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Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held at the Main Dinefwr Chamber at the County Council Buildings, The Crescent, Llandeilo on Tuesday 15th July 2003 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors: Cllr D.A. Jones (Mayor), Cllr S. Burge, Cllr G. Vaughan Jones (Deputy Mayor), Cllr K. Day, Cllr G. Price, Cllr C. Jenkins, Cllr I. Gwyn, Cllr R. Bellamy.

Other: Colette Paterson (Town Clerk), Sgt N. Jones (Police Sergeant Llandeilo).

5811: Apologies: Cllr D. Williams, Cllr C. Cooper, Cllr R. Davies

5812: Minutes from previous Full Council Meetings (17th June 2003).

Minutes accepted as accurate record of the Meeting. Proposed Cllr Bellamy, Seconded by Cllr Jenkins. All in agreement.

5813: Police Report: Sgt Jones said further to the discussion at last Full Council, there had been a report of a lady being hit by a wing mirror on Rhosmaen street. A letter received by County Cllr I. Jones from Sue Essex at the Assembly suggested that the control of traffic on the street should be returned to a local level, i.e. County Council Dept of Transport. Cllr Jenkins brought up the incident wherein a boulder had fallen off a large fleet lorry into Rhosmaen Street damaging a car. While reasonable speed restrictions appear to be in place there was a need to consider all options, traffic calming methods, traffic lights, and weight restrictions on the bridge.

Need to organise a site meeting (For Sept/Oct after the recess.) between the Council, County Council Dept of Transport and rep from the National Assembly. Town Clerk to compose a letter.

Cllr Vaughan Jones raised the issue of petty vandalism in and around the Car Park and had received complaints from residents. Sgt Jones to investigate.

Suggested position for C.C.T.V. camera.

Council gave its thanks to Sgt Jones and Sgt Jones left the Meeting.

5814: Matters arising from previous minutes; Cllr Bellamy presented a detailed spec for a website design .

To be sent out for quotations. When received the Council will look at the specifics of the website. In order to fund the establishment of the web-site the council would look into any available grants. Proposed by Cllr Jenkins, seconded by Cllr R. Bellamy.

5815: Town Trail: A meeting had been held between the Mayor, Cllr Jenkins and Mike Williams and The Director of the Archaeological Trust. The idea of a town Trail with public information panels and trail guides had been discussed and met with support from all organisations.

The next step was to produce a Heritage Audit. Funding for this would be supported up to 80% by County Council grants. The Archaeological Trust to provide a costing.

Brass Plaque: Mayor mentioned that there were two plaques regarding the Town Hall in the Foyer. Could they not be moved outside? Cllr Vaughan Jones said this needed to be bilingual in accordance with bilingual policy.

Proposed by K. ay that New bilingual Plaque be established outside. Cllr Jones to liase with Cllr Vaughan Jones and Dewis regarding the translation.

Doug Fouling: Continued to be a lot of complaints about Dog Fouling. Cllr Price had considered locations where dog mess bins could be located.

Report on potential improvement of facilities for dog fouling to be given to environmental health.

Station Road Project: County Cllr I. Jones had written to Network Rail and was awaiting response.

Crescent Gardens: T. J. Lloyd had declined to sell his garden. TR. Beynon still hopeful.

5816: Finance

The minutes of the Finance Committee were accepted as a true record of the meeting held on Wed 2nd July 2003. And the recommendations therein were accepted by Full Council. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy, Seconded by Cllr Jenkins.

The Audit. The internal auditor Mr Towns suggested that the presented schedule for the

Audit was not achievable due to the August Recess and the fact that any revisions to the accounts and the final accounts themselves to be approved until the September meeting of Full Council.

Clerk to obtain copy invoices for CT Fabrications and Gelli Plant for the Coppicing work, as they could not be entered without VAT. Clerk to request copy statements from the PWLB with regards to the payments made to the loan for the purchase of the Shire Hall.

The Internal Auditors recommendation is that the Clerk write to HLB Av Auditors with a request the date of the Audit be changed, to allow for ratification at meeting of 15th Sept 2003.

Proposed that Full Council formally accept the Internal Auditor's Recommendation. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy and Seconded by Cllr Jenkins. Revised accounts referred to Finance Meeting Sept 3rd 2003.

5817: Planning and General Purposes

The minutes of the Planning and General Purposes Committee were accepted as a true record of the meeting held on Wed 2nd July 2003, and the recommendations therein are accepted by Full Council. Proposed by Cllr Day, Seconded by Cllr Burge.

The need to develop some kind of planning strategy was raised by Cllr Vaughan Jones.

The Planning Committee to discuss the procedures of the planning process. Kevin Phillips to be invited to attend Planning Meeting 3rd September in an attempt to re-establish channels of communication and to develop respect for the Town Councils voice in the planning application process. Proposed by Cllr Price. Seconded by Cllr Jenkins.

5818: Office for the Town Clerk: Approaches had been made to the County Council regarding an office for the Town Clerk in the County Council buildings in the Crescent. The C. Council had offered a porta-cabin for the sum of £7.00 per week. There were issues of security and equipment to be considered.

Recommended by Cllr Gwyn the office be taken on for a trial period seconded by Cllr Bellamy. Town Clerk to look at cost of a portable laptop computer and the transfer of the Phone line. Technical Officer and Clerk to look at cost of making the building secure.

5819: Statue of Lord Rhys. After the Festival letters to be sent out to the Town organisations to set up a working party. To look at the different ideas of how and where to place as a monument to Lord Rhys. It had been established that in order to develop a unified policy for the development and promotion

of the Heritage and Tourism of the Area, a vital next step was the production of a Local Historical Heritage Audit.

Once a costing had been provided the Council was in favour of providing the match funding to the grant available from the County Council expected to be in the region of £800.00

5820: Notice of Motion: Proposal: Standing order number 7

That this is deleted and replaced by:-

"At any meeting of the Full Council, one third of the membership constitutes a quorum. However should the Council be depleted in number for any reason then the quorum can never be less than three."

Standing order no.47

Replace "one half" with "one third".

Cllr Gwyn argued against the proposed amendment stating that with a quorum as low as 4 the dangers out-weighed the advantages.

Cllr Day said the difficulties that arise when a meeting is not quorate leave a lot of work for both the Council and Clerk and the Council is not able to function.

Cllr Bellamy said she would rather see a minimum quorum of 5 rather than 4 for the Full Council and Cllr Day recommended the quorum at committees be 3.

The Mayor agreed this was a suitable compromise.

The Notice of Motion would be amended to now read:

"At any meeting of the full council, one third of the membership plus one constitutes a quorum. However should the Council be depleted in number for any reason then the quorum can never be less than three."

The amendment was voted on with 6 members in favour and then the Notice of Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

The notice of motion (Amended) "At any meeting of the full council, one third of the membership plus one constitutes a quorum. However should the Council be depleted in number for any reason then the quorum can never be less than three." is appended to standing order 7.
Replace "one half" with "one third". Is appended to Standing order 47.

Cllr Jenkins then proposed Standing Order 6 be suspended to conclude business. This was seconded by Cllr Gwyn.

5821: Meetings attended: Cllrs Jenkins and Vaughan Jones had attended the meeting of the Tywi Gwili group. Licensing laws were to undergo some changes meaning licence holders had to be on the premises and were responsible for whatever happened in the pub. The Council was given more authority to act on unruly behaviour in public houses. Cllr Jenkins attended the meeting held by Community Assoc, attended by ACCT the designs and plans for the refurbishment of the Civic Hall were now on display in the library.

5822: Mayors Report: The Mayor read out his list of engagements. Donations made from the Mayors acc are noted in parenthesis.

June2003 18 th 6.pm	Opening of Correl Y Tywnysog Ffairfach by Dyffren Cennen Council/
19 th 2.30	Met Philip James N.T.
20 th 4pm	Meeting with Wendy Walters, I. Jones and Emyr John
24 th 7pm	Civic Hall Comm Ass
26 th 9.30/ 11am/ 6pm	Meeting Town Clerk/ H.Waghorn Towy Gaurdian/ Director of Archaeological Trust
29 th 1pm / 2pm	Welsh Sheepdog event at Aberglasney / Tregib Orchestra at Penlan (£50)
JULY 2003	
1 st 6.30	Meeting Chamber of Trade, Civic Assoc, Council and Cambria Archaeological Trust
2 nd 7pm	Committee Meetings
4 th 7pm	Twinning
7 th 4pm	Meeting of Planning Committee with Mr Buckley at proposed Brewery site.
9 th 10.30	Mr Bannister Christmas Lights
10 th 7pm	Opening Garden Club open day.(£50)
11 th 10.30/11.30	Meeting Town Clerk/ Meeting Cambria Archaeological Trust.
13 th 3.30	Civic Service All Saints Ammanford.
15 th 10am/12.30pm	Meeting C.C.C & I.Jones re Market/ Meeting Archaeological Trust, Susan Chilcott & Emyr John
12 th July	Tenovus BBQ (£50)

5823: Shire Hall: The Archaeological Trust is showing signs of outgrowing the premises . Should they leave at end of the lease, we need to consider future potential as a heritage centre for the town as the building is a valuable asset.

5824:Site Visit: Town Council visited the proposed brewery site with Mr Buckley. General agreement Council approves of the plans for the 1st Stage of the development.

Letter to C.C. C. Planning expressing Council approval 1st stage of the plans and giving council support to the proposals. Mayor to write to K. Phillips

The meeting ended at 10.pm.

