



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
25.01.2018 SHILOH VESTRY, LAMPETER AT 7.30pm.**

*Before the onset of the meeting members were invited to participate in prayer.
Cllr Robert Phillips led members in prayer.*

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

The Mayor Cllr Hag Harris welcomed all present, to the meeting. Condolences were conveyed to Cllr Christopher Thomas on the recent passing-away of his mother; a few moments' silence were observed, in her memory.

2. PRESENT

Mayor Cllr R. G. (Hag Harris); Deputy-Mayor Cllr Ann Morgan (arrived 9pm); Cllr Rhys Bebb Jones; Cllr Dinah Mulholland; Cllr Robert Phillips; Cllr Kistiah Ramaya; Cllr David Smith; Cllr Selwyn Walters & Cllr Christopher Thomas.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Elin T Jones apologized for her inability to attend the meeting.

3. POLICE MATTERS

3.1 Vandalism to Vehicles

The recent spate of vandalism to vehicles, was discussed. Cllr Christopher Thomas disclosed that the unknown attacker had entered garages in order to scratch the paintwork of cars, parked inside. CCTV Cameras adjacent to these properties, failed to identify the perpetrator. Instances of damage were reported at Bryn Road, Station Terrace and New Street.

Communication from Margaret Louise Cooper, Drovers' Road, reported damage to her car whilst parked at New Street. She enquired whether it would be possible to park her car on the Cwmins: **AGREED** to refer to Ceredigion County Council. Also, whether it would be possible to reinstate street lights at problem areas within New Street in a bid to reduce crime and the fear of crime: **AGREED** to ask the Police. She also enquired in relation to CCTV Cameras – the Police Commissioner will decide whether they will return to Lampeter- the Town Council has informed the Police that they fully support the move. It was **AGREED** to request an update from the Police regarding the crime in question and to inform Margaret Louise Cooper accordingly.

4. **ELECTION OF MAYOR & DEPUTY-MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018-19**

Election of Mayor: It was **PROPOSED** (Cllr Kistiah Ramaya) **SECONDED** (Cllr Christopher Thomas) and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Ann Bowen Morgan would assume the role of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018-19.

Election of Deputy-Mayor: It was **PROPOSED** (Cllr David Smith) **SECONDED** (Cllr Kistiah Ramaya) and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Robert Phillips would assume the role of Deputy-Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018-19.

Congratulations were conveyed to Cllr Ann Morgan and Cllr Robert Phillips on their new positions within the Town Council.

5. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & INTEREST**
None declared.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2017 & THE 11TH JANUARY 2018**

These were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

7.1 **Maes-y-Felin Play Area:** The draft Lease has been forwarded to the ADVE Solicitors for legal advice. *The area of land has been ascertained and a fee of £159.60 paid to undertake the initial searches. No further developments.*

7.2 **Mayor's Chain and the Purchase of a Safe:** Arrangements are in hand for the purchase of a safe to store valuables up to £100,000. UWTSD Lampeter has agreed to store the safe within the Reception area. The civic regalia, to include the Mayor's Chain £75,000; Mayoress' Chain £16,000, Deputy-Mayor Chain; Clerk's Pendant and the 2 Chinese Medals, have now been valued. Cllr David Smith was thanked for his work. **RESOLVED:** to inform the Zurich Insurance Providers.

7.3 **Facebook Page & Twitter Feed,** for the Town Council: now in place. Individual e-mail accounts for Councillors: awaiting information from certain Councillors.

7.4 **Fountain, Harford Square:** *No developments to report during this meeting.*

7.5 **Best Christmas Window Display Competition:** Christmas 2017: it was reported that the Competition had generated a great deal of interest. The possibility of organising an Easter Window Box Competition was suggested – the Flowers' Sub-Committee to consider further.

7.6 **Young at Heart Annual Christmas Tea Party:** Wednesday 6th December 2017 at the Victoria Hall, Lampeter; the event had been a success and had attracted approximately 40 guests.

7.7 **Town Council's Meeting Room:** to meet at Shiloh Vestry, Lampeter during the months of January, February and March 2018. It was agreed to seek another venue after the month of March; wi-fi access

was deemed essential. The Clerk to make further enquiries for example, Ysgol Bro Pedr; UWT Saint David, Lampeter, Victoria Hall; Hedyn Mwstard Café and to establish logistics such as opening/closing the room/ heating/ laying out furniture/ equipment and DDA requirements. Cllr Walters stated that the Town Council's meeting room could be amalgamated with the Museum.

- 7.8 Christian Aid Lunch:** the Town Council will host the Lunch on Friday 2nd February, 12 Noon – 2pm.

8. MATTERS ARISING NOT STEMMING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

8.1 Cllr Dinah Mulholland presented a Motion for debate:

Lampeter Town Council supports the aim of the Plastic-Free Movement. We will support, promote and encourage Lampeter and its residents to work towards a plastic-free environment; encourage local businesses; shops and supermarkets to pledge to cease selling goods and products packaged in single use or unnecessary plastic; to encourage and support Lampeter residents in their wish to see their town become plastic-free and to encourage Ceredigion County Council to commit to a plastic-free Ceredigion.

The negative impact of Plastic Pollution on marine life, was highlighted. Cllrs unanimously backed the Motion in a bid to make the Community the first plastic-free town in Wales and to encourage Ceredigion CC to commit to a plastic-free Ceredigion.

A Steering Committee could be set up.

The role of the Town Council was deemed as a Facilitator – it would support the Initiative but could not run it. It was resolved to contact the Lampeter Chamber of Trade to seek views & Ceredigion County Council to ask whether they supported the Plastic Free Movement. The Town Council could take an Education/Information role by using social platforms such as the Town Council's website, Fb and Twitter; encourage local businesses to work with the Chamber of Trade and contact other organisations for example the UWTSD. The model adopted by the Supermarket chain, *Iceland* could be presented to Sainsbury's and the Co-op.

- 8.2 Consultative Meeting Ceredigion County Council, 9th January 2018 @ 6.30pm at Ysgol Bro Pedr, Lampeter.** The Town Council had been informed of this meeting on Tuesday 9th January 2018 and some members had been unable to attend, due to the late notification. Representatives of the Town Council had included the Mayor Cllr Hag Harris; Cllr Dinah Mulholland; Cllr Kistiah Ramaya and Eleri Thomas (Clerk). The Minutes of this Meeting are awaited from Ceredigion County Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 The Denmark Street (Concert) Big Band, West End, London:** explored the potential of staging an Event at Lampeter and asked whether the Town Council wished to be involved. Cwmann Male Voice

Choir had also been approached. It was agreed *not* to respond to this invitation.

- 9.2 **Ceredigion Destination Management Partnership;** asked for nominations. It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Selwyn Walters.
- 9.3 **Lampeter Round Table:** will host the Beer and Cider Festival at Lampeter on Saturday 17th February 2018 and asked whether permission could be granted to display a flag at Parc-yr-Orsedd to promote the event. It was **AGREED** to grant permission.
- 9.4 **Ceredigion Electoral Review Draft Proposals:** Consultation is now open. The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales have completed the first stage of their review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Ceredigion. Details of the review are available on the Commission's consultation portal at <https://ldbc.jdi-consult.net/boundaries/>. The Commission would welcome comments prior to the 16th April 2018. After this date the Commission will consider all the evidence and prepare a Final Proposals Report. These will be published and submitted to the Welsh Government, who may give effect to the proposals either as submitted or with modifications.
- 9.5 **Merry Makers Women's Group:** expressed concern in relation to the shops and businesses, which have closed in Lampeter and asked how the Town Council, will address these issues. It would be stated that unfortunately, this is a sign of the times. Lampeter Town Council does not have control over the Economy and does not receive a portion of the Business Rates, collected by Ceredigion CC; all money collected by the Town Council is derived from domestic sources.

Whilst the Town Council regrets these closures, Lampeter remains a hub to 80 businesses. The Town Council endeavours to support these enterprises via the Lampeter Chamber of Trade and works in partnership with other organisations to include, in particular, Ceredigion County Council for the common good of the town.

Many members of the Town Council attended the Meeting regarding Bank closures at Lampeter in December 2017 under the direction of Ben Lake MP. The Town Council has opposed the proposed closure of Nat West Bank (Cllr Robert Phillips to draft a letter) and another meeting will be held shortly to discuss the situation concerning the four banks of the town.

The Town Council supports initiatives such as the Plastic-Free Movement, which should add value to the town and also has Twitter and Facebook platforms in place, which have increased the profile of certain businesses and drawn attention to concerns.

The proposed developments at Brongest and Bryn Road will increase the number of residents, who should support the local economy.

The Chair stated that he would be prepared to discuss the matter further with the Merry Makers' Women Group.

- 9.6 **Communication from Mr Endaf Griffiths Golwg 360** wishing to interview a person in order to create a video in relation to the reason why, Lampeter should stage the 2020 National Eisteddfod. He had

already interviewed certain individuals from other areas. Cllr Ann Morgan or Cllr Rhys Bebb Jones will execute the task.

- 9.7 **General Data Protection Regulation:** latest legal guidance received from One Voice Wales in relation to the General Data Protection Regulation, which should be in place by the 25th May 2018. **Resolved:** Administration Sub-Committee to assign further attention to the matter.
- 9.8 **Ben Lake MP:** Letter to introduce himself as MP for Ceredigion and thanked Town Councillors for their work within the community and his contact details were enclosed. It was enquired whether posters could be displayed in the vicinity; it was **agreed** to do so.
- 9.9 **One Voice Wales:** Agenda of the Area Committee Meeting: Wednesday 24th January 2018 & minutes of the last meeting 18th October 2017.
- 9.10 **Other Correspondence: Noted for information.**

10. PLANNING MATTERS

- 10.1 **Development Control Committee Ceredigion County Council:** Minutes of last meeting and Agenda of the next meeting: for information.
- 10.2 **Planning Application A171092:** Ffynnonber Primary School: Copy of the letter sent by Mr Trevor Peregrine to Ceredigion County Council opposing the proposed destruction of the Old School Building along Bryn Road; he believed that the internal conversion to flats could be undertaken, without resorting to this measure. "Building a block of flats would spoil the whole aesthetics of the street. The houses at the back could still be built but affordable housing should be designated to current residents of the town".

11. FINANCE

11.1 PAYMENTS

- 11.1.1 **Clerk's Salary Nov/Dec. 2017 £792.44 x 2;** HMRC Tax & NI £96.07 x2.
- 11.1.2 **Simultaneous Translation at Monthly Meetings:** Carol Thomas: £262.50.
- 11.1.3 **Prestige Valuations: Civic Regalia £500;** VAT £100
- 11.1.4 **Election (uncontested) Cost 2017 CCC:** £162.30
- 11.1.5 **L & G Forestry Ltd: Supply of Christmas Tree for the Town Christmas 2017 £390;** VAT £78.00. To find whether it is the Town Council's responsibility to meet this cost.
- 11.1.6 **OVW Training 29.11.17 Cllr D. Mulholland** £40
- 11.1.7 **Repair of Mayor's Chain** £55
- 11.1.8 **Cllr C. Thomas – repairs: Parc-yr-Orsedd** £8.39
- 11.1.19 **Hire of Shiloh Vestry 11.01.2018 2.5hrsx£8.50;** 25.01.2018 3hrsX£8.50 TOTAL £46.75

11.2 RECEIPTS: £0

11.3 FINANCIAL REQUESTS

11.3.1 Gorymdaith Gŵyl Ddewi: St David's Day March 2018: £200 to be donated: it was reported that an account will be set up, which would be independent from the Town Council accounts.

11.3.2 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru 2018 £0

11.3.3 The Ambulance Services Union: £0

11.3.4 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod: 2018: £0

11.3.5 Ysgol Bro Pedr Exchange Trip Kalix, Sweden: it was agreed to find out whether the Town Council could be make a financial contribution to Ysgol Bro Pedr and that it would not be perceived as "double-precepting".

11.2.6 National Eisteddfod 2018 £100

11.2.7 Tomos James £100 SA Cricket Feb. 2018

11.2.8 Samaritans £50

11.2.9 YFC Ceredigion £50

11.4 OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.4.1 Lloyds Bank: Town Council's Current Account: Signatory access to the account has now been updated.

12. SUB-COMMITTEES

12.1 Parks: no report.

12.2 Welsh Language

12.2.1 St David's Day March (2.03.2018) and Gig to be organised within the town. Arrangements ongoing. A meeting had been held on the 22.01.2018.

12.3 Administration: no report.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Cllr Mulholland enquired whether a Humanist Grace could be offered before the onset of Town Council Meetings, to replace the current Prayer, which is optional and does not form a part of the Agenda. It was **agreed** to discuss further at the next meeting.

13.2 It was agreed to display flags within the town during the St David's Day March.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10.35pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 7.30pm.

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