

LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL. CYNGOR DREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN.

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on 22nd January, 2004 at the Town Hall, Lampeter.

PRESENT.

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

APOLOGIES.

Cll. Ivor Williams.
Cll. Hazel davies.
Cll. Andrew Carter.

BUDGET Year 2004/2005.
Minute 49/2003.

Councilors discussed the Budget Proposals Document circulated by the Clerk to all members. Copy attached to recorded minutes. The document showed that the Council had a projected overspend of £9030 32p and that in an effort not to reduce the Reserves to what is suggested as an unacceptable level, a rise of 8% was required for the year under review. Following some questions re figures and procedures and a discussion it was resolved that the Precept to be levied for the Year 2004/2005 was to be an increase of 4%, a total of £1680. This decision was arrived at following a proposal duly seconded for a 4% increase, to which an amendment for a £5 increase was put forward. The amendment was defeated by 5 votes to 4 votes and the proposal of 4% carried. The Councils additional running costs and CCTV. will have to be by money from the reserves. with money being taken out of the Reserves. It is also anticipated that the UCW at Lampeter will continue to support the CCTV payments to the amount of £1000. (THE CERKS RECOMMENDATION WAS NOT WITHDRAWN)

MEMBERS RESOLVED TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE SAVINGS AND BE PRUDENT WITH ANY DONATION REQUESTS RECEIVED.

It was agreed that a contact be made with Mark Elliot of Ceredigion County Council in an effort to begin discussions re the re negotiation of the CCTV payments contract, which expires in February, 2005. The members nominated were Cllr. Robert Phillips, Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya and Cllr. Robert Harris. Every effort to be made to reduce these heavy payments in any future contract.

It was agreed that the Council purchase a paper shredder for use in the office in an effort to destroy confidential papers. (Shredder purchased from Teifi Computers, Lampeter cost £30 inc vat)

It was also agreed that the an effort to was to be made in the next Financial year, 2005/2006 to reduce the shortfall in Precept for 2004/2005 with, the rate of inflation allowing, additional increase in Precept demands.

Some concern expressed that in the event of an unforeseen expense the Council would struggle to find finance, The Council had maintained a standstill budget in respect of day to day running costs over the last four years.

At the conclusion it was agreed unanimously that the Precept be set at £41,580 00p.

OTHER FINANCE MATTERS.

Minute 50/2003

Payments.

W.D.Lewis & Son-minute 50a.	£34 22p.
Ceredigion-hall hire-minute 50b.	£82 50p.
McAlpine Ltd-minute 50c.	£416 60p.
B,T,-minute 50d.	£49 43p.
Zurich Ins.-minute 50e.	£1055 06p.
Zurich Engineering-minute 50f.	£293 75p.
SWALEC-minute 50g.	£9 40p.
MLL Telecom-minute 50h.	£5757 50p.
M. Jenkins-bus shelters-minute 50i.	£15 00p.
Eirwyn Wms, Xmas tree-minute 50j.	£10 00p.
Teifi Computers-minute 50k.	£38 97p.

Income.

Ceredigion grant re lights-minute 50l.	£290 00p.
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Minute 51/2003.

Parking Restriction at High Street-minute 51a,
Correspondence and plans received from County Council outlining the intended parking restrictions following the planned improvements. No objections or observations offered.

Health and Well Being Document-minute 51b.
Document had been circulated to members, some of whom had still not been able to peruse it. It was resolved not to make any formal observations.

Ymlaen Ceredigion-minute 51c,
This organisation were seeking the help of members to carry out a survey of 20 households re waste recycling. The work would be in the Lampeter Wards and with a small payment and expenses. Cllr. Cecilia Barton volunteered to carry out the work

Course re Special Dispensation-minute 51d,
Members were reminded of the dates of the Courses arranged by Ceredigion County Council, Copies of the details and booking forms had been forwarded to each member.

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PLANNING.
Minute 52/2003.

Planning Applications.

Car Par for Anglers at Henfeddau-minute 52a.
No objection offered.

Relocation of front door HSBC Bank-minute 52b.
No objection offered.

Relocation of ATM machine at Lampeter Coop-minute 52c.
No objection offered.

Extension at Fire Station-minute 52d.
No objection to be offered.

Extension to transfer station LAS-minute 52e.
No objection to be offered.

Change of use at 8 Bridge Street to take away-minute 52f.
No formal objection but concerns re new side entrance in Drover Road and the lack of a footpath in that area of Drovers Road. Also suggestion that the facility be open during day hours and not late at night.

Planning Permissions.

LAS Waste, change of use of land-minute 52g.

LAS Waste rebuild transfer station-minute 52h.

41 Bridage Street, change of use to treatment Room-minute 52i.

Change of use, Walker Hall to Research Centre-minute 52j

Post office internal alterations-minute 52k

Post Office erection of fencing-minute 52l.

Ty,r Bank- extension-minute 52m

Unit 15 Industrial Park, Lampeter, extension-minute 52n

Old Vicarage, Lampeter, alterations-minute 52o.

Planning Permission Refused.

Talsarn, 20 College Street, change of use to 5 flats-minute 52p.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Minute 53/2004.

The Mayor thanked all members for their various contributions to the successful Mayors Tea for the Elderly and the Christmas Poultry Show.

Signed.....

Dated theday of.....2004.