

Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held at the main Dinefwr Chamber, Council Buildings, Llandeilo on Tuesday 21st October 2003 at 7.30 pm.

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

Other: Colette Paterson (Town Clerk). R. Huw Griffith (Technical Officer), Sgt Neil Jones (Police Officer). Members of the Public.

5879: Apologies: Cllr Ladd Lewis, County Councillor I. Jones.

5880: Police Matters. Sgt Jones presented his report. It had been a quiet period in Llandeilo with a single incident of criminal damage to a clothes store, the offender was caught.

There had been an increased amount of police activity in the area following an increase in rural burglaries. The police were operating in conjunction with Manchester Police.

The Sergeant had sent an officer out to observe the behaviour of the youths catching the free bus to the night club. It was only used by a handful of people, and there was no apparent problem.

The police had received the Fireworks letter and offered to have a presence there, and to place some signs on either side of the entrance to slow traffic down.

The police felt that both the music and the Llandeilo Festivals had been very successful. The music in the pubs had run fairly smoothly and the police would be willing to support this in future.

Cllr Vaughan Jones thanked the Sergeant for all the work that the police do in the community. The question of the letter of complaint the Town Council had received from a resident of the Crescent regarding the use of the benches at night by youths, who behave in an inappropriate way, was raised. The Sergeant said that the police had not received any complaints from other residents of the road and that he had received only positive compliments from members of the public who go and sit on the benches to enjoy the view. The police would monitor the situation at night and would urge members of the public to contact them with regard to anti-social behaviour.

The police were in the process of developing their Annual Policy Plan for 2004 - 2005. They wished to identify those areas they needed to prioritise and improve

on. They would like to open for discussion issues relating to : Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Disorder and Burglary. Cllr Jones said that he felt the community would like to see more of a presence from the police. Cllrs Price and Cooper agreed that it would be good to see a more officers walking around the town. Sgt Jones replied that the police did try to walk the streets but that although the Police Station was in Llandeilo, the officers therein had responsibility for an area of approx. 400 square miles, so resources were stretched. However he felt strongly that Llandeilo was well served, and the police did make regular walks around the town.

The other issue that the Council felt was important was related to the increase in rural burglaries. Councillors felt that it was important to maintain a high profile both Locally and Nationally publicising high Crime Detection Rates. This would help to deter that criminal element from other parts of the country who came into the area, expecting 'easy pickings'.

Finally Cllr Vaughan Jones suggested a need to increase 'Neighbourhood Watch' schemes and to increase and enhance awareness.

Cllr Jones to complete the questionnaire and to send a letter raising those issues that the Town Council feel should be given priority.

Cllr Jenkins raised the issue of the call centre, and the fact that you could not now call your local Police Station. All calls now went to the call centre. Sgt Jones said that there had been problems at the call centre, mostly with staffing levels, and levels of employee training. It was hoped that these issues were being dealt with and that the service would improve.

The Mayor offered the thanks on behalf of the Council to Sergeant Jones for his attendance at the meeting.

5881: Minutes : Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2003 to meet the Date requirement of the Audit.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 1st October are passed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy and seconded by Cllr Day.

5882: Matters Arising: The Annual Report has been compiled, signed and posted to the External Auditors. Copies of the complete report have been given to the Mayor, Cllr Jones and the Chair of Finance, Cllr Bellamy.

5883: Minutes of the Last Meeting of Full Council held at the Dinefwr Chamber on 16th September 2003.

Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held at the Dinefwr Chamber, Council Buildings, Llandello on 16th September 2003 are passed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Vaughan Jones, seconded by Cllr Gwyn.

5884: Matters Arising:

5845 Clerk to distribute list of Town organisations for additions and updating.
5852: The fireworks are ordered, the posters have been printed. The Clerk to produce a income/expenditure spreadsheet for the Fireworks.

5855: Gardens at the Crescent - dealing with the purchase of the Allotment. The County Council's survey fees will be billed to us. A condition is placed on the sale that the land is used as a garden and for no other purpose. Need to check the right to access.

As to the other garden - Mr Beynon had not yet replied to the Council's offer.

This garden to be an item on the Agenda at January's Meeting.

The Web Site : A meeting had been held and a timetable agreed. Information to Orchard Web by 7th November, demonstration of the website in December, Launch of the Web- Site in January.

5885: Minutes of the Committee Meetings, held Wed 1st October 2003.

The Minutes of the Finance Meeting held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 1st October 2003 are passed as an accurate record of the meeting, and the Council accepts the recommendations therein. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy and Seconded by Cllr Price.

The Minutes of the Planning and General Purpose Committee held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday 1st October 2003 are passed as an accurate record of the meeting, and the Council accepts the recommendations therein. Proposed by Cllr Day and seconded by Cllr Jenkins.

5886: Code of Conduct: The Council are required to set a date for a training session on the Code of Conduct, run by C. C. C.

Clerk to write to Mike Pugh Jones with the offer of Thursday 20th November, Tues 25th November 2003, Wed 26th November 2003 as suitable dates. The Council will then offer Salem/Manordeilo and Dyffren Cennen the opportunity to join us.

5887: Relief Road Update: Andrew Davies AM had responded to the letters sent by the Mayor and County Councillor I. Jones to say that he did not feel a deputation was appropriate at this time. However, it was still strongly felt that we should be able to put the case for the relief road directly to those who will be making the decisions. The Mayor and Cllr Jones had lobbied two AM's (N. Bourne and Rhodri Glyn Thomas) and an MP (Adam Price MP) present at a meeting. It was agreed that we should be given an opportunity to present the case and the need for a relief road.

5888: The future of the Old Market Hall. At a recent Community Association it had become clear that the Civic Hall and the old Market Hall were in competition for the same potential funding, and the Market Hall appears to be the one that the C. C. C. are going to back for funding. Menter Bro Dinefwr were in consultation with Ceramica regarding a joint project to use the Old Market Hall and as soon as details of this partnership became available the Town Council would be contacted with a view to offering further partnerships in any future proposal.

The Town Council needs to monitor this situation and to request that it is kept informed at all times of any progress.

5889: Reports from Meetings attended. Cllr Jenkins had attended the Civic Association meeting already discussed. A further meeting of the Civic Association was to be held at the Shire Hall on Thursday 30th October 2003. Cllr Jenkins had also attended the meeting of the Twyi Gwili Association, where they had been addressed by the Welsh Air Ambulance. The Welsh Air Ambulance did an incredible amount of work for the community and had thanked all Town and Community Council's for the donations given to this worthy cause. Cllr Jenkins also noted that the Twyi Gwili Association itself would be under consideration for restructuring of the system of Community Associations, amalgamating the various smaller groups into larger ones.

The Technical Officer had received the Invoice for the painting of the Shire Hall and had begun the process of getting quotations for the large window that needed to be replaced.

It was suggested that the Technical officer also obtain quotes for Supply Only for this window and then obtain quotes for its fitting, as this could potentially save some money.

5890: The Mayor's Report.

17/09/03	Meeting Network Rail - exploratory meeting. County Cllr Jones to follow up with discussion with Mr T. Williams.
Pm.	Discussion G. Thomas -Christmas Lights. Mr Harris on Pride in the Area grants for Bridge Street - need to develop planting scheme for the area, then entitled to the grant.

19/09/03	Meeting with the Town Clerk
25/09/03	Meeting Emyr John & Clerk - grant application
2/10/03	Met T. C and Gerwin Thomas - became clear that the C.C.C would charge large amount for xmas lights
7/10/03	Meet Lisa Bancroft - discussed the Town and Tourism and potential projects and grant sources. Promised to consider and advise.
7/10/03	Xmas lights meeting Shire Hall
7/10/03	Community Association attended by Dave Roison
10/10/03	Website Meeting with Andrew From Orchard Web.
14/10/03	ACTT Meeting - Civic Hall still a priority - money would be found feasibility study approved.
15/10/03	Spoke to Hwyl Richards of the Rees Richards partnership wants to address a meeting as regards the Pencrug development.
20/10/03	Ysgol Teilo Sant opening of the Play Garden.

Thanks to the Swindell Sisters for their work on the flowers in the Railway Station Planters. The Town Council needs to follow up the request to put up a tap outside the Toilets in the Car park. Clerk to circulate details of the density spec for Llys Pencrug. Remembrance Sunday to be held on 9/11/03 at the Church of Teilo Sant at 10.30.am.

5891: Correspondence - Letter from Thurza Swindells informing the Council that it is the Centenary of Penlan Parc on 7th January 2008. We need to begin to consider what to mark the occasion with and prepare the park and the view for the event. This event needed to be considered in the Heritage Audit and the park is a obvious site for panels on any subsequently devised Heritage Trail.

Clerk to write to C.C.C who are responsible for the Park to request a site meeting for all interested parties

It was felt that the Town Council was not responsible for the Footpath behind Thomas Terrace. Cllr Gwyn said the footpaths were registered with the old Urban Council but that they were all taken over by the Dinefwr Borough Council in 1974. When the Borough became C. C. C. they should have taken on this responsibility. The Council needs to establish exactly what footpaths it has a responsibility for.

Clerk to request from C. C. C. to see original letter of complaint from the resident of Thomas Terrace.

The Clerk had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Ladd Lewis. The Council expressed their regret at this intention to resign.

Clerk to write a letter to Cllr Ladd Lewis to request Cllr Ladd Lewis reconsider his decision to resign.

The wording for the Plaque, to be sited outside the Shire Hall was agreed. Informing people that the Building is owned by the Town Council. It will be translated and the Brass plaque commissioned.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm.