



**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 16th November 2004**

Present: Mayor Mrs Ros Bellamy Deputy Mayor Colin Jenkins
Cllr Ms Pam Steane Price Cllr Mrs Fran Murphy
Cllr Mrs Charlotte Leadbeater Cllr Ieuan Gwyn
Cllr Paul Faulkener Cllr Hugh Towns
Cllr Roy Davies Cllr David Jones Clerk June Stait

Apologies: County Councillor Ieuan Jones

Police Sgt Neil Jones attended the meeting to advise Councillors that the Welsh Assembly Government would meet on site near the school to discuss traffic calming, and to take a look at parking along Rhosmaen Street. Councillors were invited to attend. Councillors also asked that statistics of road accidents between the start of the by-pass to Dryslwyn. Sgt Jones advised that the section of each road leading to the new roundabout at Ffairfach would have more signage and surface treatment. The Mayor thanked Sgt Jones for attending.

6276/Nov 04 Co-option. Councillors discussed and unanimously approved the co-option of Richard Wallace on to the Council. The clerk to write and formally invite Mr Wallace to become a Town Councillor.

6277/Nov 04 Previous Minutes.

- 1. Full meeting.** The minutes of the Full Council meeting on 19th October were read and one telephone number was inserted as the contact number for the local police, and one surname was changed at the foot of page two. With these two changes the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Ieuan Gwyn and seconded by the Mayor.
- 2. Finance.** The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd November were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Ieuan Gwyn, seconded by Cllr Pam Steane Price.
- 3. Planning.** The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd November were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Colin Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Fran Murphy.

6278/Nov 04 Office Accommodation. Temporary office accommodation had been found at the Community Education offices for an indefinite period, for which we thank Sian Merlys. There will be no rental charge at present. We will pay for telephone calls but not the standing charge, and a 2p per copy photocopying charge. All of the files and furniture had been removed from the portacabin, and some stored in the Civic Offices cellars.
BT are transferring the calls to the phone line in the community education office, without the caller realising. The clerk is checking to ensure the charge for the transfer is the best we can negotiate.
The clerk will be present in the office between 12.00 noon and 4.00 p.m. each Wednesday, and at other times when convenient.

6279/Nov 04 Meeting with the Church. A Councillor was sought for the proposed meeting with the Church, and David Jones agreed to attend once dates had been offered.

6280/Nov 04 Separate Finance and Planning Meetings. Cllr Ieuan Gwyn suggested that this item be brought back to the January meeting in view of more pressing matters requiring discussion this evening, and all agreed. The Mayor suggested that Councillors consider whether they would like the Committees to have plenary powers, and for a report detailing proposals to be prepared and handed out prior to the January meeting.

6281/Nov 04 Shire Hall. Cllr Fran Murphy declared an interest as her husband is an employee of the Trust. The Mayor explained that a grant was available for the business premises based on the difference between the cost of the proposed building works and the value increase of the property. The grant would offer half of the difference.

The application was to be made by the business, which would have to pay 25%. As planning permission would need to be in place for exterior works required, and we did not have this, the application would be for internal works only. Gwilym Hughes had drawn up a report and draft application. The estimates were for a total of £86,000. The Town Council would pay £31,000, Cambria Archaeology would pay £22,000 and the grant, if successful, would provide the remaining £33,000. The result of the application would be known in January. Tenders and quotes would be required in January for the project start in April and completion by September 05.

This would free up space on the ground floor for an office for the Council, and toilets with disabled access.

The Town Council would raise all or part of their share by loan. A valuation of the property would need to be made and it was proposed that the Council pay half of the cost of the valuation and obtain a copy.

Cambria's rent review would be for the normal increase.

The Mayor proposed that the application be made, The Deputy Mayor seconded, and all Councillors were in favour.

6282/Nov 04 Financial Matters for Ratification:

1. Huw Griffiths last pay cheque in the sum of £119.06 was approved for payment.
2. Pay Connect payment of invoice 276 in the sum of £20.09 for calculations of wages for Huw Griffiths, was approved for payment
3. Orchardweb's invoice dated 27th October in the sum of £376.94 was approved for payment
4. J W Thomas, Printers invoice 15632, £340.75 for Christmas cards, and invoice 15635, £760.05 for Fireworks posters and programmes, were approved for payment

6283/Nov 04 Tourist Information Centre:

The County Council's idea of closing the Tourist Information office and incorporating the service with one of the businesses in the town was discussed.

- The County Council advise that it costs them £20,000 per annum to run, but it is estimated that the revenue from tourism locally must exceed £20,000 and it was worth further support
- The Brecon Beacons National Park could be asked to jointly run the office with the County Council.
- If a business runs the TI alongside its normal function it becomes a “leaflet on the table” service only because the employee’s first duty would be to the profit making business.
- Other outlets in other towns who run a TI services would be visited.
- Wales Tourist Board opinion to be sought.
- This is the only TI centre between Llandovery and Carmarthen.
- Other Tourist attractions should be encouraged to get involved by having a display or exhibition at the TI centre.

The Town Council vigorously opposed the proposal to close the TIC and relocate this facility elsewhere.

It was resolved that the County Council Tourism Officer be invited to the January meeting to discuss these points.

6284/Nov 04 Town Heritage Interpretation Scheme :

The Mayor presented a report regarding a Heritage Trail around the town and it was agreed that a working party be set up. The scheme would include:

Branding – a “house-style” which would be common to all leaflets, panels, etc

Leaflet – highlighting attractions for visitors

Guidebook – bilingual but with no advertising, and well illustrated

Heritage Trail and leaflet – various possibilities to be explored

Heritage Panels, Public Art such as sculpture or tile mosaics, plaques on buildings, signing etc.

Cllr David Jones advised that he had already prepared information for a notice board giving local information which Heart of Wales railway would erect at the Station.

Volunteers for the working party were: Roy Davies, David Jones, Pam Steane Price, Paul Faulkner.

6285/Nov 04 Code of Conduct

The County Council had written offering further code of conduct training and it was agreed that the clerk should write asking for a presentation to councillors any Thursday evening in January, beginning at 7.00 pm.

6286/Nov 04 Llandeilo Primary School – Governing Body

The County Council vacancy for one representative on the Primary School Governing Body would be taken by Hugh Towns.

6287/Nov 04 Crime and Disorder

The County Council had written asking us to list other problem areas to be considered. Councillors asked that the clerk respond with the same items included in the police safety audit, which were speeding in Rhosmaen St, under-age drinking outside pubs and obstructive parking.

6288/Nov 04 County Council Budget

Councillors had been invited to give their views on the County Council’s budget, and their responses were recorded on the questionnaire supplied. Councillors were pleased to see new business units at Beechwood, but their overall feeling was that their suggestions and comments were not acted upon by the County Council and the

feedback would not have any effect.

6289/Nov 04 Purchase of Allotment at Crescent Road, Llandeilo

The purchase of the allotment was completed on 8th November. Registration and stamping formalities are now being dealt with.