



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llandeilo Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Crescent Road, Llandeilo at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18th January 2005

Present: Mayor Mrs Ros Bellamy Deputy Mayor Colin Jenkins
Cllr Mrs Fran Murphy Cllr Richard Wallace
Cllr Ieuan Gwyn Cllr Hugh Towns
Cllr Paul Faulkner Cllr Roy Davies
Clerk June Stait

Apologies: County Councillor Ieuan Jones Cllr David Jones
Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater Cllr Pam Steane Price

Police Sgt Neil Jones attended the meeting to advise Councillors about traffic and parking problems which were being monitored. He also gave a short report on local crime: one burglary since October, and a few minor incidents over last few months. The Mayor thanked him for attending

6352/Jan/05 Llandeilo Tourism Centre

Ms S Van Eeghen, Carmarthenshire Tourism Officer, attended the meeting to discuss Tourist Information Centre. The County Council had written asking the Town council to nominate a business in the town which would act as a Tourist Information Centre for Llandeilo, thus allowing them to close the dedicated Information Centre situated in the car park. The Information Centre cost £20,000 per annum to run – money which the County Council felt would be better spent on marketing Carmarthenshire in general.

The majority of Councillors present disagreed. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had visited Newcastle Emlyn and Laugharne Information Centres, both of which were housed with businesses, and both of which were unsatisfactory.

This item to be brought forward to the next full committee meeting.

6353/Jan/05 Previous Minutes.

- 1. Full meeting.** The minutes of the Full Council meeting on 21st December 2004 were read and were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins and seconded by the Mayor.
- 2. Finance.** The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5th January 2005 were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Ieuan Gwyn, seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace.
- 3. Planning.** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 5th January 2005 were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Richard Wallace.

6354/Jan/05 Appointment of Technical Officer

This item brought forward to next full committee meeting to allow Cllr Hugh Towns the time to draft a job specification.

6355/Jan/05 Clerk

The Mayor confirmed that the acting clerk, June Stait, had agreed to continue in post for a further three months till March 05.

6356/Jan/05 Bridge Street Tree Planting Scheme

Permission had been received for tree planting from the remaining land owner. In view of the fact that time was running short for the tree planting season this year, Cllr Hugh Towns proposed and Councillors unanimously seconded that the contractors quotation from Coed Dulais for £1485.67 including VAT be accepted and the contractor be asked to begin work. The quotation included three year's maintenance, after which it was agreed, landowners should be asked to split the costs for maintenance. Another quotation was received from Robert Holmes for £15469.23 and no further quotes were received.

6357/Jan 05 Site Meeting at Lys Pencrug

A meeting had been arranged with the County Council's Tree Preservation Officer on site at Lys Pencrug, but was later cancelled. Another meeting to be arranged but this time with the Developer and his landscaper.

6358/Jan/05 Organising Council Meetings

Councillors discussed council meetings, and the Deputy Mayor's role. It was agreed as follows:

- a) **Planning Committee First, followed by Finance:**
Cllr Ieuan Gwyn proposed, Cllr Richard Wallace seconded and all present agreed that in future Planning Committee Meetings would begin at 7.00 p.m. followed by Finance at either 7.30 p.m. or 7.45 p.m. depending on the amount of planning items.
- b) **Delegated powers to Planning Committee** - Normal planning items agreed by the Planning Committee could be actioned without awaiting full committee approval.
- c) **Delegated powers to Finance Committee:** - Finance Committee would be authorised to make payments without awaiting full council approval for items already agreed in the budget, provided they were under £1,000, and for items over £1,000 if they had been previously approved by the full council. Proposed Hugh Towns, seconded Ieuan Gwyn.
- d) **Day in the month meetings held:**
A further discussion was needed regarding changing meeting dates so that all meetings fell on the same day each month, rather than some on a Tuesday and some on a Wednesday. This item brought forward to the next full meeting.

6359/Jan/05 Mayors Report

The Mayor's verbal report was received and noted.

6360/Jan/05 Other Reports

a) Heritage Reception

A Heritage Reception and buffet was planned for Friday 11th February from 1230 to 1400 hours at the Rugby Club. Heritage events would be launched and new ideas welcomed from the local organisations who would be invited to attend.

b) Tregib Pool

County Cllr Ieuan Jones had reported that work was ongoing to finalise the project for a 20m pool. The clerk to ask for a copy of the plans.

c) Town Twinning Event

Members of Le Conquet twinning would visit on Thursday 25th August when the Town Council would welcome them with a short reception buffet.

d) Town Footpaths

Councillors walked the town footpaths on New Year's day and reported that footpaths were deteriorating and required attention, such as a concrete section where cows repeatedly trample gravel away. An officer from the County Council's Rights of Way department would be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council to see what funding and assistance was available, and what the Council planned to do this year.

Standing Order 6 was suspended to allow the meeting to continue.

6361/Jan/05 Town Parking

Dr Bill Brady of Garth Celyn Dental Centre had sent a copy of a letter he had written to the County Council with his concerns about parking problems and resident parking schemes which was noted. Councillors thought a public meeting in the future would be helpful.

6362/Jan/05 Other Correspondence items:

- a) Welsh Assembly Consultation Document: "Providing Indemnities to Members and Officers of relevant authorities". Cllr Ieuan Gwyn took this to read.
- b) Society of Local Council Clerks conditions of service for clerks received and noted as guidelines.
- c) One Voice Wales employment update – statutory dismissal, disciplinary and grievance procedures, and Freedom of information act general right of access information which was noted.
- d) 10 yr development plan for Social Care and housing
- e) County Council dates for Town and Community Seminar are
23rd February 2005 at Ivy Bush Hotel 0945 to 1625 hrs.
- f) Meeting of the South West Wales Regional Committee from 1000 to 1300 hrs on Friday 11th Feb at the Community Centre, Briton Ferry, Neath Port Talbot
- g) Forestry Commission information on grants available, which was taken by Cllr Fran Murphy to read.
- h) One Voice Wales Chief Executive writes to introduce himself and advise council on donations to Tsunami Appeal, which the Mayor took to read.
- i) Cae William Sports Ltd letter thanking the Council for its kind donation to secure the boundary wall.