



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING  
THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00PM  
AT THE SHILOH CHAPEL LAMPETER**

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

The Mayor Cllr. Dorothy Williams, extended a welcome to all present and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to gauge the level of the Precept (local tax levied by the Town Council), for the next financial year (April 2014-March 2015).

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cllr. D. Williams; Deputy-Mayor E.Dafis; **Town Cllrs:** J. Davies; H. Harris; A. Morgan; R. Phillips, K. Ramaya; S. Walters & D.Wilson.

**2. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A.Carter; Cllr D.Smith & Cllr C.Thomas.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST:** None

**4. THE PRECEPT FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

**The Budget Report** (attached) was discussed at length. It was unanimously agreed that the precept for the next financial year would remain at the same figure, as the previous year i.e. at £41,000. This represents a payment of £46.25 p.a. and 89pence per week for the Band D Rate-Payer. Allowing for inflation (at 2%), this figure represents a decrease for the Lampeter rate-payer. The figure has remained the same, but the value has decreased.

Members felt that running costs could be met within this budget. Additional payments could be met from reserves. CCTV payments were taken into account and there appeared to be a question mark in relation to future costs to the Town Council should the County Council make changes to the present provision.

The level of reserves was considered (projected figure at 31/03/2014, in the region of £125,000). It was reported that the Town Council could be facing financial challenges in the future, as Britain is facing severe public-spending cuts and is currently in recession.

**5. PAYMENTS**

**5.1 TOWN COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY**

It was **RESOLVED** to allow for index linking, which would mean an increase of £48, when compared to the previous year. £1,920.98.

**5.2 Transition Llambed Young at Heart Victoria Hall** £42 - 13.11.13

**5.3 Transition Llambed Young at Heart Victoria Hall** £64.50 4.12.2013

**5.4 Clerk's Salary Dec 2013** £705.66; HMRC £20.51.

**5.5 Heat/Light/Electricity (Clerk):** 9 months: £180.

**5.6 Cymdeithas Tai Cantref:** Material for Willow Structure £300.

**5.7 Lampeter Tree Services:** Parc-yr-Orsedd£350; VAT £70; TOTAL £420.

**5.8 BALCHDER PENTREFI PROJECT;** Please refer to Appendix 2 of the Budget Report regarding the Income & Expenditure concerning this project.

**5.9 Expenses:** Cllr Elsie Dafis. £272.74; VAT £6.34.

**5.10 SWALEC:** Light at the War Memorial: £14.02; £0.71VAT.

**5.11 Mr D Dudley: Light at War Memorial;** £139.90; VAT £27.98 TOTAL: £167.88

**5.12 Request for financial support from the Marie Curie Cancer Care:** It was **RESOLVED** to donate £50.00

**5.13 It was RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Lampeter Tree Services concerning the tree work at the War Memorial: for felling 2 evergreen trees and removing from the site £480 + VAT & for grinding the stumps of the felled trees £100 + VAT.

**The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 30 January 2014 at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Lampeter.

**(Signed: Chairman and date)** \_\_\_\_\_