

4. POLICE MATTERS

Sgt. Phill. Edwards updated members on recent events:

- The parking problems outside the Spar shop and Drovers' Rd have been addressed. But motorists still persist in parking on bus stops.
- Patrols have been conducted in the town and the public offered traffic advice.
- Numerous windows have been broken in the last month. This was at the time when the people of Lampeter suffered a defective CCTV system.
- Violent crime: one or two serious offences occurred in the middle of the month. Patrols are now being sent out.

Councillors reported the parking of cars on the pavements in Mill Street and the subsequent damage to the pavements. They also mentioned the illegal loading and unloading of goods which takes place outside the Doctor's Surgery and believed that this practice should be stopped.

It was resolved to send a letter to the local constabulary to express the Town Council's appreciation of the way in which they have dealt with the difficult and often challenging circumstances of recent months.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 Black Lion Lampeter: (Minute 76a)** Letters with photographs pinpointing the problem areas have been sent to both parties involved. Awaiting the outcome.
- 5.2 An area for the use of young people in Lampeter (Minute 14f):** Letter received from A. Parry Davies, Director of Social Services, CCC to inform the Town Council that the matter will be raised at the next meeting of Ceredigion Children & Young People's Framework Partnership.
- 5.3 Barley Mow, Street Nameplate Sign: (Minute 8a):** It was decided to find out if CCC would finance the cost of the installation of the street nameplate sign.
- 5.4 Entrance to the Ambulance Station: Water Stagnation (Minute 19/05 10.6):** Mr Sean Dowall from CCC visited the site on the 26th October and met Cllr. Chris Thomas to discuss the matter. There appears to be a sag in the road. A patch of tarmac will be used to fill the sunken part. Cllr. D. Williams requested to meet Mr Dowall on a suitably wet day to show other areas on the High Street and outside Caxton Press, that need attention.
- 5.5 Dog Fouling Signs: (Minute 25/05 11.2):** These are now on display at the required locations.
- 5.6 Citizens' Advice Bureau: Lampeter Branch (Minute 31/05 11.4):** An adviser is in the process of being trained and trustees are negotiating the leasing of a room at the CAVO Building, Bryndulais, 67 Bridge Street, Lampeter.
- 5.7 St Peter's Hall: Parking Bay: (Minute 8b):** Notification from CCC that the request for a parking bay adjacent to St Peter's Hall could not be granted. It

had been refused on the grounds of traffic management and road safety. Vehicles parking adjacent to the hall would create difficulties for HGV deliveries servicing the Somerfield supermarket. Other reasons for refusal included its close proximity to two junctions and the fact that a number of parking bays, including disabled bays had already been provided as part of the scheme in High Street. Further provision could therefore not be granted. This decision had been reached after careful consideration and the arrangement of a site meeting with representatives of CCC and the Police.

- 5.8 Parking restrictions: between the roundabout and the entrance of the Bryn, North Rd (Minute 25/05:11.3):** a letter received from CCC stating that a Traffic Order to prohibit waiting at any time on the west side of the carriageway is currently being put to the first stage of consultation. Should it be accepted, the Order will then come for approval in November.
- 5.9 Pest Control: Bryn Rd (Minute 37/05: 11.1):** Defective drains near Victoria Hall are responsible for the sightings of rats which escape from the sewers. One drain has been repaired. Representatives of the Environmental Health Team, CCC have carried out a great deal of baiting and have succeeded in trapping many of these rodents. Mr Dewi Roberts is currently negotiating with the Water Board for further action.
- 5.10 Maesyfelin, Road Humps (Minute 13/05:13b)** A small delegation from the Town Council attended a site meeting under the direction of Rachel Thomas, Transportation Strategy Engineer, CCC on the 30th June 2005. They were advised that road humps were not necessarily the most appropriate form of traffic calming for the location. It was communicated that the most pressing issue regarding this request was the identification of funding of any proposed works. The feasibility of carrying out traffic calming works would be established once estimated costs become available. Plans and estimates were being prepared for further consideration and consultation. These should become available by the end of November. A similar scheme is needed at Maes-y-Deri Estate and CCC will be reminded of this request.
- 5.11 Seat (Minute 45a): to be donated by Japanese visitors:** the necessary arrangements are being made by Cllr. R. Phillips and the County Cllr. I. Williams.
- 5.12 Planting of trees on school grounds (Minute 34/05: 8.4):** Letter received from Mr Jonathan Eirug, Dept of Environmental Services and Housing, CCC conveying that the request has been forwarded to the developers (Director of Highways, Property and Works "Architects") for their attention.
- 5.13 Armistice Day: Remembrance Day Service 13th November 2005:** Details were given of this service which will take place at 11am at the War Memorial on Sunday, the 13th November. A two minutes silence will be held on the square, in the presence of the Cllr. Mayor Hazel Davies on the 11th November at 11am, to remember the fallen.

5.14 Breakdown in CCTV Coverage (Minute 23/05 9.11): Councillors were angry and very disquieted that they had not been informed that the CCTV cameras had been out of action since the end of June, in light of the spate of anti-social behaviour which had occurred in recent months. Incidents had been taking place without the supposed help of these cameras. Cllr. H.Harris informed members that the cameras would be replaced by the end of November and in proper working order by this time. It was resolved to contact Mr Mark Elliott CCC to express the Town Council's profound disappointment regarding the situation and to request a refund for the months when the cameras were inoperative. It would be stated that as stewards of the public purse councillors had a duty to their constituents to ensure that their money was utilized economically, efficiently and effectively. This did not appear to be the case when 4 months' inactivity on the part of the cameras represented a loss of approximately £6,500 or 15% of the annual precept. Nearly a half of the annual precept is spent on this technology. (£19,600 from an annual precept of £43,220). It would also be communicated that in view of recent experience a detailed monthly report on the performance of these cameras is now imperative for the future.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute 38/2005

- 6.1 List of correspondence received from the 30th September to the 27th October (inclusive).**
- **Wales in Bloom Competition:** Marking Report Sheet: Introductory Paragraph, "Lampeter had certainly pulled out all the stops and produced a stunning show throughout the main commercial area with some of the best floral displays seen this year..." It was resolved to send a letter of congratulations to the *Lampeter Chamber of Trade* on their outstanding success in this competition and to concur with the judges' comments. Their floral displays had certainly enriched and delighted the citizens of Lampeter and its visitors and had indeed presented a fragrant face to the town. (Lampeter secured second place in the *Class 6 Large village competition-population 1,001-2,500*)
 - **Licensing Act 2003/** Licensing of Public Land CCC: filed for future reference.
 - **Annual Policing Plan 2006/07:** asking for the Town Council's top three local policing priorities for the coming year. It was decided to prioritize the following:
 1. To tackle the existing problems of drugs. At present 12 yr old children are being offered drugs. Anything to relieve this situation would be welcome.
 2. It would be gratifying to see more policemen on the streets of Lampeter. It would help in particular, the elderly, the infirm and not least local business people.

3. Anti-social behaviour has mushroomed in the last few weeks. This is far too big a problem for the police to cope on their own. A co-operative effort is needed by law enforcement officers, education officials, youth workers, parents and young people. .
- **Temporary Unmetered Connections** for Festive Lighting Christmas 2005: Western Power Station - installer to complete the document "Notice of Completion of Unmetered Installation."
 - **Age Concern:** An invitation was extended for Councillors to attend the AGM at Tyglyn Aeron, Ciliau Aeron on the 17th of November at 2pm. The speaker, Sue Jones-Davies will embrace the theme "Live for Today."
 - **Public meeting of the National Assembly Mid and West Wales Regional Committee** 7th October - to focus on the topic of *Community Access for the Elderly - Best Practice*.
 - **Other correspondence for information:**
 - Autumn Programme- *Y Drwm*, National Library of Wales
 - Public Lectures UCW Aberystwyth
 - Play & Leisure Seminar, outdoor recreational equipment
 - Employer's Bulletin, H.M. Revenue & Customs
 - Annual Subscription of *Councillors' Briefing* - a monthly guide to new legislation

7. MENTER LLAMBED

Minute 39/2005

Cllr. G.Evans reported that a delegation had visited Acton Scott, Ludlow to learn from a project, with the view of adopting a similar scheme. This project revolved around a rural community during the 1950s. A business plan and a feasibility study need to be undertaken. When the needs of the Lampeter area have been identified by this feasibility study millions of pounds will be needed to implement it. This will be funded by the WDA. It could be a boost to the social environment of the town.

The Business Club meeting was held lately. Its success is gaining momentum all the time.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Minute 40/2005

- 8.1 **For information:** Acknowledgement of receipt of application for modification order to add footpath 61/21 Falcondale Lake, Lampeter: Lampeter Town Council supported this application, to maintain public access to the lake but did not oppose the development of the lake.

Planning Permission

- 8.2 Alterations and Extension: West Lodge, Pontfaen Rd, Lampeter

Planning Application

8.3 Change of use of existing units to day nursery and play scheme centre. Units 20 & 21 Lampeter Industrial Estate, Tregaron Rd, Lampeter: no objection to this application.

9. FINANCE: Minute 41/2005

	Maintenance	Donation	Administration	Tax/N.I.	Vat
EXPENDITURE					
9.1 CCTV Cameras 1/10/05-31/12/05	£4,900				£857.50
9.2 Hire of Town Hall x4 Hire of Victoria Hall x2 (Young at Heart Club)			£80 £40		
9.3 Clerk's Salary (net) (3 months)			£970.03	£278.72	
9.4 Stationery, Stamps etc (5/08-22/10/05)			£38.27		£3.61
9.5 Lampeter Round Table		£200			
9.6 D.T.Eirwyn Williams Community Footpaths Scheme	£765				
9.7 Labour/Petrol c/o Andrew Carter Community Footpaths Scheme	£70				

INCOME

- 9.8 Ceredigion County Council
Community Footpaths Scheme
(Part payment) £883.33
- 9.9 **A Request for financial support** was received from the "Beacon of Hope," a Ceredigion based charity which supports people with terminal and life limiting illness of all ages in this county. It was agreed to reconsider this request sometime in the future.
- 9.5 **It was resolved to donate £200 to the Round Table** to help with their Fireworks' Display.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

Minute 42/2005

10.1 Footpath Sub-Committee

Cllr. A. Carter will outline the work, which needs to be carried out under the Community Paths scheme 2006/07. Bids to be submitted by the 7th December. The bridge on the River Creuddyn is to be repaired.

10.2 Pavements Sub-Committee

Awaiting the repairing of faults previously reported to CCC.

10.3 Lighting Sub-Committee

Three lights were reported as defective in New Street. Also the light of the Town Hall Clock.

11 A.O.B.

Minute 43/2005

11.1 One Voice Wales Conference/Exhibition & AGM 2005, Builth Wells: Cllr.

Deputy Mayor D.Williams reported that she had attended the "One Voice Wales Conference," at Builth Wells on the 22nd of October. The speakers had been Sue Essex and Peter Law. The main topic under discussion was "Planning." It is hoped that town and community councils will play a more active role in the future, when making decisions regarding planning applications.

11.2 Cymdeithas Tai Cantref AGM 15/09/05: Cllr. A.Carter stated that he had attended the AGM, Cymdeithas Tai Cantref, Newcastle-Emlyn on the 15th of September. The housing situation in Wales came under discussion. Mr Peter Griffiths, Chief Executive of Principality B.S. spoke of "joint ownership" and the concern for young people who are unable to start on the property ladder, due to booming house prices.

11.3 Benches which need to be repaired: It was resolved to inform Mr. Eirian Jones, CCC that benches are in need of repair at Bryn-yr-Eglwys and on the Cwmmins.

11.4 Cllr. Selwyn Walters, convalescing after hip operation: it was agreed to send a letter to Cllr. Walters to wish him a rapid recovery after his recent operation. It would also be conveyed that members hoped that he would be able to attend meetings of the Town Council, in fine health, in the very near future and resume his dedicated, conscientious work to help the people of Lampeter.

11.5 Blue Monkey Clothing Store, Town Hall, High St, Lampeter

It was decided to send a letter to CCC to state that the Town Council deplored the colour scheme on the exterior of the clothing store, "The Blue Monkey" based at the Town Hall (a listed building). Members felt that the blue colour used was not inkeeping with the remainder of the street and the character of the Town Hall.

11.6 Electronic Mail: The clerk has arranged for future communications to be sent by e-mail to some councillors who wish this facility.

Signed.....

Dated the.....day of.....2005