

# LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL. CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2003 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

## PRESENT.

Cll. Andrew Carter. Mayor, Cll. Robert Harris. Deputy Mayor, Cll. Ivor Williams, Cll. Dorothy William, Cll. Greg Evans, Cll. Kistia Ramaya, Cll. Hazel Davies, Cll. Margaret Davies Evans, Cll. Selwyn Walters, Cll. Robert Phillips.

## APOLOGIES.

Cll. John Davies.

## BUDGET Year 2003/2004.

Minute 56/2002.

Councillors discussed the Budget Proposals Document circulated by the Clerk to all members. Copy attached to recorded minutes. Following discussions it was resolved that the Precept to be levied for the Year 2003/2004 was to remain as levied in the current Year, a total of £39, 850. by £8,600 00p. The Councils running costs were to remain at a standstill with money being taken out of the Reserves and interest payments on Reserve being used to make up the deficit. It is also anticipated that the UCW at Lampeter will continue to support the CCTV payments to the amount of £1000.

Some concern expressed that in the event of an unforeseen expense the Council would struggle to find finance, but it was agreed that for the current year a standstill budget was the best way forward, bearing in mind that the rates had been raised dramatically over the previous two years, due entirely to CCTV payments. The Council had maintained a standstill budget in respect of day to day running costs over the last three years. When the remaining two years of the CCTV contract concludes, it was resolved to negotiate a reduction in the current price paid.

It was agreed that in future, an organisation such as the Town Twinning would be treated in the same way as other bodies and that a donation under Section 137 be made, if and when a request was received. All the Councillors, who are members of the Town Twinning Committee declared an interest. The position of the British Legion and the Remembrance Day organisation was also discussed and it was resolved that the procedures remain the same for the time being. Cllr. H. Davies declared an interest.

At the conclusion it was agreed unanimously that the Precept be set at £39,600 00p.

#### OTHER FINANCE MATTERS.

Minute 57/2002

#### Payments.

B.T. line rental. Minute 57a.	£40 87p.
Ceredigion halls hire minute 57b.	£82 50p.
D. Wms Xmas tree. Minute 57c.	£10 00p.
Infrman re lighting minute 57d.	£27 70p.
SWALEC re lighting minute 57e.	£11 19p.
Zurich Ins Eng report minute 57f.	£179 78p.
Zurich Ins policy renewal minute 57g.	£745 68p.
W.D.Lewis- materials. Minute 57h.	£38 85p.
Teify Forge minute 57i.	£58 26p.
W.D.Hopkins minute 57j.	£58 75p.
D.L.Williams. minute 57k.	£19 99p.
Ceri Davies, internal audit minute 57l	£30 00p.
MLL Telecom minute 57m.	£5757 50p.
W.D.Lewis-materials minute 57n.	£5 81p.

Items received and not contributed to.

The Samaritans. Minute 57 o.

Lampeter Swimming Pool, minute 57p.

Requested received from the Swimming Pool Committee for annual funding. Declaration of interest by Cllr Harris, I. Williams, Phillips and H. Davies.

Following a discussion it was resolved to support the request for a donation, but the amount to be decided when further information was received from the Swimming Pool Committee in regard to other sources of funding and a balance sheet showing the running costs. It was revealed that Ceredigion County Council were proposing to reduce their financial support for the Pool the coming Financial Year and that Carmarthenshire would only contribute a minimal amount. It appears that Sportslot would only contribute towards the repair of one site in the County and that there were worse sites that at Lampeter.

Resolved to write to the Committee of the Swimming Pool requesting more information.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 58/2002.

Local Policing Plan – minute 58a.

Following correspondence from the local Inspector, it was resolved that the same priorities be adopted as previously forwarded to the Dyfed Powys Police Headquarters.

Community Safety Seminar – minute 58b.

It was resolved that the Mayor Cllr. Carter and Cllr. Walters be nominated to attend this Seminar, when they could bring attention to the high cost of the CCTV at Lampeter and seek some reduction in future years.

Young at heart Club – minute 58c.

Dates for the teas in 2003 had been received as well as the financial returns for the past financial year. Mayors tea on 3.12.2003.

#### PLANNING.

Minute 59/2002.

##### Planning Applications.

Extension Green Cottages, Greenfield Street – minute 59a.

No objection to be offered.

Change of use at Dag Jones, Bridge Street-minute 59b.

No objection to be offered.

##### Planning Permissions.

Extension Geography Dept UCW. Minute 59c.

Extract Duct, Black Lion Hotel-minute 59d

Changer of use to Office.19 High Street-minute 59e.

Extension Maesgwyn, North Road-minute 59 f.

13 new Dwellings at Bryn Steffan-minute 59g.

#### SITE MEETING.

Minute 59h.

Members were informed that a site meeting in regard to Plot 2 Pontfaen was being arranged for 11 a.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2003. Any members who wished to attend could do so. Confirmation received that this meeting has been arranged at this time and date.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 60./2002.

Kings Head Hotel, Lampeter – minute 60a.

Due to the impending departure of the proprietors, who had contributed greatly to various organisation in the town over many years, it was resolved that they be present with a Town Plaque. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor to arrange a presentation of the Plaque on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January, 2003, which was immediately before the proprietors vacated the premises.

Visit to LAS on 9/1/03 – minute 60b.

Members reminded of the visit, 7 confirmed as attending with two more possible members unable to confirm at this time.

Footpath Committee – minute 60c.

Members reminded that they survey for a grant application needed to be done in order that the paperwork could be completed. Cllr Ivor Williams to report to the Clerk when survey completed.

Signed.....

Dated the .....day of.....2003.