



**LAMPETER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
24th APRIL 2008 AT 7.30PM
TOWN HALL LAMPETER**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

The Mayor Christopher Thomas extended a welcome to all present.

PRESENT: Cllr Mayor Chris Thomas (Chairperson); Elsie Dafis; Hazel Davies; John Davies; Margaret Davies-Evans; Robert Harris; Lynda Mason-George; Robert Phillips, Kistiah Ramaya; Selwyn Walters and Derek Wilson.

In Attendance: Mr Geoff Carter; Mrs Trish Carter.

APOLOGIES: were received from Cllr A Carter, Mr Carl Stringer and from the Constabulary.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

None

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – 27/03/2008 and 9/04/2008 (Cittaslow)

These were agreed to be correct.

4. POLICE MATTERS - n/a

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1 Cittaslow; further developments;** the Open Meeting, as arranged by the Town Council will take place on Tuesday 13th May at 7:00pm at the Cliff Tucker Theatre, Lampeter University. Mr Graeme Kidd, Cittaslow Co-ordinator will be the Guest Speaker and the purpose of the meeting will be to set up *Cittaslow* working party.
- 5.2 Lampeter Youth Club –** this will open on Wednesday 7th May and will be open every Wednesday evening. An official opening will follow shortly.
- 5.3 Provision of New Entrance Signs for the town:** Lampeter Twinning Association has submitted a request to the CCC for the provision of twinning with St Germain sur Moine on entrance signs to the town. Members were not in favour for supplementary plates to be fitted below the existing town signs on the four approaches to the town. It was agreed to set up a working party to design a few draft signs, which would be considered at the next meeting. It was resolved to ask the CCC for financial support and to contact Lampeter University to find out if they wished to be included in the wording of the sign.
- 5.4 Bins – to hold recyclable waste :** Cllr Phillips agreed to make further enquiries e.g how many bins would be required and how often would they be serviced by the LAS Company.
- 5.5 The provision of seats at the Post-Office, Lampeter**
Two seats have been ordered by the Post-Office, Lampeter. They should be in place within the next few weeks. Certain provisions including Health & Safety apply, before they can be installed.
- 5.6 Awaiting a reply from CCC in relation to certain traffic issues viz:**
- 5.6.1 Give-Way** sign at Drovers' Road
- 5.6.2 The removal of the yellow lines** which are painted in front of the old primary school.

5.6.3 HGVs using Church Street and Bryn-yr-Eglwys:

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2009/10:** for information only.
- 6.2 Code of Conduct** – following a review of the operation of the existing Code of Conduct, the National Assembly for Wales has issued a new model Code of Conduct, which is contained in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008, and was made on the 20th March 2008. A copy of the Order, which included the new model Code of Conduct, was circulated to members. The law requires Town and Community Councils to adopt the new Code of Conduct, which must include each of the provisions in the Assembly's model Code, within 6 months from the date on which the Order was made. It was RESOLVED to adopt the model Code of Conduct as Lampeter Town Council's Code of Conduct with effect from the 5th May 2008 (to coincide with the date upon which Councillors are deemed to formally take notice following local government elections on 1 May). This will mean that the new Code of Conduct will already be in place when the first meeting of the newly constituted Council takes place after their election. At the first meeting Councillors must sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which includes an undertaking to comply with the new Code of Conduct
- 6.3 Developing the Village Shop 17-18 May 2008:** Bont Pavilion – for information.
- 6.4 Temporary Road Closure CC:** Drovers' Road Lampeter from 8:00 6/08/2008 to 17:00 10/05/2008: the closure is necessary to ensure public safety during this period.
- 6.5 Cross-party Enquiry** – Childhood Leukaemia and overhead Power Lines: this report was circulated to members.
- 6.6 CC - Letter sent by Kate Butler** to the Head teacher of Lampeter Comprehensive School in relation to anti-social behaviour by pupils of the secondary school, under the arch of the Town Hall. Cllr Harris agreed to raise this matter at the next School Governors' meeting.
- 6.7 Meeting 25/04/2008 Victoria Hall, Lampeter 15:00-17:00** – CCC has appointed consultants DTZ to help understand the future economic and employment land needs throughout the County. These consultants are arranging two local market discussion groups to explore the different issues affecting the Coastal and Inner Rural areas of the County. They are seeking views on the local economic and market activity and members of the TC are invited to take part in a Local Market Discussion Group to explore the issues and opportunities for the area. Cllr Barton expressed an interest in attending this meeting.
- 6.3 Other Correspondence – for information only.**

7. MENTER LLAMBED

Cllr G.Evans reported that

- 7.1 The Transition Town Initiative is** making good progress and many sub-groups are meeting on a regular basis;
- 7.2 Funding is awaited from the WAG** re Transition Town;
- 7.3 A new website** has been designed and will be up and running shortly;
- 7.4 Sports' Facilities** – ongoing project.

8. PLANNING

8.1 Applications

8.1.1 Application Number: A080323LB: Internal Alterations, Church Hall, Church Street, Lampeter: no objections.

8.1.2 Application Number A080295: Erection of a bungalow, Land Adjacent Coed y Glyn, Falcondale Drive, Lampeter: no objection.

8.1.3 Application Number A080303: Demolition of existing garage, Mountwalk, Lampeter: No objection but the entrance is not clearly defined on the map.

8.2 The following application has been withdrawn: Extension to existing kitchen, Goedwig, Llanwnnen Road, Lampeter.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Lampeter and District Appeal towards the National Urdd Eisteddfod 2010: it was resolved that the Mayor-Elect would organise a fund raising activity during his term of office, to raise money for this Appeal.

9.2 Zurich Insurance: Enhanced cover in light of the Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007: for information.

9.3 Internal Auditor for the Town Council: no developments to date.

9.4 It was resolved to contribute £1,000 towards the Lampeter August Bank Holiday Eisteddfod

9.5 Clerk's Salary April 2008 £429.94; HM Revenue & Customs £111.72; Heat & Light £20;

9.6 Cascade Lampeter, Bouquet of Flowers £35.00

9.7 CCTV Rental 1 April 2008-31 March 2009 £12,000 + £2,100 VAT.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

10.1 FOOTPATHS (including Parc-yr-Orsedd)

10.1.1 Relocating the Rock-Block, Parc-yr-Orsedd: A charge of £900 would be incurred for relocating the Rock-Block. The Mayor agreed to contact the Playworld Systems in a bid to negotiate a reduction in the cost.

10.1.2 Repairing the fence/ new entrance at Parc-yr-Orsedd – it was agreed to request 3 quotes. One quote would be received from the CCC, who has granted permission for this work to proceed. It was agreed to arrange a site- meeting with members of the CCC.

10.1.3 It was reported that it would cost in the region of £360 to trim the trees in this vicinity.

10.2 PAVEMENTS'

10.2.1 Siting of Dog Bins for the town: enquiries ongoing.

10.2.2 New Benches: Residents of Llys Pedr have asked for 2 new benches as the present benches are old and too low. Higher seats are required. It was resolved to report the matter to CCC.

10.3 SREET LIGHTING

10.3.1 Situation in relation to the request to the CCC for street lights at

Bryn Road to be improved using energy saving and environmentally friendly materials: reply received from Mr N. Garrod, Highways, Property & Works Dept concurring with the TC that Bryn Road would benefit greatly from improved lighting and that he would be happy to consider it if funding becomes available. At the present time, the capital budget allocation for street lighting is spent on ensuring that the existing stock of lights, lamp columns, sign posts, sign lights, pelican crossing etc are kept in a safe condition. This has been the case for many years. New lighting is only installed due to an existing scheme becoming un-reparable, or as part of a general improvement scheme, when funding is made available from another budget.

10.4 CCTV Cameras – CTCC

10.4.1 The monthly Report – March- as received from CCC: There had been 3 requests from the Police to view digital media – 2 assaults and one criminal damage. Equipment has been ordered for the Lampeter System and the contractor should be on site soon to undertake the necessary improvements.

10.4.2 Visit to the Control Room, Aberystwyth: awaiting notification of a suitable date from the CCC.

11. A.O.B.

11.1 It was decided to thank the Parks & Gardens Section, CCC for the recent work undertaken at the War Memorial. It now looks very decent.

11.2 CCC would be asked if they were prepared to donate excess daffodil bulbs to the Town Council once again this year.

11.3 The Lampeter in Bloom Competition would take place again this year (frontal only).

11.4 Longwood Park: Official Opening Sunday 4th May

11.5 The Family Centre is still looking for a new home.

11.6 Cllr Hazel Davies, who will be retiring in her role as Councillor on the 30th April, was thanked for her dedication and commitment to the Town Council over a number of decades. She will be greatly missed and members felt that a tribute should be paid to her at the Mayor's Installation Service of the 6th June.

11.7 It was decided to send a bouquet of flowers to (Cllr) Mrs Jan Harris, who has been unwell recently.

11.8 A request has been submitted to the CCC to enquire whether it would be possible to stage the AGM at the Town Hall this year.

11.9 Water collecting on the entrance to the Ambulance Station remains a problem. It was decided to report the matter, once again to CCC.

**12. Date of next meetings: Thursday 8th May 7:00pm – Sign the Code of Conduct
Thursday 29th May 7:30pm – Monthly Meeting**

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