LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN

MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL. LAMPETER

PRESENT:

Clir. Mayor Dorothy Williams (**Chairperson**)

Clirs: Deputy-Mayor Chris Thomas, Hazel Davies, Greg Evans, Robert Harris, Robert Phillips and Selwyn Walters.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter and John Davies.

Before the commencement of the meeting, members observed a minute's silence, as a mark of respect for Mr Gary Davies, who had, sadly, passed away on the 5th January. Mr Davies ran the *West Wales Wines'* store, from premises in Bridge Street, Lampeter and was chairman of the *Lampeter Action Group* and vice-chairman of the *Lampeter Chamber of Trade*.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 No member declared an interest, in any item under consideration, at this meeting of the Town Council.

3. FINANCE PRECEPT ARRANGEMENTS

BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2007-08

3.1 Councillors discussed the report on the budget proposals of Lampeter Town Council, for the year ending 31st March 2008 (copies had been circulated in advance, before the meeting). After consideration, it was passed unanimously, that there would be no increase in the precept, i.e. it would remain at £43,220. It was felt that the projected running costs, which would assume a reduction in the CCTV payments, could be met within this budget.

It was also resolved to assign further attention to:

- 3.1.1 The Bequest
- 3.1.2 The Clerk's Remuneration.
- 3.1.3 Training Provisions for the clerk and possibly, councillors
- 3.1.4 Drafting a Welsh Language Policy for the Town Council
- 3.2 The Town Council is aware of the money held in reserves, and this could be needed to meet future financial expenditure.
- 4. The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 25th January 2007, 7.30pm.