



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held at the Shire Hall,  
on Wednesday, November 28th , 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** The Mayor Cllr Richard Wallace, The Deputy Mayor Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr. Colin Jenkins, Cllr Roy Davies, Cllr Ros Bellamy, Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater, Cllr Ieuan Gwyn, Cllr Hugh Towns, Cllr Christopher Parish.  
Mr Roger Phillips ( Town Clerk )  
Mr. Christopher Plummer ( Financial Officer)  
Mr Des Davies ( Technical Officer )

**Apologies:** Cllr Fran Murphy.

**Police Matters :** The Community Support Officer Rob Smith stated that 2 Assaults and 1 burglary had been reported this month and enquiries were on going. Alcohol had been confiscated from some young teenagers . Cllr Colin Jenkins asked the Police to be aware that drivers were parking on the new double yellow lines in Blende Road whilst dropping off children for school. The Mayor Cllr Richard Wallace stated that the pedestrian crossing was becoming increasingly more dangerous He proposed that a letter be sent to the Trunk Road Agency to ask for a pelican crossing to replace the present crossing. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

**Min 203 / Nov /07 The County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Ieuan Jones reported the good work carried out by in the planting of flowers at the entrance to the Town. This was done to enhance the Town, without seeking payment. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent .

County Cllr Jones gave a breakdown of the donations he had secured for different organisations in the Town

Civic Hall decoration - £ 1500

Cae William floodlighting appeal - £1000

Scouts Hall £250

Local Children's Eisteddfod £250

Penlan Park Centenary Event £1000

**Min 204 / Nov / 07 Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the Full Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall , on Wednesday, October 24th, 2007 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record with the Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed and Cllr Dawn Wallace seconded. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall, on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> were read but could not be confirmed as a true record due a printing error. The actions recommended by the minutes had been carried out. They would be presented to the next Full council Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall

on Wednesday, November 12th , 2007 were read and confirmed as a true and accurate record and recommended to Full Council for acceptance with the following amendments

*Min 196/ Nov / 07 Accounts for payment – Add David Siggery ( installation of smoke Detector) - £445.34*

*Min 199 / Nov / 07 Firework balances as at 12.11.07*

*Remove W. Kingsbury from expenditure of £ 25.26 ( Christmas lights)*

It was proposed by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn and was seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour.

### **Min 205 / Nov / 07 Matters arising from previous meetings**

Re Min 153/ Sept/ 07 WAG Consultation – A shared Responsibility. It was agreed that Councillors who wished to make comments should return the questionnaire to the Clerk for submission.

### **Min 206 / Nov / 07 To Consider Correspondence requiring a response**

1. CCC – Press release regarding the sale of the Market Hall. Councillors were disappointed that this notification was only received a few hours prior to the meeting, after it had been reported in the press. The preferred bids were made by the Morgans Group and Gwalia. The scheme involved a mix of commercial ( office/workshop/retail), community and residential use of the market hall, together with a conference facility and gymnasium. In addition there would be a variety of new build homes. Both Morgans and Gwalia would give a presentation at a public meeting. County Councillor stated that the bid by Morgans was significantly higher than others submitted. As the Hall was a grade 2 listed building , CADW would have to approve the plans.

Cllr Roy Davies presented a report that was critical of the lack of communication from CCC despite the Mayor and Cllr Davies being assured by Mark James ( Chief Executive) and Senior Officers that there would be consultations regarding a building that was so important to the Town

It was agreed to send a letter stating the concerns and a request that CCC confirm in writing their willingness to involve the Town Council in future plans and discussions.

2. Nice Price News Re. licensing application made by 44, Rhosmaen Street. It was agreed that Mr Price's objections be forwarded to the CCC Licensing Dept., together with the Council's objections. The Council wished to object on the grounds of the late hours of opening ( 1.30am) on each day with an entertainment licence for live music to the same time.

The Clerk received permission to write to Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM and Adam Price MP to express concern that the Town Council is not informed of licensing applications by CCC.

3. WAG Notice of Temporary Traffic Restrictions. It was agreed that the Clerk write to state the Council's opposition to the proposals.

4. One Voice Wales – Notice of new national salary awards agreed. It was agreed that the nominated Councillor for Personnel should examine these and that they are verified at the next Council meeting .

5. Llandeilo Civic Trust. Notification that they will hold future meetings in the Civic Hall as the need to have adequate insurance cover to comply with the Shire Hall booking requirements was too expensive. Noted.

6. CCC – Consultation on Crime and disorder in Carmarthenshire. The Mayor had completed and returned it .

7. Llandeilo & District Gardening Club – re Llandeilo in Bloom

Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed that £500 grant be given to the Club. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. All were in favour. Councillors were reminded of the invitation to attend a talk given by Dr John Evans on Usk – Town of Flowers

8. WAG – Consultation on General Surgical Services in Carmarthen. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater would complete

9. CCC consultation on Council Budget 2008/9-2010/11. The Finance Officer would comment.

10. Local Health Board meeting. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater would attend the meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2007.

11. David Rice- re the removal of unwanted vegetation near Bridge Street. It was agreed that the Council ask Mr Rice to provide a quotation for the removal of the said vegetation. Cllr Ros Bellamy stated that she would examine the terms of the original maintenance work carried out in 2004.

12. Llio Silyn Davies - re request for Financial assistance to support Disco held for young people during the Festival of the Senses. It was agreed that the Council not make any contribution. The letter to be forwarded to the Chamber of Trade, the organisers of the Festival.

#### **Min 207 / Nov / 07 Correspondence for information**

1. CCC – Healthy Walking Groups. Noted.
2. Office of Rail Regulation – Approach to Land disposal. Noted.
3. One Voice Wales – Report of AGM. Noted
4. CCC Improvement Plan 2007-7 Summary (CD) Noted
5. Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. Annual Report. Noted.
6. Nice Price News – Reflections on Firework display. Noted.
7. Federation of City Farms & Gardens newsletter. Noted.
8. CCC Park & Ride in Carmarthen starting 3.12.07. Noted
9. Davies Richards – Minutes of meeting on 8.11.07. Noted

#### **Min 208 / Nov / 07 Financial Matters.**

1. Accounts for Payment	
WCVA ( Payroll Nov 07 )	£ 178.24
WCVA ( Nov 07 Admin )	£ 35.54
Zurich Municipal ( Fireworks Event Insurance)	£ 52.50
Lloyds British Testing Ltd ( Christmas lights )	£ 793.13
Language Export Centre ( translation of heritage leaflets)	£ 634.50
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP ( Audit)	£ 669.75
Dewis ( Translation of minutes)	£ 404.10
Technical Officer ( time switches)	£ 11.94
Cllr D.Wallace ( purchase of tea, tea towels for Kitchen)	£ 7.77

These were passed for payment, proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish. All were in favour.

#### 2. Other Financial Matters

i) Quarterly Budget Report. Cllr Ieuan Gwyn presented a report confirming all the checks carried out showed no irregularities.

ii) The External Audit Report. The Finance Officer reported that the Audit for 2006-7 had now been successfully completed. The only comment was a

discrepancy of £1 which had now been resolved. Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that the report is noted . This was seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour and the Council thanked the Finance Officer on his work.

iii) The Finance Officer reported that as requested by the Council , £50,000 had been transferred to a high interest bond, which should produce an income of £598 by the end of February at the current rate of 4.75% interest.

iv) The Finance Officer was given permission to transfer £5,000 from the deposit account to the Current Account.

#### **Min 209 / Nov/ /07 Financial Regulations and Standing Orders**

Cllr Ieuan Gwyn reported that the Procedures Sub- group had now completed their review of the Financial Regulations , which were now ready for translation. The group requested another meeting to finalise the changes to the Standing Orders.

#### **Min 210 / Nov / 07 Transportation and Highways**

The Clerk reported that he had received communication from Dyffryn Cennen Community Council stating that at present they did not feel it opportune to meet regarding the Bypass.

#### **Min 211/ Nov / 07 The Centenary Celebrations of Penlan park**

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Edward Thomas reported that he had held two meetings involving Tenovus, the Civic Trust, the Chamber of trade, the Rotary Club and Music Festival representatives. Apologies had been received from the Round Table. The main celebration would take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> , 2008 , the date closest to the original opening of the Park and would take the form of an Edwardian Fete in the afternoon, with a Jazz in the Park event in the evening. Cllr Thomas asked the Council for permission to set up a working group, to include Councillors and representatives of the other bodies. It was also suggested that a risk assessment be carried out , together with enquiries regarding the need for various licences. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish that permission be given to Cllr Edward Thomas to commence the arrangements. All were in favour.

**Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the Council suspend Standing Order No 6 for 30minutes in order to complete Council business.**

#### **Min 212 / Nov / 07 A Report of the Davies Richards Meetings**

There was a general discussion regarding the proposals to develop the Northern part of Llandeilo. This was based on the documents circulated by Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater. All Members made their comments and the Clerk would forward these to Cllr Leadbeater. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater would ask Mr Kedrick Davies to make a presentation to the Council on a named Saturday in January.

#### **Min 213 / Nov / 07 Mayor's Report**

The Mayor Cllr Richard Wallace submitted a report of the functions attended on behalf of the Council .

#### **Min 214 / Nov/ 07 Christmas Lights Subgroup Report**

The Mayor Cllr Richard Wallace stated that all arrangements were complete. The switch on would take place in Bradford Square with Father Christmas arriving on a sleigh. The Tregib school band would play. The Round Table would provide a hot food stall. The winners of the Christmas window competition would also be announced.

**Min 215 / Nov / 07 The Technical Officer's Report.**

The Technical Officer circulated photographs of the state of the swing bridge. The Clerk was asked to send a stern letter to CCC relaying the Council's concerns over the dangerous state of the Bridge. Mr Davies had not received a report as yet from Lorne Stewart.

The Technical Officer asked for permission to get a contractor to examine the Flashings and snow box adjoining the Pet shop roof which might be a cause of water leaking into their premises. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that up to £500 be sanctioned so that the work could be carried out. This was seconded by Cllr Roy Davies.

Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Davies Electrical for completing the work on the Christmas lights on time. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater seconded. All were in favour.

**Min 216 / Nov / 07 Any other items of business that by reason of special circumstance, the Chair decides should be considered as a matter of urgency, pursuant to section 100B(4)(B) of the local Government Act 1972.**

The Finance Officer was given permission to contact the architect as a matter of urgency to have the contractor to complete all the work on the Shire Hall

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