



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR TREF LLANBEDR PONT STEFFAN**

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**2006 AT 7.30PM AT THE TOWN HALL, LAMPETER**

**Present:** Councillor Deputy-Mayor Dorothy Williams (**Chairperson**),  
Cecilia Barton, Andrew Carter, Margaret Davies-Evans,  
Greg Evans, Selwyn Walters, Derek Wilson and the  
County Councillor Ivor Williams.  
Police Inspector Paul Williams and P.C.Sgt Steve Barry.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mayor Hazel Davies, John Davies, Robert Harris, Tarquin Lubran, Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya, Chris Thomas and Mr. Geoff Carter, Lampeter in Bloom Association.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Declaration of interest in an item under consideration at this meeting of the Town Council:**

- 2.1 County Cllr. Ivor Williams declared an interest, when the correspondence received from the Community Health Council, Ceredigion, was discussed.
- 2.2 Cllr. Greg Evans also declared an interest, when the request for financial support in aid of the educational visit to Sweden, by pupils of Lampeter Sec. School, was considered.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was resolved to confirm as a true record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

- 3.1 Cllr. G. Evans queried Point 5.6 "Website for Lampeter Town Council" "...it was resolved that the Town Council would launch its own website". He sought an explanation why this matter had been included in an exclusive Budget Meeting. The Budget meeting rightly considered future plans for the website, since possible expenditure has to be met.

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

Police Inspector Paul Williams updated members on recent events.

- 4.1 The impact of the Licensing Legislation on the town is being monitored. There does not appear to be an increase in antisocial behaviour since the introduction of the new licensing laws.
- 4.2 The Police have dealt with drink-drive offences. Six people have been arrested between the end of January and the 24<sup>th</sup> February. The Inspector stated that the police were vigilant throughout the year, including Christmas time.
- 4.3 Certain incidents at the *Quarry*, Lampeter were reported.
- 4.4 County Cllr. Ivor Williams and Cllr. S.Walters raised concerns over the fact that some pupils from the secondary school had been offered drugs, at a location

adjacent to the secondary school. It was communicated that certain arrests had been made.

- 4.5 The opening hours of the Lampeter Police Station were questioned. They are 9am-5pm (Mon, Tue) and 9am-3pm for the remainder of the week. Due to insufficient funding, the Police Station cannot open for longer hours. It was stated, however, that it was possible for members of the public to contact officers outside the quoted opening hours.
- 4.6 P.C. Steve Barry was introduced to the Town Council. He is one of the four new officers to be stationed at Lampeter. Best wishes were extended to him. The evening's chairperson thanked the two police members for attending the meeting and for their contribution.

## 5. Election of Mayor and Deputy-Mayor

Cllr. Deputy-Mayor Dorothy Williams was appointed as the Mayor for the ensuing year. For the Deputy-Mayor's position, two candidates were considered, Cllr Derek Wilson and Cllr. Chris Thomas. Cllr. C.Thomas was successful. A letter congratulating Cllr. D. Williams and Cllr. C.Thomas on their new status, within the council would be sent to them and also a request for confirmation of acceptance of office.

## 6. Matters Arising from previous minutes

- 6.1 **Barley Mow: re: Street nameplate sign: Minute 8(a)** One Voice Wales are in the process of seeking legal advice regarding this matter. Quotations have been received from CCC: £200 for a wall mounted sign and £400 for a sign mounted on two posts.
- 6.2 **Parc yr Orsedd: re sign: Minute 44/2005** It was decided to order a suitable sign from "Contract Sign Systems", Redruth, Cornwall, £50.00 + £25.00 (P&P): This would display the following information "Name of Park, Owner's name, Contact Tel No, (No Dogs, No Cyclists, Say No to Strangers and Litter Bin pictograms)".
- 6.3 **Lampeter Town Council Website- Menter Llambod: Minute 50(b):** training and updating of the site is ongoing.
- 6.4 **I.T. System: inventory of required equipment: Minute 50(a)** Cllr. R.Phillips is in the process of compiling a list.
- 6.5 **Feedback from the Consultative Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb CCC, Penmorfa, Aberaeron: Minute 53 2005** Cllrs H.Davies, M. Davies Evans and C.Barton attended this meeting. The future plans for Bridge Street, Lampeter were discussed. These have been divided into two phases. Developments will take place in the next financial year to the stretch of road commencing at the entrance to New Street and leading to the bridge. The second phase, which will involve the upper end of the street, will be initiated after consultation with the Town Council, Chamber of Trade and the public in general.  
**Another question, which was asked, was the future plans for the existing primary school, after relocating to the new site.** Education departments will have the first refusal on the use of this building. If they decline this offer, then it will be put in the public domain.

- 6.6 **Shelter Cymru: Minute 56 2005** A recent communication revealed that future plans do include relocating to Lampeter. Further information will be sought in the coming weeks.
- 6.7 **Enquires re opening an account at the Halifax B.S.:** recent enquires indicated that this account was unsuitable for the needs of the Town Council. *The Alliance and Leicester Community 30 day Notice Account* was chosen as an alternative (4.2% interest/annum, Cllr. Deputy-Mayor Dorothy Williams and Cllr. Chris Thomas would be the authorised signatories).
- 6.8 **Christmas Decorative Lighting Grant CCC:** An invoice of £1,170 had been received from the Chamber of Trade. This has been submitted to CCC, in order to qualify for the available grant. It was decided to ask Mr. Neil Garrod, CCC, whether the Town Council would be responsible for funding the Christmas Lights connections to the new lamp-posts in Bridge Street.
- 6.9 **Repairing of damaged notice board:** work in progress. Cllr. D.Wilson is undertaking the necessary work.
- 6.10 **Response to the letter addressed to Cllr. Walsingham re the return of the gown: Minute 58/2005 11.7** The posted letter had been returned to the clerk, stating that the addressee was not known at the address. Cllr D. Williams would seek further advice from the police.
- 6.11 **Dog Fouling Sign: Minute 58/2005 11.8** A large sign reminding dog-owners of the penalties of dog fouling has been ordered for the vicinity of Bryn Rd, adjacent to Somerfield car-park. Due to Health and Safety regulations, these signs have to be erected at a high elevation. It was decided to contact the dog warden at CCC to comment on the polluting of St Thomas' Street (outside the *Castle*) and Bryn Road, adjacent to the school.
- 6.12 **Proposed prohibition of waiting, North Rd: Minute 25/05 11.3** Communication received from Mr. Delph-Janiurek CCC stating that it has now been decided to propose that this prohibition operate from 8am to 6pm, all days. This would tie in with the existing waiting restrictions towards the mini roundabout in Walter Square, thus avoiding any confusion that may arise from having two different restrictions applying on the same stretch of road. The Police and Local County Council members support this amended proposal. The Town Council resolved to accept this new proposal. A letter was also received regarding the parking problem in North Road, from Mrs. J. Conti. It was decided to inform her of the proposed traffic order.

## 7. Correspondence Minute 59/2005

### 7.1 Notification of Temporary Road Closures:

- 7.1.1 B4343 from Tafarndy to the junction of the U1660, Cellan, Lampeter from 15/03-20/03/06
- 7.1.2 C1101, from the Fish and Anchor Public House to Moelfre Farm, from 13/03-17/0/06
- 7.1.3 C1023 from Blaenplwyf Isaf to Llanfair Fach, Llanfair Clydogau, Lampeter from 22/03-26/03/06

These closures are necessary to ensure public safety whilst resurfacing works are in progress.

- 7.2 **One Voice Wales:** feedback document on the service received from this organisation. Cllr. D. Williams agreed to complete this questionnaire.
- 7.3 **National Library of Wales re launch of “Celtic Culture” 2/03/06:** for information
- 7.4 **Buckingham Palace Garden Party:** Notification from One Voice Wales informing member councils that Her Majesty will be hosting a Garden Party on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Nominations were requested from the chairpersons of Town and Community Councils, in recognition of past service. It was recommended that outgoing members rather than those newly selected should be invited to attend. It was decided to nominate Cllr. Mayor Haze Davies and Mr Noel Davies, as companion.
- 7.5 **CAVO and Cynnal Ceredigion-organising a joint event on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, Edward Richards School, Ystrad Meurig:** embracing subjects that are relevant to existing social and community enterprises in rural areas.
- 7.6 **Public meeting of the National Assembly Mid and West Wales Regional Committee- 17/02/06,** The Theatr Mwldan, Cardigan: for information
- 7.7 **Dyfed-Powys Police-Ceredigion; Neighbourhood Policing Survey:** have commissioned a questionnaire for each Community Council to complete. The responses should assist them when setting up Neighbourhood Policing in Ceredigion. Cllr. D.Williams agreed to complete the questionnaire.
- 7.8 **School Review Consultation Paper CCC:** for information
- 7.9 **Anna Palliser, Falcondale Lake Action Group FLAG** re presentation to the Town Council: it was decided to invite representatives from this group to the next meeting of the Town Council.
- 7.10 **Community Health Council, Ceredigion: notification of Council meetings,** next meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Plascrug Leisure Centre.
- 7.11 **Planting a tree:** Communication received from Elizabeth Miller Woda, regarding the planting of two memorial trees, one in memory of her mother and the other as a tribute to her Nain and Taid. Elizabeth and her siblings will be returning to Wales, from America, for a Memorial Service at Soar Chapel, on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Different locations for the planting of the trees were considered. The front of the secondary school was proposed, but it was felt that Parc yr Orsedd would be more appropriate. A tree had already been planted in this park, in 1994, in honour of her parents. Elizabeth Miller Woda requested the matter be referred to the appropriate person, with whom she could make the necessary arrangements. It was decided to ask her to liaise with Cllr. D. Williams.
- 7.12 **The W.A.Government (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:** for information
- 7.13 **Dyfed Powys Police, Community Consultation Forum 13/02/06, Penmorfa, Aberaeron:** topics for discussion- Proposed Budget for 2006/07; Neighbourhood Policing; Reports from Divisional Commanders; Update in relation to “Closing the gap” (Police Re-structuring): for information
- 7.14 **CC:Letter sent from Moira Reed, Sec. Of the Lampeter WI, to Ceredigion County Council re the increase in price for the hiring of the Victoria Hall, Lampeter.** There has been a disproportionate rise in the annual cost of the hire of the hall, from £70.00/annum to £330.00. The WI has now found alternative accommodation. It was resolved to send a letter, supporting their

case to CCC, and to question why such a huge increase in price, is now being asked from a voluntary and charitable organisation.

**8 Menter Llambod**  
**Minute 60/2005**

Cllr. G. Evans reported that the Business Club would launch its website on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a Public Consultation in Victoria Hall on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Members from the University of Wales, Lampeter will also be in attendance. The Business Plan will be presented to the County Council's Cabinet in the next few weeks.

**9 Planning Applications**  
**Minute 61/2005**

- 9.1 **Change of use from retail to Dental Surgery, The Barn, 2 Market Street, Denticare LTD:** no objection was expressed.
- 9.2 **Change of Use to builders, timbers and plumbers' merchants, Units 1-4, Lampeter Business Park, Tregaron Rd, Lampeter:** no objection
- 9.3 **Erection of a 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension: Mydroilyn, Mount Walk: Lampeter:** no objection

**Planning Permission**

- 9.4 **Erection of two storey extension, Merlin, Bryn Rd. Lampeter**

**10 Finance**  
**Minute 62/2005**

- 10.1 **Requests for financial assistance were received from the Samaritans** (Aberystwyth and the Midlands); *RELATE* and *Dash* (Disabilities and Self-help) organisations. It was agreed not to make a financial contribution at this present time.
- 10.2 **Educational Visit to Sweden: Lampeter Comp. School:** communication received from Joy Lake, Chair of the PTA, seeking financial support for this trip. It was decided to find out previous years' donations before responding to this request.
- 10.3 **Tax relief on self invested private pension schemes (SIPPS),** Hywel Williams MP, Plaid Cymru: for information
- 10.4 **Appropriate sum under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Welsh Assembly Government:** £5.44 per local government elector.
- 10.5 **Income and Expenditure:**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	Admin.	Maintenance	Sec 137
a) Hire of Hall and Young at Heart	£110.00		
b) Membership Renewal: O.V.Wales	£230.00		
c) Planning Aid Books O.V. Wales	£ 20.00		
d) Provision of 13 Dog Fouling Stickers		£22.10	
10.2) Lampeter Comp. School Trip			£50.00
<b>INCOME</b>			
e) Payment for Planning Aid Books	£ 10.00		

- 10.6 **Grass Cutting Parc yr Orsedd and Footpaths' Maintenance over the summer months:** Requests for quotations have been sent to Colin George, 11 Parc y Felin, Lampeter; Spooner Landscapes, Rallt, Cellan, Lampeter and Eirwyn Williams, Blodfryn, Bryn Road. Closing Date 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10.7 **CCTV System:** Invoices are now received monthly, amounting to £1,633.33 (ex VAT), from MLL Telecom. Due amounts, for Jan and February, have not been paid. Mr. Bleddyn Jones, CCC, communicated that although the system was now "working" (since the end of January); technical problems existed with two of the six cameras. Some members felt that the Town Council should not pay the amounts demanded, until these maintenance problems had been rectified. It was agreed to seek advice regarding the situation.

**11 Sub-committees  
Minute 63/2005**

- 11.1 **Lighting Sub-Committee:** It was reported that lights were defective at Troedrhiw Corner and at the entrance of Brynsteffan Estate. When reporting faults to Ceredigion County Council, it is essential that the serial number of the street light be quoted.
- 11.2 **Insurance Cover for Street Lighting CCC:** stating that Town and Community Councils do not need to obtain insurance cover for any street lighting equipment that has been adopted by Ceredigion County Council. If any lighting has not been adopted then arrangements should be made for suitable insurance cover.

**12 A.O.B. Minute 64/2005**

- 12.1 **It was decided to send a letter of congratulations to Cllr. K. Ramaya on his recent achievement in receiving the *Paul Harris Fellow Award for outstanding services to Rotary International and the community*.** This is the highest award possible. Councillors and the inhabitants of Lampeter are very proud of him.
- 12.2 **Cllr. Margaret Davies-Evans reported that large vans were frequently parked in the enclosure of Harford Row.** She stated that this facility was provided for cars only. Certain vehicles were also parked overnight. It was decided to contact CCC to ask for their assistance in the matter.
- 12.3 **The post of Town Clerk:** The current clerk's contract of employment ceases on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006. Members were asked to give this position further consideration, after the conclusion of the next meeting.

**13 Date of next meeting: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 7.30pm**