



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held at the Shire Hall,
on Wednesday, February 27th, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies : None.

Police Matters : PC Vernon Thomas reported that there had been 1 case of shoplifting, 1 of general theft, 3 burglaries , of which 2 have on-going enquiries and 1 detected assault. In answers to questions raised by residents ,PC Thomas stated that burglaries were down by 38% in this year in Llandeilo Town.

Min 270/Feb /08 The County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Ieuan Jones reported that Carmarthenshire County Council were to increase their Council Tax Rate by 4.5% for 2008-9. This is in spite of each department making 2% efficiency savings. CC Jones had asked The Heart of Wales Railway Transport Association if Arriva trains would allow private bus coaches to use the railway car park for parking during visits to Llandeilo. C.C. Jones had been informed that WAG had not appointed consultants for the Bypass project as yet. It was proposed by Cllr Roy Davies that the Clerk write to WAG to ask when this appointment would be made and if the timetable for the project had been set. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Min 271/Feb / 08 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2008 were read and confirmed as a true record, with the following amendments :

Present :Add -The Mayor Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Fran Murphy,
Delete-Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater, Mr Des Davies

Min 245/ Jan/08 change 'this was proposed by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn to Cllr Ros Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins to Cllr Dawn Wallace.

Min 249 / Jan/08 Accounts for payment, change Morgan & Morgan from £90.90 to £90.45

Min 252/Jan/08 the Charles Sams invoice should read £89.01

This was proposed by Cllr Roy Davies and seconded by Ros Bellamy. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, February 13th, 2008 were read and confirmed. This was proposed by

Cllr Fran Murphy and seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, 13th February ,2008 were read and confirmed as a true and accurate record with the following amendment :

Min 264/Feb/08 WCVA invoices change Dec07 to Jan 08.

This was proposed by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

Min 272/Feb / 08 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re Min 255/Feb/08 .The Clerk circulated the reply from the Planning officer regarding Planning Application E/18173. Following a discussion ,it was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace that the Council were to comment that the application be refused. All were in favour.

Re. Min 267/ Feb / 08 The Technical Officer had received quotations for the supply and fitting of carpet tiles in the Clerk's Office. They were as follows :-

L A Carpets	£ 260 inc. VAT
Shoppers World	£ 325 inc. VAT
Beechwood	£ 560 inc.VAT

In addition there was a charge of £30-£35 for the disposal of the old carpet.

It was proposed by Cllr Hugh Towns that the lowest tender be accepted i.e. LA Carpets. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

Min 273 / Feb /08 To Consider Correspondence requiring a response

1. Llio Silyn Davies- regarding the lack of facilities for young people. The Council accepted the response given by the Clerk for Ms Davies to contact the agencies organising activities for children in the Town, the Youth club, the Urdd, Menter Bro Dinefwr, The Communities Association's Youth Council.
2. CCC Children & Young People Plan 2008-11. The Mayor Cllr Richard Wallace would read and report back to the next Full Council meeting.
3. CCC Local Development Plan. The Chair of Planning ,Cllr Fran Murphy would read and report back to the next meeting.
4. Reply from Caroline Ferguson regarding the public notices for the diversion of Footpath 69/1. Noted.
5. Rhiannon Rowley- Informing the Council that Llandeilo had been awarded the title of Transition Town, the first of its kind in Wales. Notice was also given of presentation to be given by Ben Brangwyn in the Church Hall on March 5th.
6. Email from Mr Kedrick Davies suggesting dates for public consultations regarding the Pencrug development. Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that Mr Davies give more notice of the planned consultations and that these should take place in the Civic Hall with adequate publicity arranged. Cllr Roy Davies seconded the proposal. All were in favour. Cllr Charlotte would convey the comments to Mr Davies.

Min 274/ Feb /08 Correspondence for information

1. One Voice Wales – Quarterly magazine. Noted
2. Federation of City Farms & Gardens newsletter. Noted.
3. Letters of support from Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM and Adam Price MP regarding the Council's objections to the changes in waiting restrictions in Bridge Street. Noted

Min 275/ Feb / 08 Financial Matters.

1. Accounts for Payment
CCC Footway lighting £ 286.34
Payment Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas
All were in favour.
2. Income Received Jan 2008.
Dyfed Archeological Trust (rent for Shire Hall) £ 3,140.75
CCC – Shire Hall –final grant payment £ 2,354.78
Firework advertisements £ 300.00
Interest current account £ 1.25
3. Account Balances
LTC Current Account (22.2.08) £ 10,315.51
LTC Deposit Account (22.2.08) £ 59,130.02
LTC Mayor’s Account (20.1.08) £ 1,562.94
4. High Interest Bond Interest Payment (22.2.08) £ 598.63
5. Balances of Firework display as at 31.1.08

INCOME		EXPENDITURE (nett)	
Gate Receipts	£ 1,855.00	Fireworks Int.	£ 1,727.49
	£ 589.97	Pains Fireworks	£ 1,454.02
		Relms signs	£ 48.00
		Nice Price News	£ 40.08
Advertisements	£ 1,870.00	JW Thomas Print	£ 985.00
		Hire of tables	£ 15.00
		Relm Signs	£ 56.40
		Carm & Pum Farm.	£ 144.00
Totals	£4,314.97		£ 4,469.99
Difference	£ 155.02		
6. Other Financial Matters
 - i) The Finance Officer reminded Members that the High interest Bond was due to mature on February 22nd. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins that this Bond be re-invested for a further three month period. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.
 - ii) The Finance Officer provided a spreadsheet of the three year budget forecasts .
 - iii) The Finance officer stated that the Council had spent £29,005.45 of the £30,000 match funding loan borrowed from the Public Works Loans Board for the Shire Hall renovations. Mr Plummer would email the PWLB to inform them.

Min 276 / Feb / 08. To consider the Community Garden.

The Council discussed the report prepared by Cllr Fran Murphy on the problems of attempting to develop the Garden. Following the discussion Cllr Hugh Towns proposed that the land be sold. This was seconded by Cllr Christopher Parish. The proposal was put to a vote. The voting resulted in 6 Councillors in favour of the proposal and 6 Councillors against the proposal. The Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of the proposal and that the land would be put up for sale.

Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed that issues to with the selling of the land be put to the next Planning Committee meeting on March 12th. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

The Technical Officer had received a quotation of £325 plus Vat from Mr Hugh Gwyn to remove and dispose of rubbish from the site. The quotation also included the spraying of roundup. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the quotation be accepted. Cllr Roy Davies seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Min 277 / Feb / 08 The Centenary Celebrations of Penlan Park.

Cllr Edward Thomas gave a verbal report of the arrangements to date. He thanked Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater for booking the Burry Port Silver Band for the afternoon. There were issues to be resolved with the maintenance work required to be done by Carmarthenshire County Council . The next sub group meeting would take place on March 11th.

Min 278 / Feb/ 08 The Mayor's Report.

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

Min 279 / Feb / 08 Nominations for Mayor for the Year 2008-9

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed Cllr Edward Thomas as Mayor for 2008-9. Cllr Julia Jones seconded the proposal. All were in favour. Cllr Edward Thomas accepted the nomination.

Min 280 / Feb /08 Nominations for Deputy Mayor for the Year 2008-9

Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater as Deputy Mayor for 2008-9. Cllr Fran Murphy seconded the proposal. All were in favour. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater accepted the nomination.

Min 281 / Feb /08 The Technical Officer's Report

The Technical Officer stated that Mr David Jones of Coed Dulais had completed the maintenance of the land adjacent to Bridge Street. Mr Davies asked that the Council pay £30 for the disposal of four bags of rubbish collected from the site. This was agreed. Mr Davies and the contractor had examined the benches and tables which were in need of renovation. Two benches were damaged and would need to be replaced. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that the Technical Officer obtain quotations for two new benches, one to be placed in Bradford Square and the other at the entrance to Penlan Park.

Min 282/ Feb / 08 Other Reports.

1. The Christmas Lights Report.
The Technical Officer had circulated a written report .Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Davies for his work on the project. The Mayor seconded the proposal. Mr Davies recommended that the Council present the Christmas lights brackets to the owners of the properties on which they were attached. Owners that did not want the brackets would have the brackets removed but the Council would not make good any marks due to their removal. Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that these recommendations be accepted. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
2. The Procedures Subgroup. Cllr Hugh Towns proposed that the Equality Policy and the Access to Information Policy circulated be accepted and confirmed as

- Council documents. Cllr Ros Bellamy seconded. All were in favour. At the next AGM a named Councillor would be appointed to monitor each policy.
3. School Governors Reports
- Cllr Hugh Towns gave a report of the Autumn Term 2007 for Llandeilo CP School. He was very complementary of the excellent work instigated by the new Headteacher, Mrs Karen Johns. Unfortunately there had to be some redundancies on the staff due to falling pupil roles. The school had introduced many new policies with several community based activities.
- Cllr Colin Jenkins gave a report of the Autumn Term for Ysgol Teilo Sant. Again, the new Headteacher , Mr Roy James had made an excellent start, and the pupil numbers had increased from 190 to 221. It was encouraging that both Headteachers were prepared to work together with many joint ventures planned. Both schools had to work in outdated accommodation and it was hoped that a new school would be built in the next 5 years.
- It was proposed by Cllr Roy Davies and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that a letter of congratulations be sent to both Headteachers. All were in favour.

Min 283 / Feb /08Any 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 Clerk circulated WAG forms for Councillors to sign to declare that all matters of interest were declared. These were then collected . The Clerk was asked to send for 12 candidate packs as well as a full electoral list.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm