



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 Wednesday 25th May 2005

Present: CllrMrs Ros Bellamy Deputy Mayor Hugh Towns in the Chair
Cllr Mrs Fran Murphy Cllr Richard Wallace
Cllr Ieuan Gwyn Cllr Pam Steane Price
Cllr Roy Davies Clerk June Stait
Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater

Apologies: Mayor Colin Jenkins; County Councillor Ieuan Jones; Cllr Paul Faulkner Cllr Roy Davies

6504/May/05 Previous Minutes

1. The Minutes of the **Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2005** were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr I Gwyn, and Seconded by Cllr Ros Bellamy
2. The Minutes of the **Special Meeting held on Monday 25th April 2005** were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr R Wallace, Seconded Cllr Pam Steane Price
3. The Minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee held on 11th May 2005 were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Ros Bellamy and Seconded by Cllr Pam Steane Price.
3. The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 11th May 2005 were read and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr I Gwyn, and Seconded by Cllr Charlotte Leadbeater.

6505/May/05 Business Brought Forward from the last meeting:

1. Footpath Maintenance for the coming year:

Cllrs discussed the footpaths around the town but decided to leave the matter open until a Technical Officer had been appointed and then it would be the first job on the new employee's list. The item would be brought forward to the June agenda.

2. Quotation for Tree Surgery:

A quotation for tree surgery on the Council's allotment trees had been received from Dyfed Tree Care: "To fell by section the group of Ash trees as mentioned in their report. Timber to be cut to one metre lengths and arisings to be chipped, and left. Cost £260.00"

This was well within the budget agreed for allotment work, so would be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Pam Steane Price, Seconded by Cllr Ros Bellamy.

6506/May/05 Mayors Account:

1. This item arises because of past difficulties in explaining the Mayor's account to the auditors. A proposal to take out all the surplus money from the Mayor's account, and put in the agreed £3250 was put forward. The Mayor would pay all expenses out of the account, including the annual dinner, and invoice the Council for those items which are the Council's responsibility for the annual dinner. This will ensure there is an invoice for all expenditures out of the Council's account.

2. Signatories would change to allow Cllr D Jones to be removed as a signatory, as he is no longer immediate past Mayor. Cllr Colin Jenkins would be put on the list of signatories, as Mayor, Cllr Hugh Towns would be put on as Deputy Mayor, and Cllr Ros Bellamy would be left on as immediate past Mayor.
3. For completeness, the signatories on the current account for the Council are: Cllr I Gwyn, Cllr Ros Bellamy, Cllr Colin Jenkins.

6507/May/05 Financial Checks

Cllr I Gwyn reported that he had carried out the regular three monthly financial checks as required and circulated a short report of the result. There were no serious discrepancies, one or two of the minutes authorising work to be done, rather than authorising the payments were recorded, but these were changed and everything was in order.

6508/May/05 Invoice for Payment

One invoice received from Y Llowffwr for the advertisement for new staff in the sum of £15 was approved for payment.

6509/May/05 Mayor's Report

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Ros Bellamy, gave a report of her activities leading up to the AGM, and returned the cheque book with a copy of her accounts for the Mayor's allowance, and receipts to the Clerk.

6510/May/05 Heritage Project

Cllr Ros Bellamy had met with Menter Bro Dinefwr about trying to raise money, and an application will be put in at the end of June for £30,000. The Town Council to raise 20%.

Cllr Fran Murphy had analysed the dots which members of the community had put on various photos indicating where their preference for information panels lay. Cllr Richard Wallace had visited various businesses and people in the town regarding the placing of plaques and received positive feedback from everyone he spoke with. A walk would be organised around the proposed route on Friday at 11.30. Various organisations such as Wildlife Trust, HOWLTA, the vicar etc had been asked to write letters of support, and some had expressed an interest in the size of the plaques and panels. Cambria Archaeology had offered to superimpose a panel on to a photograph which could be shown to those enquiring.

6511/May/05 Garden Project

The allotment was now well carpeted – donated carpets to cover land already cleared to deter weeds regrowing. The next working party would be on 4th June at 2.00 p.m. Some of the ash trees on the site had regenerated with untidy bits of growth which would be removed, and the chippings put aside for use in the garden. CCC has been advised, as the allotment is within the conservation area. Councillors confirmed that this was always thought to be a long term project which would demonstrate how waste ground could be cleared and brought back into use. It was hoped that a sculptor could utilise the rubbish which had been thrown into the allotment over the last 12 years to make an interesting feature in the garden, at some time in the future.

6512/May/05 Shire Hall

Cllr Ros Bellamy and Cllr I Gwyn had met with Cambria Archaeology and agreed that the lease term will be increased to 15 years. The Town council's solicitor has been instructed to prepare the lease agreement. An application for grant aid for the intended changes to the interior will be made for consideration by the County Council at the end of June. A project manager will be employed. The estimated cost of the project was £65,000. The Town Council would support the application to the sum of £30,000. Therefore the Town Council would claim the PWLB loan which had been negotiated, and it would be repaid when the grant money became available.

Clarification would be sought on whether a planning application would be required to be submitted.

6513/May/05 Staffing Matters

Three posts had been advertised and applications received. Short lists had been drawn up and the first interviews would take place on Tuesday 31st May, and the others on 9th June.

6514/May/05 Tree Planting at Bridge Street

This item to be brought forward to the next meeting.

6515/May/05 CCC Parking Strategy

The County Council's integrated parking strategy consultation document had been received, with a response date of 1st July. It was decided that two or three councillors should take this to read then meet to discuss how it fitted in with how the Town Council sees Llandeilo developing. Comments would be brought back to the next meeting. Consequently Cllrs Pam Steane Price, Richard Wallace, and Fran Murphy agreed to take this matter on. Cllr Hugh Towns, the Deputy Mayor, offered to copy the document and circulate it to them.

6516/May/05 Volunteers Day, 1st June

Cllr Ros Bellamy would try to attend this event which would take place at Newton House from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

6517/May/05 Community Distictiveness Fund

Milltir Sgwâr were seeking to support 6 suitable schemes in Carmarthenshire with an opportunity for up to 100% grant up to £5,000. Councillors suggested that the details be passed to Ken Day.

6518/May/05 Resignation of Councillor David Jones

The Council had received the resignation of Councillor David Jones, and Cllr I Gwyn moved that it be accepted and that a letter expressing the Council's thanks for his many years service be sent. The clerk would notify the County Council.

6519/May/05 Correspondence:

Other correspondence received included:

Ombudsment information

Model code of Conduct

Local Health board information on Dentist in Carmarthenshire

University of Gloucester and Society of Council Clerks request for examples of good practise in Councils

Notice of intention to apply for transfer of Justices Licence, Farmers Arms

Carmarthenshire's Care Home for Older People information

County Council acknowledgement of a request for 12 copies of the UDP for councillors

Rhodri Glyn Thomas's letter passing on information that no firm decision has been made regarding the A483 Llandeilo road scheme.