

Cyngor Tref Llandeilo Fawr

Llandeilo Fawr Town Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held on Wednesday, January 28th 2015 in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.30 pm.

Present : The Mayor Cllr Neil Craven – Lashley, The Deputy Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby, Cllr Colin Jenkins, Cllr Eifion Davies, County Cllr Edward Thomas, Mr Roger Phillips (Town Clerk)
Mr Christopher Plummer (Finance Officer)
Mr Des Davies (Technical Officer)

Apologies: Cllr Dawn Wallace, Cllr Richard Wallace, Cllr Julia Jones, Cllr Geraint Price, Cllr Christopher Parish, Cllr Robert Jones.

Police Matters.

PCSO Louise Lewis reported that an itemised check was carried out in the Hen Vic when swabs were taken from both the male and female toilets. A spate of shop lifting occurred on December 29th. A woman was arrested and jailed for 30 weeks. PCSO Lewis stated that the CCTV available in the Town was poor and did not assist detection. Cllr Edward Thomas stated that he would discuss this at the next Business Forum.

A RTC had occurred in King Street caused when a driver left a handbrake off, resulting in the vehicle hitting the Church wall.

There had been two incidents of criminal damage, one in Heol y Garreg Las resulting in the arrest of the offender, and one damage to a vehicle in Rhosmaen Street.

The Clerk asked the Police to monitor speeding along Heol y Garreg Las, especially prior to the start time of schools.

Min 244 / Jan / 15 The County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Edward Thomas had circulated his report to Council. He reported that he had met with the CCC Corporate property department who hoped to make an initial announcement in the next month regarding the developer chosen to develop the Market Hall.

Cllr Thomas was to have a further meeting with John McEvoy re traffic movement in Market street.

Parents are abusing the designated safe route to school by using the Adult Education Centre entrance.

Disabled Bays in the main car park have been relocated following consultations .

Cllr Thomas was still pursuing SWTRA for a site meeting regarding the Zebra crossing in Rhosmaen street.

Min 245 / Jan /15 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, December 10th 2014 were read and confirmed as a true record

This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, January 14th 2015 were read and recommended for acceptance.

This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Chamber at the Shire Hall on Wednesday, January 14th 2015 were read and confirmed as a true record and recommended for acceptance .

This was proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas. All were in favour.

Min 246/ Jan /15 There were no matters arising from the previous meetings

Min 247/ Jan /15 Transportation & Highways

1. CCC re Temporary Road Closure of part of Carmarthen Street from February 11th for 2 weeks. Noted.
2. New Carmarthen Park & Ride. Noted.

Min 248 / Jan /15 Correspondence that requires a response

1. CCC Chair of Standards Committee re. Compliance with the Members Code of Conduct
It was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins that the Council accept the report and adopt its recommendations as follows :-
 - i) All Agendas to include a standing item entitled ‘ Declarations of Interest’ towards the beginning of the agenda.
 - ii) At that point in the meeting, members with an interest in subsequent agenda items should declare a) the item in which they have an interest and b) the nature of that interest.
 - iii) When an agenda item in which a member has declared an interest is reached, the member should reiterate that interest and proceed to act in accordance with the Code depending upon the nature of the interest he/she has declared.
 - iv) The minutes should fully record the name of the Councillor declaring the interest, the item to which it relates, the nature of the interest declared and the action taken by the Councillor following the declaration of that interest.
2. Walkers are Welcome. Mr Geoffrey Williams had written with a request for a donation of £33 to pay for the annual fee for the WAW Llandeilo Fawr national membership. A proposal to make this donation was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Eifion Davies. All were in favour.
3. Ysgol Bro Dinefwr re. invitation for a representative to sit on the school’s Sports Facility Management Committee.
Cllr Eifion Davies was proposed by Cllr Edward Thomas, seconded by Cllr Colin Jenkins. All were in favour.

Min 249 / Jan /15 Correspondence for information

1. Ceri Davies, CCC Planning Officer with the reasons for the refusal of Planning Application E/29582 . Noted.
2. Cllr Pam Palmer CCC . Letter of thanks for the Council’s donation of £25 towards the Christmas Toy Box Appeal. Noted

Min 250/ Jan /15 Financial Matters

1. Accounts for Payment	Net	Vat	Total
Davies Electrical DD476 (Christmas Lights)	£ 3,380.00	£ 676.00	£ 4,056.00*
Ar Y Gair (translations)	£ 116.75		£ 116.75*

Method of payment * Bacs #cheque . dd direct debit.
These were all recommended for payment. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded

by Cllr Edward Thomas All were in favour.

4. Other Financial Matters

i) Budget Report Q3

The Finance Officer reported that the Council was on track to complete the year as estimated. There were no issues to be brought to Council. Cllr Eifion Davies proposed that the report be accepted. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded. All were in favour.

ii) Precept demand to CCC for financial year 2015-16 requesting an increase of 2% on the last year. This was signed by the Clerk and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Gordon Kilby.

iii) Cllr Christopher Parish had circulated a report from the Fireworks subgroup recommending to the Council that Mr D. Davies be paid for the additional contracted hours worked for the event.

Cllr Edward Thomas proposed that the sum of £ 169.78 be paid as well as £4.50 travelling expenses. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded. All were in favour.

iv) HOWLTA . It was agreed that the lapsed membership for 2014/5 be paid at a cost of £10.

v) Quarterly checks.

Cllr Colin Jenkins presented the report. He had carried out six random checks and they were all found to be correct.

a) Terry Davies	8 th Oct	Min 166	£ 339.36	Bacs 55
b) Llandeilo Singers	22 Oct	Min 169	£ 50.00	Cheque No 102048 – Donation
c) Festive Lighting	13 Nov	Min 194	£1,007.82	Bacs 68
d) Festival of Senses	26 Nov	Min 199	£2,700.00	Bacs 80 Sponsorship.
e) Toy Box Appeal	10 Dec	Min 206	£ 25.00	Cheque No 102059
f) BT Phone	24 Dec	Min 237	£ 59.59	Direct Debit.

vi) Council Credit Card.

The Finance officer reported that an annual charge of £32 had been received from the credit company. No use had been made of the card. It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies that the credit card be cancelled and debit cards be requested in its place. Cllr Edward Thomas seconded. All were in favour.

Min 251 / Jan /15 The Technical Officer's Report

Mr Davies had circulated a report to Members in advance of the meeting. Mr Davies stated that large amounts of litter were visible on the new station car park. Cllr Edward Thomas would request an additional bin to be sited there. The Technical Officer was asked to contact Network rail to inform them that lights were being left on all night even though there were no trains passing between 9pm and 5.30am.

Cllr Edward Thomas would ask if CCC would provide a danger sign near the Kings Bridge to warn children of the dangers of diving off the Bridge.

The Clerk was given permission to request an engineer to repair the office phone.

Minute 252 / Jan /15 The Mayor's report

Cllr Neil Craven-Lashley congratulated Cllr Gordon Kilby on the success of the new Llandeilo Singers' first concert.

He also congratulated the Town Band on its concert.

He had visited Awel Tywi on Christmas morning to meet with the residents.

Minute 253/ Jan /15 Other Reports

1. The Christmas lights subgroup report.

The group felt that the provisions of the Christmas tree and lights had been a success again this year.

The cost of the Festive lights	£ 824		
Davies Electrics – installation	£ 3,380		
Lloyds British – anchor testing	£ 920		
Terry Davies – Check and refix brackets	£ 225		
Provision of Christmas tree – Gerwyn DD 468	£ 300		
Electricity reimbursement 3 properties	£ 60		
Technical Officer’s repair contract hours	£ 257		
Total Expenditure	£ 5,967	Budget	£ 7,000
			Underspend £ 1033

The Group recommended to Council that 3 lights are purchased at a cost of £785. These will replace 2 lights which are faulty and provide an additional light for possibly upper Carmarthen Street.

In addition the Group recommends the purchase of additional coloured rope lights at a cost of £150.

Cllr Eifion Davies proposed that the Council accept the report and the recommendations made. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded. All were in favour.

2. Shire Hall Subgroup Maintenance Report

The following recommendations were made :-

- a) Lack of hot water in the downstairs toilets . Two quotations were received
 - Westward Heating £ 917 + vat
 - Terry Davies £ 762 + vat
 Recommendation to accept the lower quote
- b) Rear East Courtyard – water leaking into the cellar area
Recommend D Thomas quotation of £ 165 + vat be accepted
- c) Requirement for a vent to lead cover on chimney
Recommend D Thomas quote £ 75 + vat be accepted
- d) Recommendation that the phase 2 electrical work be carried out in the next Financial Year.
It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Gordon Kilby that all these recommendations be accepted. All were in favour.

3. Shire Hall Subgroup Report

The Subgroup had met with Mr Ken Murphy, Dyfed Archaeological Trust. Mr Murphy stated that the Trust intended to move some of their staff into their new premises in the early summer. They hoped to complete their move by 2016.

The subgroup recommended to Council that it is allowed two months to undertake research to examine options presented by the Trust’s vacating of the premises.

It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies that the recommendation be accepted. Cllr Gordon Kilby seconded.

It was agreed that all the Council members take a guided tour of the Shire hall in April to familiarise themselves fully with its structures .

4. Formation of New Groups for 2015/16.

It was proposed by Cllr Eifion Davies, seconded by Cllr Edward Thomas that this be deferred until the next Full Council meeting. All were in favour.

Min 254/ Jan /15 There were no other items of business that by reason of special circumstances, the Chair decides should be considered as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Section 100B(4)(B) of the local Government Act 1972

Meeting ended at 9.10pm