



*Before the meeting, all present, were invited to participate in prayer.
Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya led the members in prayer.*

**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF
THE FINANCE MEETING
16.01.2020 VICTORIA HALL, LAMPETER AT 7.30pm.**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

The Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

The Mayor, Cllr. Rob Phillips, Deputy-Mayor, Cllr. Selwyn Walters, Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya, Cllr. Chris Thomas, Cllr. R. G. (Hag) Harris & Cllr. Ann Morgan, Cllr. Dinah Mulholland & Cllr. Gary Thorogood.

Meryl Thomas - Clerk Lampeter Town Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Dave Smith, Cllr. Rhys Bebb Jones, Cllr. Helen Thomas, Cllr. Elin T Jones, Cllr. Emma Wood & Cllr. Richard Marks

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTEREST –

The Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips - Planning application Co-op - Treasurer and member of Noddfa Chapel.

Cllr. Ann Morgan – Planning application Co-op - Secretary and member of Noddfa Chapel.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CEREDIGION ECONOMIC STRATEGY (2020-2035) –

It was agreed for the Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips to complete the questionnaire.

5. CONSULTATION ON THE STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN

It was agreed for the Mayor Cllr. Rob Phillips to complete after receiving feedback from councillors.

6. PLANNING -

6.1 Ceredigion County Council - Application A191044 - Co-op Supermarket, Bridge Street, Lampeter. Proposal – New refrigeration plant to be installed in plant area, install 2.4m high fence to rear of store, redecoration of shop front, new works to car park and service yard - No objections.

6.2 Ceredigion County Council - Application A191047 – Tai Ceredigion, Llys Pedr,

Lampeter. Proposal - Alterations to parking area, extend existing bin store, internal alterations to main entrance area, installation of new list and associated works. - No objection.

7. REVALUATION OF FIXED ASSETS –

It was decided to depreciate all plant and equipment by 10% each year.

8. BUDGET REPORT 2020-21

The clerk presented the budget report to the Council for consideration. A provision of 10% for repairs and replacements on plant and equipment has been included in the report. Future costs also included in the report are for a street cleaner, new play equipment for Maesyfelin, and possibly taking over responsibility for the War Memorial and the Fountain in Harford Square.

Cllr. Gary Thorogood and Cllr. Dinah Mulholland suggested ethical banking for the town council reserves. Cllr. Hag Harris proposed having a special meeting to discuss the council reserves in the next 6 months after receiving further information, this was seconded by Cllr. Chris Thomas and agreed by all present.

Cllr. Dinah Mulholland commented that the cost of running the website seemed very high at £678.00 per annum and the council should look into reducing the costs. The Mayor said that it was a high price but they are local providers that supplied a very good service and a lot of support which allows the council to be able to do all the work on the website. Cllr. Dinah Mulholland will look in to other providers before the next renewal date in November.

Cllr. Gary Thorogood asked who would be able to update the website as it was a lot of work for the Mayor who currently does this. It was decided that the admin committee will look in to this.

9. PRECEPT 2020-21

After careful deliberation it was proposed by Cllr. Hag Harris and seconded by Cllr. Kistiah Ramaya to keep the Precept the same as the previous year i.e. £41,000.00, and was agreed by everyone present. The clerk will complete the Precept form and submit to CCC.

Member felt that running costs could be met within the budget. The fact that the Precept has remained the same could be attributed to the prudent way in which the Town Council had handled the finances.

10. RENEWING THE INSURANCE POLICY -

The clerk has received a quote from Zurich for £1896.18 the town council insurance providers for the last few years. A quote was received from AXA for £1,137.00. The clerk will contact Zurich to see if they could match the quote received from AXA.

11. AOB

Cllr. Selwyn Walters said that Western Power were happy to replace the old benches behind J H Roberts with new ones. The clerk will contact CCC to see if they are happy for Western Power to replace the benches.

Meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm