



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held at the Shire Hall,
on Wednesday, October 27th, 2010 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: The Mayor Cllr Christopher Parish, Deputy Mayor Cllr Julia Jones ,
Cllr Edward Thomas , Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater, Cllr Ros Bellamy.
Cllr Ieuan Gwyn, Cllr Roy Davies.
Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Des Davies (Technical Officer)

Apologies : Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Dawn Wallace,
Cllr Fran Murphy

Prior to the meeting Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that the actions of the Clerk in bringing the meeting forward by 30 minutes to allow time to accommodate Mr Eirian James , CCC Rights of Way manager to inform the Council of the current situation regarding the King's Bridge was justified and to be recommended to Council. Cllr Julia Jones seconded. All were in favour.

Police Matters . PCSO Roger Anthony reported the following crimes committed in Llandeilo during the month :-

- i) The Pay and display machine in the main car park had been broken into.
- ii) A theft from a shop by using a stick to push through the letter box to access items.
- iii) 2 incidences of criminal damage (two have been arrested)

Police had distributed posters to shops in advance of Halloween.

Cllr Edward Thomas thanked PCSO Anthony for assisting the school crossing attendant at the start and end of school times as drivers were often ignoring the instructions of the attendant

Cllr Thomas stated that the two primary Schools were waiting for the result of a feasibility study before the School pedestrian crossing could be started.

Min 171 / Oct/10 Mr Eirian James, CCC Rights of Way Manager

Mr James reported that the Authority was finding it difficult to keep the King's bridge in a good state of repair because of the continued vandalism carried out by school children. Boys were breaking the mesh on the sides of the bridge so that they could jump into the water. Much of the Authority's maintenance budget was being used in replacing the mesh on a regular basis. In view of the Council's wish to celebrate to Centenary of the bridge in 2011, Mr James was trying to find the best sources of grants so that major improvements could be made to the bridge and its surroundings.

As a result of the address by Mr James, it was proposed by Cllr Roy Davies that the Council set up a subgroup to look into the development of the bridge and its surroundings in view of its centenary in 2011. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded.

The subgroup would consist of Cllr Roy Davies, Cllr Edward Thomas, The Mayor and the Technical officer. All were in favour

Min 172 / Oct / 10 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on

Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010 were read and confirmed as a true record .
Proposed by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, October 13th, 2010 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance. Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas and seconded by Cllr Julia Jones. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, October 13th, 2010 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance with the following amendments :-
Min 168 / Oct/10 (1) add the sentences – The Council had agreed to donate £250 to the Festival of the senses rather than the £1,000 given in 2009. The Chamber of Trade had expressed its disappointment at the reduction in the donation.
Min 169/Oct/10 change £2,650 to £206.95 plus vat.
Proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater. All were in favour.

Min 173 / Oct / 10 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re. Min 154/ Sept/10 Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater wished to correct information given to the Council. She stated that the tables at the open day in the Civic hall on Oct 30th, 2010 were in fact free, but donations were accepted. Cllr Roy Davies, Cllr Ros Bellamy and Cllr Edward Thomas would attend for the Council

Re. Min 155 / Oct / 10 The Clerk reported that the CCC Planning Officer had refused to agree to the site visits asked for by the Council .The Clerk had submitted objections to the Planning Application in Diana Road as agreed by the Planning Committee.

Re. Min 167 / Oct/10 (4) Cllr Ieuan Gwyn stated that he would give a report on the meeting with Mr Ken Murphy during the item on Other Reports later in the agenda.

Min 174/ Oct / 10 Correspondence requiring a response

1. Gwilym Hughes, Llandeilo & District Civic Trust re. Riverside Walk. It was proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy that the Council send a letter of support for improving the footpath. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour. It was also decided to ask Mr Eirian James, CCC Rights of Way Manager for his comments. CC Ieuan Jones would raise it at the next meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council.
2. WAG – Community & Town Council Survey. Cllr Edward Thomas would complete.
3. Dyfed Powys Police Questionnaire on Police priorities for 2011/12.
The Council agreed that the priorities should be
 - Accessibility to police
 - Antisocial behaviour
 - Burglary
 - Drug related crime
4. Ysgol Tregib – request for support for a school project. Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed that £50 be donated . Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater seconded. All were in favour. The Council's name would be included in the project workbook.
5. CCC Social Justice, Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee. Consultation . Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater would reply with comments.

6. CCC re. Vacancy on Tywi Ward of the Council. The Electoral services department had given permission for the Town Council to co-opt to fill the vacancy.
7. Letter with expression of interest from Mr David Williams to become a Councillor. It was agreed to invite Mr Williams to the next Full Council meeting when the vacancy would be placed on the Agenda.

Min 175 / Oct / 10 Correspondence for information.

1. One Voice Wales – Planning Training Workshops . Noted.
2. Royal Welsh Regimental Journal. Noted.
3. Llandeilo Chamber of Trade – notice of new officers. Noted.
4. Cambrian Mountains Initiative – notice of meeting on December 7th at Llandovery.
5. Menter Cwm Gwendraeth course. Noted.

Min 176 / Oct /10 Financial Matters.

1. Accounts for payment.

Clerk's expenses (Norton antivirus – £49.99, postage £12.48)	£ 62.47
Relm Signs (fireworks banners)	£ 105.75
Lloyds British Testing (Christmas lights anchor testing)	£ 878.90
Zurich Insurance (firework display event insurance)	£ 478.90
Des Davies (postage)	£ 2.28

Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that these items be passed for payment, Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater seconded. All were in favour.

2. Audit report 2009/10

The Finance Officer stated that he had received the report of the Audit submitted to the External Auditor.

It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas that the Council adopt the recommendations as advised by BDO, the External Auditors . Cllr Ros Bellamy seconded. All were in favour. The Mayor signed the report to be returned to BDO. The implications of issues raised would be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Min 177 / Oct / 10 The County Councillor's Report

CC Ieuan Jones stated that parents should not drive into the Community Education car park to drop off their children for school. The Cooperative store had a area for this purpose. Cllr Edward Thomas asked CC Jones to thank the County Council and Mr Gerwyn Thomas , Assistant Parks manager ,in particular for their work in renovating the gates to Penlan Park.

Min 178 / Oct / 10. Planning Matters

RE. Planning Application E/23680 at the King's Head. The Clerk was to write to ask for plans of the proposed changes to be sent to the Council as the ones on the website only showed the current plans. The Council were broadly in favour of the change of the King's Head to residential use, as long as the historical features are maintained. CC Jones commented that the plans were on hold until the Trunk Road Agency and Conservation Department reports were received by CCC.

Min 179 / Oct /10 Transportation and Highway Issues.

1. South Wales Trunk Road Agency in reply to the Council's letter pointing out the amount of roadside weeds along Bridge Street ,stated that the work would be carried out in November.
2. John McEvoy, CCC Traffic manager regarding the proposed one way system in Latimer Road. Mr McEvoy stated ,that as a result of the Town Council's objections to the scheme , CCC would not be implementing the proposals.

Min 180 / Oct / 10 The Technical Officer's Report.

The Technical Officer reported that the Glynceirch footpath was unpassable. The Clerk was to write to Mr Eirian James, CCC Footpaths manager to ask if the Authority could repair the ground with hardcore.

Mr Davies and Cllr Roy Davies were due to meet Hugh Gwynne, the contractor, regarding the community garden.

Min 181 / Oct / 10 The Mayor's Report.

Cllr Christopher Parish gave a report of all the functions attended on behalf of the Council during the month.

Min 182 / Oct /10 Other Reports

1. Fireworks Sub group

Report on meeting held on October 19th, 2010. Safety signs would be produced in Welsh and English. All organisations had been informed of the times to report for stewarding duties. Councillors agreed to share the workload of delivering the programmes to all homes in the Town. The Insurance premium had increased greatly this year to £ 480. The expenditure to date was within the allocated budget of £5,000.

The next meeting would be held on November 2nd , at 6.30pm
2. Christmas Lights Subgroup

Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater presented a report of the meeting held on October 26th, 2010. Tracey Kindred of the Chamber of Trade attended the meeting. Mrs Kindred stated that the Chamber had engaged a singer for the event who would also act as an MC. He would also provide a PA system for the event. The quotations obtained by the Town Council were not required but would be kept on file. The risk assessments had been sent to St John's who would provide two first aiders at a cost of £14 per hour.

The subgroup recommended that the Chamber of Trade be allowed to have a hog roast. Cllr Ros Bellamy proposed that the provision of the Hog Roast be allowed as and where suitable. Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater seconded. This was carried 4 votes for and 1 vote against.

The agreed timings were as follows :-

 - 5.30 pm – PA system set up , stewards to arrive .
 - 5.40 pm – safety announcements made
 - 5.45 pm – Mayor to speak and the lights to be switched on
 - 5.50 pm – singer to entertain
 - 6.15pm - Father Christmas competition parade with lanterns
 - 6.30pm – Competition results and prizes announced.
 - 6.40pm – Ammanford Silver Band
 - 7.25 pm – Arrival of Father Christmas and distribution of presents
 - 8.00 pm – Firework display in Penlan park

It was agreed that the Council would ensure that the earlier switch on of the lights would be widely advertised via the schools courtesy of the Council's representatives on the Governing Boards as well as in the local press.

3. Shire Hall subgroup.

Cllr Ieuan Gwyn stated that the group had met with Mr Ken Murphy of Dyfed Archaeological Trust on October 14th, 2010, regarding the 5 year rent review. It was provisionally agreed that the rent would increase by 2 1/2 % for the next 5 years. Mr Murphy would seek the approval of the Trustees of DAT. The Clerk would confirm the exact date of the signing of the previous agreement and write to Mr Murphy with the formal offer. It was proposed by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that these proposals be accepted.

Min 183/ Oct /10 Other 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

The Mayor stated that the Council Buffet evening would be held on Saturday, 11th December in the Angel Hotel.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm