



*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
28.03.2019 VICTORIA HALL, LAMPETER AT 7.30pm.**

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. Chris Thomas, Cllr. R. G. (Hag) Harris, Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya, Cllr. Dinah Mulholland, Cllr. Emma Wood, Cllr. Dave Smith & Cllr. Richard Marks

Meryl Thomas - Clerk Lampeter Town Council.

Carol Thomas - Simultaneous Translator.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Rhys Bebb Jones, Cllr. Selwyn Waltes, Cllr. Helen Thomas, Cllr. Elin T Jones & Cllr. Gary Thorogood.

3. POLICE MATTERS -

PCSO Shanice Thomas attended the meeting and reported the following incidents in town in the last month.

Antisocial driving reported on the night of the Bro Caron Rally which was probably the rally car sounds.

Reports of people in the area, trying to sell and buy lead and theft of lead.

Criminal damage to a car park in the rear of Nags Head.

Call regarding traps set in Lower Forest.

Two males had knocked on door of a student at her University property, police looking at CCTV to see if they could be recognised, both were escorted off the property by the porters.

The police will be visiting local pubs with an itemiser which will detect drugs in the properties and they will monitor the situation on drug issues in town.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 28th FEBRUARY, 2019

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Hah Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Richard Marks and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 28th February, 2019 were a correct record and signed by the Chair, The Mayor Cllr. Ann Morgan, apart from the following amendments –

Minute Ref - 6.1 Maesyfelin Play Area – Tai Ceredigion had agreed to make sure the play equipment was safe and fit for purpose and not reinstate the equipment.

Minute Ref - 7.1 Lianna Kent (Facebook profile name) should be Heini Thomas.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING -

6.1 Maesyfelin Play Area -

Waiting for the solicitors to contact us regarding signing of the lease. Cllr Hag Harries suggested contacting Cathryn Morgan to look in to the possibility of applying for a grant for play equipment for the area.

6.2 Litter bin – adjacent to Rugby Club -

The bin has been replaced.

6.3 Teifi Terrace lights -

The Deputy Mayor Rob Phillips had spoken to Sam Thomas who is awaiting a price from Western Power.

6.4 Parc yr Orsedd - Application by Incredible Edible and Brownies –

Julia Lim from Incredible Edible and Lucy Bird from the Brownies attended the meeting with a plan for the growing of fruit and vegetables in the park. Agreed that the parks committee would meet with representatives from the Brownies and Incredible Edible at the park to discuss the request and that the council would accept the committee's decision as to whether to proceed and amendment to the plan. Cllr. Chris Thomas offered his resignation as the chairman of the parks committee and was thanked for his hard work in this regard by the Mayor.

6.5 Place Plans - open meeting will be held in Victoria Hall on 26-04-19 at 7pm to discuss the plan with the public.

6.6 Bro Pedr School Disco - Friday 5th April, Councillors to meet at 12.45 in the school

7. MATTERS NOT RAISED FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Standing Orders –

The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips has been working on these and Cllr. Richard Marks has offered to translate them to Welsh. A draft has been distributed to all the councillors to read and discuss in the next meeting.

7.2 Expenses -

A report has to be made to the remuneration panel of all expenses paid to the Mayor and Councillors in the year. It was proposed by The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Dave Smith and agreed to submit a report of the payments made to each individual Councillor in the year. It was also agreed to pay an allowance of £1500.00 to the Mayor.

7.3 Fountain & Harford Square –

Cllr. Hag Harris has spoken to Lowri Edwards and Eifion Jones at Ceredigion County Council regarding the Fountain and the War Memorial and was told that there was a Charity Trust Committee that took responsibility for things that were not County Council property. Cllr Harries will look in to this committee and report back at the next meeting. Cllr. Harries said that the internal plumbing in the monument has rusted, the clerk to write to CCC to repairs the water fountain pipes.

7.4 Laptop for the clerk -

It was agreed that the clerk could purchase a new laptop.

7.5 Empty shops in town -

The Mayor was concerned over the empty shops in town and the appearance of some of them. Cllr. Hag Harries said that you could approach the owner regarding shops being a danger but not much could be done about them looking tatty. Cllr. Dinah Mulholland suggested a mural like the one in the old Spar shop for the untidy shop windows in town. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips confirmed that the percentage of empty shops in Lampeter is well below the national average.

7.6 Events in Town –

Walkers are Welcome – 250 signatures needed to show support in the community for the application.

Sponsored walk - Longwood, start from Rugby Club at 1pm 27-04-19 to raise money for Eisteddfod 2020.

Place Plans – Public meeting 7pm Victoria Hall 26-04-19.

Plastic Free Approval status awarded to The Mulberry Bush, Watson & Pratts and Creative Cove before the meeting tonight.

Litter pick - 10am Co-op 13-04-19.

Rugby match between Bro Pedr School and American Bears 03-04-19

8. CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter received from Jen Jones Quilt Centre stating that they would not be in a position to repair the clock tower. The clerk to write another letter confirming we would only contribute £500.00 towards the clock if the clock tower was repaired. Letter received from CCC stating that they did not have a definitive date as yet but the work on the pedestrian crossing in College Street should be carried out by the end of March.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

No Applications

10. FINANCE

10.1 Payments - The following payments were agreed

Cllr. Elin T Jones - Expenses - £150.00
Cllr. Dinah Mulholland - Expenses - £150.00
Dyfed Gardening Services - £46.66
Transition Llambed - Hire of Hall - £60.00
Clerk's expenses - Telephone, Broadband H&L & Stationery - £224.83
Clerks Wages - £609.38
HMRC PAYE - £172.51
UWTSD - Printing St David's Day Parade - £16.20

10.2 Receipts –

None

10.3 Financial Requests - Agreed

Walkers are Welcome membership fee - £40.00
Young at Heart - Public Liability Insurance - £280.51
CPRW - £20.00
CRUSE Ceredigion - £50.00

10.4 Thank you letters

Eisteddfod 2020
Ceredigion YFC
Teenage Cancer Trust
WASPI
Welsh Air Ambulance

11. COMMITTEES

a. ADMINISTRATION

A meeting of the administration committee was held 20th March 2019 to discuss the standing orders and the town clerk's contract.

b. FOOTPATHS

It was agreed to accept the tender received from Eirwyn Williams for £1330.00 to clear and maintain the footpaths for the coming year.

c. PARKS

Cllr. Chris Thomas stated that Playdale had not repaired the climbing frame in Parc yr Orsedd, the clerk to write to them. Cllr. Thomas also stated that the life trails were in a state of disrepair. It was agreed that they were at the end of life and it was decided to take down all the equipment.

It was agreed to accept a tender from Dyfed Gardening Services for the litter picking and grass cutting at Parc yr Orsedd for £1756.00.

Tenders for grass cutting at Maesyderi Field –
Dyfed Gardening Services - £420.00

G. Williams - £300.00 + VAT

It was agreed to award the tender to G. Williams.

d. WELSH LANGUAGE

Nothing to report.

e. FLOWERS

Roberts Garden Centre will replace the compost in the planters in town when the daffodils have finished blooming. John Hadlow will then arrange for the flowers for the coming year to be planted.

12. AOB

Cllr. Dave Smith said that the Lampeter British Legion will share the cost of cleaning the War Memorial.

Cllr. Smith also confirmed he would not be able to man the stall at the Lampeter Food Festival this year.

Mayor's Installation Friday 3rd May followed by a Civic Service at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday 5th May.

Mayor's end of year dinner – Contis 7pm Friday 29th March.

Meeting at 1pm 29th March Old Hall UWTSD re Cricket Pavilion.

13. Next meeting 25th April at 7.30pm

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 pm