



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held at the Shire Hall,
on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies : Cllr Ros Bellamy, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Dawn Wallace.

Prior to the meeting a representative from Lloffwr, Tywi Valley community newspaper addressed the Council . He hoped that there could be closer lines of communication so that the paper could promote the Council's events and also the Council through its website can promote the events organised in the area by the paper and Menter Bro Dinefwr.

Police Matters . PCSO Roger Anthony reported that there had been 59 crimes reported during the months of August and September in the whole of the Tywi section with 10 occurring in Llandeilo Town including

- i) 4 drug offences , which included the execution of a warrant,
- ii) 1 theft of a painting from a local cafe (detected)
- iii) 1 theft of an ornamental tree,
- iv) 2 smashed windows (domestic related)

PCSO Anthony stated that the theft of metal farm gates were becoming a problem in the area. As far as the recent burglary in the Cooperative store was concerned , the gang involved were from Burnley in the North of England.

There was no Sergeant allocated to the Town , but the section were now working
Cllr Roy Davies asked the Police to be vigilant regarding vandalism occurring on the King's bridge

Min 143 / Sept /10 County Councillor's Report .

County Councillor Ieuan Jones stated that Mr Paul Morris, CCC Environmental Officer did not feel that more litter bins were required along the Crescent as the present one was under used. The paddling pool in Parc le Conquet will be removed and the area covered with tarmacadam , with adult recreational equipment placed there instead.

Discussion took place regarding the state of the railway station and the approach road which was full of pot holes. C.c. Jones praised the work of Mr Keith Towler and his team of volunteers in trying to brighten the station with pots of flowers.

Concern was expressed at the state of the King's Bridge which continued to be vandalised.

The electoral commission was looking to change the composition of wards to try and standardise each one to contain 3000 electors

Min 144 / September / 10 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, July 28th, 2010 were read and confirmed as a true record .

Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn. All in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, September 8th, 2010 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance. Proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas 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, September 8th, 2010 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance .

Proposed by Cllr Julia Jones and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

Min 145 / September / 10 Matters arising from previous meetings

Re. Min 126/ July/10 Cllr Ieuan Gwyn stated that the rent review meeting with Dyfed Archaeological Trust had not yet taken place. Cllr Edward Thomas would arrange the meeting as soon as possible.

Re. Min 134/July/10. The Clerk stated that notices advertising the vacancy on the Town Council which had come about as a result of Hugh Towns' resignation had been placed in local newspapers.

Re 140 / July / 10 (2) The Mayor stated that he would give a report to the Council on the charity evening.

Min 146/ September / 10 Correspondence requiring a response

1. Disability Wales re. Annual membership. Noted.
2. Annual Standards Conference Cardiff. Noted.
3. CCC Assistant Grounds Manager, Gerwyn Thomas. Noted.
4. Tidy Wales Awards 2010. Noted.

Min 147 / September / 10 Correspondence for information.

1. One Voice Wales – New Chief Executive – Lyn Cadwallader .
2. Peter Beynon re. Street Market. Noted.
3. Llandeilo Show – New Secretary – Rachel Hughes
4. HMCS- acknowledgement of the Council's letter objecting to proposals to close local magistrates courts.
5. Mrs Julie Griffiths, headteacher of Tregib school letter of thanks for the £300 prize money awarded to Community projects at the school.

Min 148 / September /10 Financial Matters.

1. Accounts for payment.

Kimbolton Fireworks Ltd	£ 1,076.10
Morgan & Morgan (printer ink cartridge)	£ 35.21
Zurich Insurance (annual insurance policy)	£ 4,116.06
Orchardweb (website hosting licence)	£ 56.39
BT (office telephone)	£ 57.58
Westward (annual Shire Hall boiler service)	£ 176.25

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

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that the telephone bill be paid by direct debit in future. When the quarterly bill is paid , it must be brought to Council to be minuted as being paid. Cllr Fran Murphy seconded. All were in favour.

2. On line banking.

The Finance Officer presented a draft policy for discussion on how the Council could operate a system of on line banking. It was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater that this be discussed further by the Finance committee. As this process would affect the Council's Financial Regulations, Cllr Ieuan Gwyn agreed to study the changes required. All were in favour.

Min 149/ September /10 Transportation and Highway Issues.

Cllr Colin Jenkins had received complaints regarding the overgrown foliage on the roundabout joining the A483 and the A40. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency and ask them to arrange for maintenance work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Min 150 / September / 10 The Technical Officer's Report.

The Technical Officer provided a comprehensive report to Council. He stated that the TRJ company had generously agreed to lend traffic controlling equipment to be used for the annual testing of the Christmas lights brackets on Sunday October 10th, 2010. Mr Davies had completed the method statement and risk assessment and was awaiting certificates from Lloyds British and the electrical contractor. Mr Morris, prospect construction had again agreed to sponsor the cost of the Christmas tree.

Two of the three tenders sent out for erecting the Christmas lights sent had been returned and were opened at the meeting.

They were as follows :-

1. Charles Sams - £ 3,361.25
2. Davies Electrical - £ 2,650.00
3. Rhys Williams - No tender returned.

Cllr Colin Jenkins proposed that the contract be awarded to Davies Electrical. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

The Technical Officer stated that the church clock had been examined by a company specialising in clock maintenance. The flag pole had also been erected on the church tower.

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that the Technical Officer obtain quotations for purchasing an additional litter bin for placing near the picnic tables on the Crescent. Cllr Julia Jones seconded. All were in favour.

Cllr Edward Thomas asked that the King's Bridge centenary in 2011 be placed as an item on the Planning and Finance committee Agendas next month.

Min 151 / September / 10 Delegated Powers.

The Clerk stated that he had been advised by Mr Phil Grafton, CCC Monitoring Officer for the Councillors Code of Conduct that the Council should consider giving Delegated Powers to the Clerk to refer complaints directly to the Public Services Ombudsman. If such complaints were received, they were not to be dealt with by a Town Council.

Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that the Clerk be given Delegated Powers in such matters. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

Min 152 / September/ 10 The Mayor's Report.

Cllr Christopher Parish gave a report of all the functions attended on behalf of the Council during the month. He reported that the charity appeal event held at the Sal Bar had raised £ 3,500.

Min 153 / September /10 Other Reports

1. Fireworks Sub group

Report on meeting held on September 14th, 2010. Cllr Fran Murphy stated that the Rugby Club had confirmed that they would only issue serve drinks in plastic bottles and had submitted their risk assessment to the Council as requested. The Clerk would produce a letter to advise residents of the event as well as a letter to the tenant farmer on the National Trust estate. Details of stewarding were also announced.

The sub group had recommended that a bonfire be lit at the far corner of the fields. Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed that no bonfire be held due to safety concerns. Cllr Colin Jenkins seconded. The proposal was carried by 6 votes for to 1 against.

2. Christmas Lights Subgroup

Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater presented a report of the meeting held on September 19th, 2010. It was confirmed that Ammanford Silver band would provide the musical entertainment. Cllr Leadbeater would contact Bois y Castell as well. The Chamber of Trade would supply a PA system. The timings for the event were also distributed.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the support of organisations with the stewarding of the event.

The subgroup was asked to confirm that the Chamber of trade was completing the event insurance forms.

Min 154/ September /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

- i) Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater reported that the Civic Hall is at risk of closure due to the small number of Trustees. They had organised an Open day on Saturday, October 30th, 2010 to try and gain support. They would invite organisations in the Town to have stands to promote their work , each stand costing £ 10.
- ii) The dates of the December meetings were confirmed as follows :

The Finance Budget meeting would be held on December 8th at 7pm

The December Full Council meeting will be held on December 15th, at 7.30pm

These were proposed by Cllr Ieuan Gwyn and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm