



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held at the Shire Hall,  
on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Apologies :** Cllr Fran Murphy, Cllr Ieuan Gwyn, Cllr Richard Wallace, Mr Des Davies ( Technical Officer)

**Prior to the meeting Tracey Kindred and Nia Prydderch, representatives of the Llandeilo Chamber of Trade addressed the Council of their plans for the 2008 Festival of the Senses.**

**Police Matters :** Police Sergeant Ian Price stated that 7 crimes had been recorded during the month, 5 of which had been detected. There were no crime patterns or patterns of antisocial behaviour. Councillors asked the PCSO Rob Smith also in attendance about his role. Following a discussion it was resolved that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable to request that the Force give the Support Officers additional responsibility, to include traffic violations. The Council wished it recorded that it was pleased with the current policing of the Town.

**Min 79/ June /08 The County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Ieuan Jones sent his apologies and was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

**Min 80/June / 08 Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, May 28th, 2008 were read and confirmed as a true record.

This was proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace.  
All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, June 11th, 2008 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance. This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance. This was proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater. All were in favour.

**Min 81/ June / 08 Matters arising from previous meetings**

Re Min 69/June/ 08, Cllr Chris Parish had been unable to attend the Community Network meeting due to an accident.

Re Min 76/June/08 (4) Quotations for carrying out a Valuation on the Shire Hall had been received and were opened at the meeting by the Mayor.  
 Clee Tompkinson £ 475 plus Vat.  
 Tompkinson Chartered Surveyors £ 545 plus Vat  
 It was proposed by Cllr Hugh Towns that the lower tender of £475 plus Vat be accepted.  
 Cllr Ros Bellamy seconded. All were in favour.

### **Min 82 / June/ 08 Financial Matters.**

1. Accounts for Payment
 

BT ( office phone )	£ 68.94
ABBA Loos Ltd ( Penlan park celebrations)	£ 337.23
Laurence Scaffolding Services	£ 210.50
Lewis Printers ( Council Fact sheets)	£ 206.00
Shaw & Sons ( council register)	£ 63.20
Charles Sams Electrical ( Shire hall inspection report)	£ 528.75
Charles Sams Electrical ( Penlan park celebrations )	£ 737.90
Mayor's expenses ( reception for guests re. Penlan Park)	£ 84.39

It was proposed by Cllr Hugh Towns and seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace that these be passed for payment
2. Other Financial Matters
  - a) It was agreed that all changes to bank mandates would be passed by the Finance Officer prior to Councillors going to the bank.  
 The following signatories were confirmed  
 Main Account – Cllr Ros Bellamy, Cllr Hugh Towns, Cllr Ieuan Gwyn, Cllr Colin Jenkins  
 Mayor's Account – Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Edward Thomas, Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater.

### **Min 83/ June / 08 Correspondence for Response**

1. Western Mail – offer to produce a Town Guide. There would be no cost to the Council, as the costs would be borne by the advertisers. The Mayor would provide a foreword , and the Council would provide an article on the Town. The Council would be given 8000 copies to disperse. Additional copies would cost £120 per 1000.  
 It was proposed by Cllr Hugh Towns that the Council proceed with the offer. This was seconded by Cllr Julia Jones. All were in favour.
2. CCC – Street Scene – reply to the Council's complaint regarding the poor condition of many of the street signs in the Town. CCC would inspect and replace the defective signs. Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk of any that should be replaced.
3. Local Government Partnership Scheme March 2008. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater would read the document and report back to Council.
4. CCC – consultation on proposed Dog Control orders, clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The Mayor would respond by completing the on-line questionnaire.

### **Min 84/ June / 08 Correspondence for Information**

1. Gwyl Bro Dinefwr 2008. Noted
2. Swansea Community farm Open Day 4.7.08. Noted.
3. HOWLTA Newsletter.

4. Independent Review Services for the Social Fund
5. Ombudsman Annual Report 2007-8
6. WAG – Local Government Partnership Report 2006-7. Noted.

#### **Min 85 / June /08 Transportation and Highways**

In response to the Council's letter regarding the poor state of the by pass roundabout . The Trunk Road Agency , who maintained the roundabout had sprayed the area and had ordered new road signs.

#### **Min 86 / June /08 The Centenary Celebrations for Penlan Park.**

The Mayor thanked all who had contributed to making the event such a success. As far as the charity stall were concerned it would be good to record the amount of monies that they had collected on the day. As a mark of appreciation for their participation and help the following donations were proposed by Cllr Hugh Towns, seconded by Cllr Dawn Wallace. All were in favour.

Ysgol Teilo Sant £50

Llandeilo CP School £50

The Teilo Singers £50

St John's Ambulance £50

Tregib School ( for the loan of the tables) £50

The Clerk was asked to write to Stuart Quick ,CCC to ask for a traditional brown sign to direct visitors to Penlan Park.

Councillors Ros Bellamy, Colin Jenkins and the Mayor were to meet to discuss the appropriate way of commemorating the centenary of Penlan Park

The Clerk was asked to contact Lewis Printers to obtain a quotation for the reprinting 250 copies of the Centenary programme. These would then be sold to interested people. The subgroup, set up to organise the centenary celebrations, would meet in September to discuss whether an annual event should be arranged in the park.

Any other organisations could organise their own events in conjunction with CCC.

#### **Min 87 / June / 08 The Technical Officer's Report.**

The Technical Officer had submitted a report in his absence. Mr Davies reported that the ivy growing on the front elevation of Shire Hall had reached the soffit and was penetrating the mortar. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr John Owen , on whose property the ivy originated, to ask for permission to remove the ivy. The Mayor would also speak to Mr Owen regarding the problem.

The Technical officer had sent out invitations to contractors to provide quotations for

- i) renovating the front forecourt area of Shire Hall
- ii) improvements to the internal hall areas of Shire Hall

These would be opened at the next Finance Committee meeting

#### **Min 88/ June / 08 The Mayor's Report.**

The Mayor gave a report of the functions and duties carried out on behalf of the Council during the month.

Cllr Edward Thomas read out the response of Mr Ian Jones, Head of Leisure Services to the request for details of the expenditure undertaken by CCC on leisure in Llandeilo . The Members were disappointed that no progress was being made by CCC to replace the Town's swimming pool.

The Mayor had received a quotation from Fattorini Ltd to upgrade the Mayor's Chain. There was need to increase the number of links to accommodate the recent Mayors' names as well as lining the chain with velvet to make the chain more comfortable to wear. The quotation was for £2082 plus vat. Cllr Hugh Towns proposed that this work

be carried out. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. All were in favour. The money was to be made available from the saving on the unused Election fund.

### **Min 89/ 08 Other Reports**

1. The World Sheepdog Trials Sub Group  
The Clerk gave a report of the meeting the group had held with Mr Meirion Owen and Mr Sulwyn Thomas . The Fifes and drums of the Regiment of Wales were to lead the parade. Cllr Colin Jenkins had contacted the Primary Schools who would make their own Flags of the participating nations. The Clerk would contact Dawnsyr Penrhyd and a local choir to provide entertainment. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater would book the Civic Hall. The Clerk was to obtain quotations for providing a buffet. The Council were invited to have a stand in the main marquee.
2. The Health Sub group  
This report was deferred to the next meeting.
3. Report on the Fire & Rescue Authority Risk Reduction Plan  
Cllr Colin Jenkins reported that the Fire & Rescue Authority had carried out 17,000 safety audits during 2007-8, and fitted 21,000 smoke alarms. They had organised community initiatives in Schools and with voluntary groups. They had developed co-responder schemes in conjunction with the Ambulance service. Cllr Jenkins was thanked for his report.
4. Report on the Proposed CCC Local Development Plan  
Cllr Roy Davies gave a comprehensive report on the CCC plans. He believed that there were two options for future development
  - 1) Development in the three larger areas of Llanelli, Carmarthen & Ammanford/Crosshands
  - 2) Development in the larger towns and villages.Cllr Davies's opinion was that option 2 would see higher levels of development for the Town than option 1  
Cllr Davies was concerned over the lack of dialogue and information between CCC and the Council regarding future development in the Town. As the Council had still not received a response from Mr Mark James to a letter sent in January 2008, he proposed that a further letter be sent to ask for greater cooperation. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded the proposal. All were in favour.
5. Report on the Welsh Language Policy  
Cllr Roy Davies submitted a report on the updating of this policy. He asked for comments to be considered by the September Full Council meeting.

### **Min 90/June/ 08 The Festival of the Senses 2008**

A discussion took place on the plans given by the representatives of the Chamber of Trade at the start of the meeting.

Cllr Hugh Towns proposed that the Council donate £1000 to the Christmas Festival of Senses 2008 to assist with the production of promotional leaflets and programmes. This was from monies allocated for the Town Council elections in May 2008, which did not take place due to Councillors being returned unopposed. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the annual 'switching on' of the Christmas lights should now take place on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to coincide with the Festival. Cllr Chris parish seconded. All were in favour. It was also decided to invite two members of the Chamber of Trade to join the Christmas lights subgroup.

### **Min 91/ June/ 08 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 Deputy Mayor Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater asked if the Council would give its support to her organising a sponsored walk in aid of Diabetes research. All were in agreement.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm