



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held at the Shire Hall,
on Wednesday, 25th February ,2009 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies : Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Hugh Towns,

Prior to the meeting , a representative of Shelter Cymru addressed Council on a project to highlight homelessness in rural communities. The information contained in the project file were to be circulated to public venues. Carmarthenshire County Council were cooperating with Shelter Cymru by the appointment of a Rural Housing Enabler.

There were no Police Matters .

Min 262 / Feb /09 County Councillor's Report .

County Councillor Ieuan Jones asked that any views relating to the CCC Local Development Plan should be sent to Jon Timothy of the Forward Planning Team, or to arrange a deputation to meet with him.

Cllr Roy Davies asked if Councillors could be involved in the Tywi Afon yr Oesoedd Project. County Cllr Jones stated that as the project was based in the Council offices in Crescent Road , it would be possible to arrange to meet with the project team.

A public meeting would be held at Ysgol Tregib on February 26th to discuss the proposed school reorganisations.

County Councillor Jones suggested that the Town Council contact Jason Lawday, the designated Ranger regarding any footpath queries.

Min 263 / Feb/ 09 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, January 28th, 2008 were read and confirmed as a true record with the addition of the names of the following Councillors present at the meeting :-
Deputy Mayor Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater, Cllr Julia Jones, Cllr Christopher Parish

This was proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Julia Jones.

All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, February 11th ,2008 were read and confirmed as a true record but the recommendation under Minute 251/Feb/09 to recommend the summer event proposed to Full Council not be accepted until further discussion takes place at the Full Council meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater and seconded by Cllr Roy Davies. All

were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, February 11th, 2009 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance with the following amendment :-

Min 225 / Feb / 09 –addition to the bills for payment.

Des Davies (office maintenance materials) £ 20.94

This was proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn. All were in favour.

Min 264 / Feb / 09 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re. Min 251/ Feb / 09 Cllr Ieuan Gwyn reminded all working parties and sub groups that they should report back directly to Full Council and not to Committees.

Min 265/ Feb/ 09 Correspondence requiring a response

1. CCC Settlement Survey. Chair of Planning would complete the questionnaire.
2. One Voice Wales. Buckingham palace Garden party invitation. The mayor would apply.
3. Dyfed Archaeological Trust re. Exploration Tywi Project. Offer for volunteers to join in the activities Cllr Roy Davies would contact the Trust regarding developing the Heritage Trail audit.
4. CCC Tourism Signs . The Clerk was to contact County Councillor Ieuan Jones regarding the costs .
5. Tywi Afon yr Oesoedd Project newsletter. Noted
6. Tywi Afon yr Oesoedd Project grant details. Cllr Roy Davies would contact the designated Ranger Jason Lawday regarding developing an extended footpath.
7. CCC Local Development Plan – Publication of a Candidate site register. Cllr Colin Jenkins and Cllr Roy Davies would arrange a meeting with the Forward Planning team.

Min 266/Feb/ 09 Correspondence for information.

1. Catrin Howells reply to Council request for invoices to be forwarded as soon as possible. Noted
2. Course details for certificate in local council administration. Noted.
3. WAG- Notice of All Wales Convention meeting in Carmarthen on March 5th. Noted.
4. Llanelli Magistrates' court open day March 4th. Noted.

Min 267 / Feb /09 There were no Financial Matters

Min 268 / Feb / 09 The Technical Officer's Report.

Mr Davies presented a comprehensive report on the following matters :-

- i) Public Rights of way. Clerk to contact designated Ranger.
- ii) Christmas lights. Technical Officer to meet with Trunk Road Agency representative to prepare method statement for the erection of lights along Rhosmaen street next year.
- iii) Shire hall forecourt. Mr Moses, building contractor was to provide a report on the work required to prevent water penetration through the front wall and portico.
- iv) Shire hall boiler. Mr Davies had given Lorne Stewart 14 days to complete the annual maintenance. If this was not done he would then contact another company.

- v) Shire hall toilets. Local contractors to make inspection to suggest ways of reducing condensation.
- vi) Mr Phil Wait to be contacted to delay the fitting of signage to the portico until remedial work is carried out.

Min 269 / Feb / 09 Transportation and Highways

1. Ian Brachans re traffic dangers on A40 junction. The Clerk was to forward letter to the CCC Highways department with comments of support. The letter to be forwarded to County Cllr Ieuan Jones and Sergeant Ian Williams , Llandeilo Police for their comments.
2. Trevor Sage, CCC Officer with notice of temporary closure of Carmarthen Street. Noted.
3. The nuisance of dog fouling in Penlan Park was raised by Cllr Colin Jenkins. The Clerk was to write to Paul Morris, CCC environmental Officer to ask wardens to prosecute offending dog owners .

Min 270 / Feb / 09 Staff Appraisals

Cllr Hugh Towns had produced a draft report which had been circulated to Councillors. As the comments of the staff had not been taken into account , it was proposed by Cllr Roy Davies that the report be deferred to the next Full Council meeting in March. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. As this would include personal and sensitive details involving staff it was agreed that the press and public would be excluded. All were in favour.

Min 271/ Feb / 09 The Mayor's Report.

Cllr Edward Thomas gave a report of the functions attended on behalf of the Council during the month. The Mayor reported on the recent joint meeting held with Dyffryn Cennen Community Council , Adam Price MP and Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM.

The following action points would be placed on future Committee Agendas

- A traffic Management plan to discuss jointly with Dyffryn Cennen
- Local Projects to be prepared in advance of 2012 , when grants should be available following the London Olympic Games . These could include suggestions for new leisure facilities.

Cllr Thomas would produce a report for discussion by Council. He would write to Clive Scourfield, CCC Executive Board member to request a report on the current position regarding the sale of Market Hall.

Visitors from Llandeilo's twin town of Le Conquet, Brittany would be entertained on Monday , April 11th with a reception at St Teilo's Church at midday. The Deputy Mayor Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater and Cllr Chris Parish offered to assist with the serving of the refreshments.

Min 272 / Feb / 09 Other Reports

- i) Christmas lights sub group.
Cllr Chris Parish gave a report on the meeting held on 17th February .The Trunk Road Agency were to place conditions on the erection of Christmas lights along Rhosmaen Street. Traffic controls would be necessary and this could add £1000 to the costs. The sub group recommended the purchase of two Christmas trees for the main display areas. Prospect Builders would be asked to provide these and erect them. The date of the Christmas lights 'switch on' would be November 20th. A window display competition would be arranged with judging to take

place on November 16th. First prize would be £50, second prize of £30 and a third prize of £20. The entertainment would be provided by the Ammanford Silver band and Cor Sain Teilo. The Police, Round Table and St John's Ambulance would be asked to assist on the night.

ii) Fireworks Sub group report.

Llandeilo RFC were to be asked for permission to hold the next display on Friday, 6th November. Mr Geraint Price had agreed to be responsible for setting off the fireworks. The group would need to have an improved communication system to maintain contact with all involved with the display.

It was proposed by Cllr Chris Parish and seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that microphones and earphones be purchased at a cost of £227. All were in favour. It was recommended not to produce a programme for the event. The entrance fee would remain at £2 per adult.

It was proposed by Cllr Christopher Parish and seconded by Cllr Julia Jones that Fireworks to the value of £3,750 be ordered for the display. All were in favour.

iii) Summer Events at Penlan Park sub group.

The Clerk reported on a meeting held with Huw Parsons, CCC Tourism Manager. Mr Parsons had evaluated the proposals submitted by the Clerk to hold a 'Revels in the park' event on June 20th and offered to assist the Council to organise the event. CCC would work in partnership with the Council to provide a free event for the Town. The proposed event would have the medieval theme of animals and fairies. It would start with a parade of school children with a marching band. At the Park there would be charity stalls, activities for children and musical items involving local schools and choirs.

This was proposed as the first of a series of three Summer events to be held at the park.

Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that the sub group keep the Council informed of all the arrangements. This was seconded by Cllr Ros Bellamy. All were in favour.

Min 273 / Feb / 09 To Receive Nominations for Mayor for 2009-10

Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater, the current Deputy Mayor as Mayor for the Year 2009-10. Cllr Fran Murphy seconded the proposal. All were in favour. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater accepted the nomination.

Min 274 / Feb /09 To Receive Nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2009-10

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed Cllr Christopher Parish as Deputy Mayor for the Year 2009-10. Cllr Julia Jones seconded the proposal. All were in favour. Cllr Christopher Parish accepted the nomination.

Min 275 / Feb /09 Any items of business that by reason of special circumstance the Chair decides should be considered as a matter of urgency, pursuant to section 100 B (4)(B) of the local Government Act 1972

Councillors discussed correspondence received from Cllr Hugh Towns regarding time restraints due to work commitments. Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that Cllr Towns be given four months leave of absence. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater seconded. All were in favour.

Cllr Fran Murphy reported that she had reviewed the WAG booklet on Publication Schemes and would ask the Clerk and the Finance officer to complete forms as required.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm