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Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held in the Shire Hall, Llandeilo on Tuesday 16th March 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Present: *Councillors:* Cllr D. A. Jones (Mayor/Chair), Cllr S. Burge, Cllr C. Jenkins, Cllr I. Gwyn, Cllr R. Bellamy (Deputy Mayor), Cllr K. Day.
Other: County Councillor I. Jones, R. Huw Griffiths (Technical Officer), C. A. Paterson (Town Clerk).

6027: Apologies: Cllr D. Williams.

6028: Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the Full Council. Councillor Bellamy pointed out the omission from the minutes of the 1 item of Correspondence from the Welsh Council regarding the Town Council's Bilingual Policy.

Clerk to supply copy of the Draft Policy to Cllr Williams to redraft and to forward to the Welsh Council.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held at the Main Dinefwr Debating Chamber, Council Buildings, The Crescent, Llandeilo on Tuesday 17th February 2004 at 7.30pm are accepted as a true record of the meeting, with the above addition. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy, seconded by Cllr Jenkins.

6029: Matters Arising.

6003: Gardens at the Crescent; The Legal department at Carmarthenshire County Council had replied that access from Ysgubor Abad is the only noted access to the garden. The Sale of/ Purchase of the Allotment was to proceed on this basis.

5952: Cllr K. Day had been elected as the Chair of the Community Association, The Council offered its thanks to Cllr Jenkins for all the work he has done for the Community Association.

6010: One Voice Wales.

It was the view and recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Council should join the new Association for Local Councils One Voice Wales and the Council supported this. Clerk to pay membership fees for the first year.

⁰¹⁶³At this point the meeting was adjourned. Mr Rhobert Ap Steffan addressed the Council regarding the Proposal to develop a Town Statue or Statues Project. The Council was given much information about the successful project in Llandoverly. The Council discussed its options, looking at a competition to design two sculptures, one of Lord Rhys, and one of St Teilo within a project funded by the Arts Council/ lottery.

The Council felt it would be worthwhile to pursue and develop such a project proceeding along the guidelines given by Mr Ap Steffan. The initial step would be to elect a steering committee.

6030: Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 3rd March 2004 at 7.00pm.

The Council accepts the minutes of the Finance Committee held at the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd March 2004 as an accurate record of the meeting and accepts the recommendations therein. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy, seconded by Cllr Jenkins.

6031: Matters Arising. *The Asbestos Survey* of the Town Hall has been completed.

There is one 'priority one' occurrence of asbestos in the building, in the remains of a resin used in the boiler room. This needs to be environmentally removed as soon as possible.

Technical officer is in possession of a quote from West Wales Heating Services for £550 + VAT, and the company is able to carry out the work in the week beginning 23rd March 2004. This quotation is accepted and the work is to be contracted and carried out as per the Asbestos Report, as soon as possible. Proposed by Cllr Day seconded by Cllr Gwyn.

Payroll Services The Clerk had received a response from C. C. C regarding their adopting the small payroll for the Council. The charge of £500.00 per year was considered excessive.

Clerk to contact W.C.V.A to enquire if they can offer any assistance and how much they would charge for such a service.

Section 137: The committee had received some 4 requests for financial assistance without accompanying financial information. As the Committee had a small amount of Funds left they decided to consider these application on individual merit.

A letter of application for financial assistance had been received from the 'Bobby Van Scheme' after this meeting. Cllr Bellamy proposed a donation of £50.00 to this Community Policing Project, from the remaining budget. Seconded by Cllr Jones.

6032: The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting, held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 3rd March 2004 at 8.30pm.

The Council accepts the minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee held at the Shire Hall, Llandeilo at 8.30pm on Wednesday 3rd March 2004 as an accurate record of the meeting and accepts the recommendations therein. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Gwyn.

6033: Matters Arising. Planning Application Number E01371 - TG04635 for a further 17 Houses at Llys Pencrug.

In accordance with the standing orders, this application is brought before the Full Council as it takes account of more than 6 new buildings. The Council pointed out the difficulty involved in considering each block application separately, as the Council's main concerns were with regard to the implications of the development as a whole.

While the Council welcomes this development, bringing much needed housing to the Town, the Council has concerns regarding the whole development in the following areas:

1. Access: The whole site appears to have only one point of access from Carmarthen Road. There is no Footpath access from the site into Town. There is no access to the Schools without the children being driven. The Schools already suffer from congestion problems with regard to parents driving their children to school. Some consideration should be given to the provision of safe pedestrian routes to School.
2. Play Area: At the moment the site has no Play Area provision. It is reasonable to expect that an area where up to 150 new homes are to be created will bring families and children to the area. This requires some provision of a safe place for children to play.
3. Education: The schools in the town are at the moment over subscribed. The proposed increase in the town's population can only bring this problem to crisis point. The Council hopes that this issue is being given some urgent attention by Carmarthenshire County Council.

Lights around the Civic Offices and the Civic Hall. The Technical Officer had enquired as to why these lights were not working. The lights are apparently timed, but are still not working.

6034: The election of a Mayor Elect.

Cllr K. Day proposed the Deputy Mayor Cllr R. Bellamy to the position of Mayor Elect. This was seconded by Cllr I. Gwyn. There were no further nominations. Cllr R. Bellamy is elected as the Mayor Elect for Llandeilo Fawr Town Council with all in favour.

6035: The election of a Deputy Mayor Elect.

Cllr R. Bellamy proposed Cllr C. Jenkins to the position of Deputy Mayor Elect. This was seconded by Cllr K. Day. There were no further nominations. Cllr C. Jenkins is elected as Deputy Mayor Elect for the Llandeilo Fawr Town Council with all in favour.

6036: The Llandeilo and District Civic Trust using the Shire Hall as a postal address.

Mr Townsley Huws had requested permission to use the Shire Hall as a postal address for the Trust.

The Committee agrees to allow this provided the Llandeilo and District Civic Trust provides and fits a suitable box according to our specifications.

The Civic Trust is only to use the Shire Hall as a correspondence Address.

The use of the Shire Hall by various organisations as a meeting Place to be put on the Agenda for the April meeting of Full Council.

- 6037:** Tax Relief on the Purchase of Second Homes. The Council discussed the correspondence received regarding the proposal to give tax relief on the purchase of second homes intended for rental.

The Council does not believe that people purchasing a second home should enjoy any particular tax advantage.

- 6038:** The Shire Hall Lease. Cllr Gwyn had met with Mr Gwilym Hughes of Cambria Archaeology. Cambria would like to renew the lease but at the moment are suffering from a shortage of space. Mr Hughes would like to commission an architect to look at ways of providing more office space within the building.

The Shire Hall to be on the agenda of a special meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th March 2004 in the Shire Hall at 7.00pm

- 6039:** Car Parking Charges. Against the wishes of this Council and the people of the town, Carmarthenshire County Council has gone ahead with the introduction of Car Parking Charges in Llandeilo. The Council has received numerous complaints from residents in the town as more cars are parked inappropriately in order to avoid these charges. Residents are unable to park near their homes and access to the surgery becomes more difficult for the elderly and infirm.

The Clerk to write to Richard Workman at the County Hall describing the difficulties being experienced by the people of the Town and pursuing the idea of some kind of residential parking permit scheme. The Council would like to see specific figures relating to the cost, and cost effectiveness of the Car Parking Charges.

- 6040:** The Railings at the Crescent. Roger Thomas from Tumble Forge said that the fabrication was nearly complete, and work on the erection would start in the middle of the week beginning 23rd April 2004. The Council had received a letter from Mr Peter Morgan finally giving permission for the project to go ahead.

The Council needs to discuss replacing the existing benches with ironwork benches, more in keeping with the railings. Cllr Day thanked the Mayor and the Technical Officer for all the work that has been done to keep this project on track.

- 6041:** The Mayor's Report. As the required number of signatures have now been received Llandeilo will now get Broadband.

19.2.04	Capel Salem - £50.00 donation
21.2.04	Heritage Audit Open day and launch of the Llandeilo Council website.
23.2.04	Civic Trust meeting
22.2.04	Community Association Civic Hall meeting. Next meeting is an open meeting to be held on 5 th April 2004.
27.2.04	Meeting with Nerys Hughes regarding the holding of a Festival of

	Lights.
28.2.04	Opened Children's day. £50.00 donation to NSPCC
1.3.04	Meeting at the Station with Publicity officer of the Heart of Wales line. David Edwards, and G. White the line development officer. Discussed schools participation in the maintenance and development of the station, including a project to create a piece of ceramic art.
2.03.04	Extraordinary meeting of the Community Association. Cllr K. Day elected as Chair.
5.3.04	Scheduled meeting with Sgt Clark with regards to C. C. T.V cancelled
6.3.04	Performance at Tregib School of the Ballet Russe. Donation £50.00

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The Mayor had received letters from David Townsley Huws and Denys Smith regarding the current Ownership and status of the Public Institute.

The Public Institute to be an agenda item for April meeting of Full Council.

6042: Correspondence: Invitation to Grant Funding Fair.

Cllr Bellamy to attend on behalf of the Council.

6043: Conclusion Of Audit. The Clerk had received the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for the year ending 31st March 2003.

Notice to be displayed for the requisite 14 days.

6044: Resignation of the Clerk. The Clerk had circulated a letter of resignation.

This to be an agenda item for the special meeting to be held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 23rd March 2004.

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm.