

## **LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Lampeter Town Council adopted a Welsh Language Policy under the Welsh Language Act 1993 on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2007. Point 6.4 of the policy requires that the council receive an annual report, that the public are able to comment on the report and that it is submitted to the Welsh Language Board.

Cllrs. Rob Phillips, Dorothy Williams, Chris Thomas, Selwyn Walters and the Town Clerk were appointed to the council's Welsh Language Committee to prepare the annual report. This report does not consider every point in the policy but notes individual successes and recommends changes in practice where this is required.

### **PLANNING AND DELIVERING SERVICES**

The town council has continued to display bilingual signs when new signs are ordered. One entrance sign to the town was paid for in 2011. This sign was fully bilingual with priority for Welsh.

### **DEALING WITH WELSH SPEAKING PUBLIC**

The council has received a number of letter and e-mails in Welsh during the past year and they have all been answered in Welsh. The fact that the council welcomes correspondence in English or Welsh is made clear on each letter sent.

The council has continued to operate a bilingual website, with all council minutes and static content available in both English and Welsh.

Following concerns expressed by the clerk in 2009-10 about the amount of time available for translations work in view of the establishment of the Maesyderi Sub Committee 2 additional hours for translation per month were agreed by the town council.

### **THE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC FACE**

Headed paper, the website and council e-mails are all bi-lingual. A message on council headed paper and e-mails states that correspondence is welcomed in English or Welsh.

The Council published a bi-lingual programme for the Remembrance Sunday ceremony.

The council considers the Welsh Language when awarding grants. A form, to be completed by those applying for funding asks how they will reflect the linguistic character of the area.

Significant grants were awarded to Eisteddfod Rhys Thomas James Pantyfedwen, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, the National Eisteddfod, the T Llew Jones memorial fund and Ceredigion YFC

Following the precedent begun in 2010, a translator was employed in order to allow the Council's Annual General Meeting to be held through the medium of Welsh.

#### **IMPLEMENTING AND MONITORING THE SCHEME**

It is recommended that a press release is supplied to the *Cambrian News* and *Carmarthen Journal* and an advert is placed in *Clonc* drawing attention to the annual review of the Welsh Language Scheme. It is further recommended that copies are placed in the town library and on the website. Copies should also be available from the Town Clerk.

**Welsh Language Sub Committee**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March 2012**