no attempt to repair the fence. Cllr Hag Harris suggested that they contacted Environmental Services.

The clerk to contact the police to obtain the details of the lady who drove in to the planter on the Aberaeron Road so that the Town Council can claim on her insurance.

Next meeting 29th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting adjourned at 10pm

