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Minutes of the Resumed Annual Meeting of the Llandeilo Fawr Town Council held at the Shire Hall, Llandeilo on Wednesday 4th June 2003 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Cllr S. Burge, Cllr K. Day, Cllr G. Vaughan Jones, Cllr G. Price, Cllr C. Jenkins, Cllr C. Cooper, Cllr I. Gwyn, Cllr R. Bellamy, Cllr H. Ladd-Lewis, Cllr D. Williams, Cllr D. A. Jones (Mayor)

Other: Colette Paterson (Town Clerk), R. Huw Griffith (Technical Officer)
County Councillor I. Jones

5755: Apologies: Cllr R. Davies. Cllr D. Williams (for lateness)

5756: Mayors communication with the Council. The new Mayor addressed the meeting. He thanked the Council for his election and for their support at the Civic Reception and in his future as the Mayor of Llandeilo Fawr Town Council. The Mayor thanked the Clerk. Given the County Councils plan to impose Car Parking Charges in Llandeilo, and the very short amount of time remaining to lodge complaints, the mayor had produced some posters for a drop around town and requested that the Councillors personally responded by calling those County Councillors who had voted for the imposition of these charges and by sending a letter to the legal department objecting to the charges. The Councillors each took some of the notices to distribute around the Town and agreed the poster to be placed in the Council Notice Board was reasonable. County Councillor I. Jones said that there had been a large number of objections and that he would take the Councils petition to the County Council on Friday 6th June 2003. The Mayor apologised that the Notice was not produced bilingually, the need to respond quickly meant that it was not possible to achieve a translation of the poster. The Mayor then moved on to issues regarding the Council. He requested that the Council agree to have the oaths of allegiance bound in a proper book and the same applied to the Declaration signed by all the Mayors. He said that he would open a Register of Members Interest which would be available at each meeting for members to enter any declarations of interest they felt it would be appropriate to do. He hoped the Council would all be meticulous in their approach to this book, as it was

an important step in achieving the Council's aims of greater accountability and openness. In the interest of transparency, it is vital that all interests, influences even gifts were declared.

Further to the Notice of Motion that each Member had received at the meeting, this would be a formal item on the agenda for the next meeting of Full Council. The meeting held in May had to be cancelled because the Council was one short of a quorum. The current requisite quorum in the Standing Orders is 7 members. It is felt that this is quite a high number and that it is very difficult when a meeting has to be cancelled. The Mayor feels that a more reasonable number to constitute a quorum would be a third of the usual numbers on a committee, never less than three members. This would enable the Council greater efficiency in carrying out its business. Cllr Gwyn promised to study the implications of this notice of motion to identify any possible consequences of this smaller number. The other members also agreed to give the Notice some consideration before it is formally proposed at the next meeting of Full Council.

The Mayor had given a lot of thought to the Committees and while he appreciated that the previous practice had always been for the Finance Committee to move as a block to the Planning and General Purpose Committee, this was not a requirement in any way demanded by the Standing Orders, rather simply the way things had previously been done. There had been previous debate regarding the committees and the Mayor felt that it would be beneficial to the Council to have freedom of movement between the committees. This would mean that those with a particular interest in either committee could stay on that committee, as could those with particular expertise be used to the best advantage of both committee and Council. It would also give the Members the option of belonging to both Committees or opting out of both. Councillors discussed the pros and cons of this idea. It was pointed out that this would enhance continuity, something lost as committee members changed each year. It was generally agreed that this approach to the establishment of Committees would be acceptable and beneficial.

5757: Appointment to Statutory or Standing Committees. The Following members were appointed to the following committees:

<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Planning and General Purposes Committee</u>
R. Bellamy	I Gwyn
K. Day	H. Ladd-Lewis
C. Cooper	S. Burges
G. Price	K. Day
C. Jenkins	G. Price
G. Vaughan Jones	D. Williams

D. A. Jones	C. Jenkins
	G. Vaughan Jones
	D. A. Jones
7 Members	9 Members

5758: Appointment of representatives to serve on other committees or bodies. The following were selected as members of the following organisations:

School Governors - remains the same - Teilo Saint: C. Jenkins (3 yrs remaining on this term of office.)

Llandeilo C. P: Sid Burge (2 yrs remaining on this term of office.)

Civic Hall Group - Mayor D. A. Jones and Deputy Mayor G. Vaughan Jones.

Churchyard Improvement - Mayor D.A. Jones and Deputy Mayor G. Vaughan Jones, S. Burge

Tywi Gwili Group - Mayor deputised by the Deputy Mayor.

Town Twinning - Mayor D.A. Jones

Dinefwr Community Consultative Committee - The Mayor D.A. Jones.

Community Association - Full Council

Tywi Gwili Area Forum - D. Williams and K. Day

Civic Trust - The Mayor D.A. Jones.

Chamber of Trade - G. Price deputised by C. Cooper.

Flower and Music Festival - K. Day

5759: Consideration of Mayors Allowance : £3213.00 was recommended as agreed by the Finance Committee.

The Meeting ended at 8.40 pm.