

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

# MINUTES

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The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn. The Mayor, Cllr Cefin Evans, presided.

Present: Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Kelvin Baker, Cllr Gareth Williams, Mrs Vanessa Owens Clerk and members of the press.

(207)

PCSO Jeff Kedward attended the meeting. He provided no caller please campaign posters for Halloween. The PACT meeting had no members of the public attend.

The Council reported the ongoing damage to the slate seats by the church hall.

A lorry has caused damage to the mart toilets; the CCTV is to be checked for any evidence and the clerk to report to the county council.

(208)

Chris Davis from Youth Services attended the meeting to provide an update. He explained the current position at Ragamuffins and informed the meeting that the local youth worker has been off on sick. He updated the Council on the proposals at the Secondary school where there will be provision for a youth club.

The post 16 youth support worker was discussed and the town council felt that this service needed to be promoted in the town.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb  
Apologies for Absence

(209)

Apologies were received from Cllr Maureen Webley

2. Datgelu Personal ac Ariannol dan Eitemau Busnes sydd wedi eu Rhestru Isod  
To Disclose Personal & Pecuniary Interests in Items of Business listed below

(210)

Cllr Cefin Evans declared his interests relating to planning application W/23834

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 16.09.10  
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 16.09.10

(211)

The financial details were included; subject to these alterations Cllr Alan Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Pauline Evans and passed by a majority. The minutes were signed accordingly.

4. Materion yn codi  
Matters arising

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(212)

Councillors had met with Mr John McEvoy and mutually agreed the sign requirements. Mr McEvoy confirmed by email the county council responsibilities. The town council are to address the two signs outside the police station and a sign outside Dai Lewis office. Cllr Alan Jones noted that Hanes Emlyn were interested in obtaining the old sign by Emlyn School.

Clerk confirmed that a bike stand is to be included in the bus interchange project in New Road.

Cllr Alan Jones is arranging the relevant advisory signs for the town's CCTV system.

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

(213)

Clerk has resubmitted copies of the outstanding invoices re damage claim: £94 inc vat re street light brackets from Barry Evans; £129.26 inc vat for bolts etc from E H Harries; £174.00 re damage to butchers shop repairs

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Ref:25

D J Bragg. Insurance have been informed that the cost of new lights will exceed the quotation though it has not been guaranteed we will receive the full amount. The original quotation submitted and authorised by the insurance was £445+ vat. The cost of led lights will be 1 mtr spacing with coloured lights £612.50 and 1/2 mtr spacing with coloured lights £1045.00. The town council agreed to order led lights with 1 meter spacing and meet any difference in the insurance claim.

(214)

The permission forms for completion have been received from Carmarthenshire County Council.

(215)

Email had been received from Crane Aid regarding the testing of lighting anchor points. Clerk to make enquiries on how frequently this has to be done.

#### Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

(216)

Cllr Alan Jones reported that the grant has been applied for. The council authorised Cllr Jones to authorise the relevant work once confirmation of the grant has been received.

#### Ref 17/08 CCTV

(217)

Cllr Gareth Williams reported that the camera at Emlyn Arms has been repaired; a tree has been cut back at the car park; all cameras have been cleaned and re-aligned; the cameras at Cut & Curl no longer work properly and need repairing.

Cllr Williams noted that there was a need for cameras in the castle grounds. To achieve this it would be necessary to have a line of site to the police station so he suggested relocating and housing the record machinery at the Cawdor hall clock tower which would also improve the other cameras in town. Cllr Hazel Evans enquired about security and data protection compliance; Cllr Williams confirmed it would be necessary for a secure box.

Cllr Alan Jones suggested that a committee should be established to deal with the CCTV issues to oversee ongoing maintenance and system improvements. This was agreed and Cllr Gareth Williams, Cllr Peter Lewis and Cllr Alan Jones were elected on.

#### Ref: 25:09/08 Mart chains

(218)

Cllr Kelvin Baker reported that the posts have been painted red and white and there are pink chains.

#### Ref: 26 09/08 & 45 02/09 Mart car park

(219)

John McEvoy has authorised repairs to the mart car park potholes. Mr McEvoy has informed the town council that there are no plans to resurface. It was noted that the potholed have been filled but not sealed which will allow water to push the surface back up. Clerk to contact the county council.

It was agreed that the area is now well lit.

An update had been received from Lloyds TSB; the Property Manager has visited the site and the town council will hear from them in due course.

#### Ref 32 10/08 Emlyn Hall

(220)

Cllr Hazel Evans has been in contact with the charity commission and established that Mr Hefin Williams and Mr Morten are trustees of the building. The building has been gifted to the town. Cllr Cefin Evans has spoken to the Apple Dance Studio who are concerned about the future of the hall. Cllr Hazel Evans informed the council that the trustees needed to call a meeting to establish a new management committee; she felt strongly that the Town Council needed to support the trustees in sorting everything out.

#### Ref 35 10/08 River Walk & Ref 62 02/20 RDP Village Enhancement Scheme

(221)

Cllr Cefin Evans and Cllr Hazel Evans had met with Rhodri Glyn and County Council representatives; it was a more positive than negative meeting. The town project is on the reserve list for funding and might be called to move in to the second phase though it may possibly be a smaller project.

#### Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

(222)

Clerk had met with the solicitor and a representative of the Attic theatre to discuss the lease and address the theatre's concerns. The town council approved the proposed amendments. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the theatre to draft an inventory and assess the building.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Ref:26

Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

(223)

Clerk had received a phone message from the contract cleaner to inform the Town Council that she does not intend to renew the contract. It was agreed that the temporary cleaner would continue for the time being until such time as the County Council confirm their proposals in passing responsibility of public toilets and the possible loss of the SLA payment.

Ref 56/11/09 20mph speed restriction request

(224)

Ongoing.

Ref 57/11/09 Clock

(225)

Mr Wyn Davies is currently cleaning the clock and it is working; the Town Council agreed to carry on with this arrangement.

5. Gohebiaeth  
Correspondence

(226)

Letter offering services from District Valuer Services  
Information from the 1911 Llanelli Railway Strike Remembrance committee  
OVW Carmarthenshire Area Committee information  
Information from Centregreat Ltd re renewal/upgrading of Xmas lights  
Yr Ardd magazine  
Email:  
Information on Cittaslow UK National Conference  
Introduction from Joanna Owen CAVS Project Coordinator for childs play  
Community Action for Climate Change Network 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Correspondence was noted

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau  
Committee reports

(227)

Cllr Alan Jones had attended the Hanes Emyrn AGM. He reported that the same people are in office but their membership is down and will be looking to promote membership at £12.

(228)

Cllr Hazel Evans reported on the One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting.

(229)

Cllr Odette Little reported that the Victorian night is to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Their next meeting to discuss arrangements is 18<sup>th</sup> November.

(230)

Cllr Gareth Williams requested permission for the playing field committee to use the castle grounds for their annual firework display; this was granted. It was suggested that their firework banner be put up on the Cawdor hall. All donations of firewood would be gratefully received.

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio  
Planning Applications

(231)

Planning applications were considered:

W/23772 Extension to side, proposed sun room and boundary walls: Eirianfa, Penlon Rd – no observations

W/23724 Remodelling & extensions to form new visitor entrance and creative drama plaza – full support of this application

W/23716 Extension to rear of storeroom to form office space Naturally Scrumptious, Sycamore St.- no observations

Cllr Cefin Evans left the meeting whilst the next application was discussed.

W/23834 Proposed extension to existing restaurant and sun lounge to existing flat above and alterations Coopers Arms, Station Rd – no observations

W/23847 Advertisement sign Dai Lewis, College St – no observations

GRANTED – W/23432 New proposals at Harrisons Bistro

REFUSED – W/23476 Proposed two storey detached dwelling with garage in basement Pentrecastell, Sycamore St

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Minuets Ref:27

(232)

Appeal lodged with National Assembly MS J Peasgood 5 Market Sq Unauthorised works to a listed building; deadline extended to 2<sup>nd</sup> November

(233)

Information received from Cllr Webley that Carmarthenshire County Council Executive board on 26<sup>th</sup> July unanimously resolved to re-examine its decision in relation to sale of car park.

8. Materion Arianol  
Financial Matters

(234)

Monthly budget sheet to be provided

Handyman report to be provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 07.10.10           £ 14603.83

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.01.09           £       0.15

Payments:

£492.00 Mr Wyn Davies

£91.08 Mr Wyn Davies

£292.00 Mrs S Phillips

£156.23 JBH Supplies

£ 29.00 & £94.00 Trefhedyn Garden Centre

£956.46 CCC – footway charges

£146.88 D I Evans

£161.97 P Lewis

£37.75 Cllr Hazel Evans Williams

Receipts:

Rent: £505.00

SLA £ 2164.81

(235)

Grant request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru - no

Grant request from Emlyn Pool Management Committee – agreed £200.00

Grant request from Orllwyn Teifi Inter Hunt Relay – deferred

Grant request from Victorian night committee – agreed £200.00

Grant request from Dai Lewis Xmas mart – agreed £100.00

Grant request from Victim Support - no

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun  
Project Team Reports

(236)

Cllr Alan Jones requested a copy of the relevant bank statement showing cheque for the purchase of picnic tables in order that he can put in an initial grant payment application. He reported that the WAG Deputy Social Services Minister is interested in the gate project; Mr Tony Woodman has involved a group of young adults on the project which has promoted

(237)

Letters of congratulation on successful first round pass for the Cawdor Hall bid from Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM and Jonathan Edwards MP

Email received from Cllr Webley requesting a meeting; agreed date for 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill  
Any Other Business

(238)

Letter received from LVO re Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee 2012 Fields Initiative.

(239)

Permission has been granted by Carmarthenshire County Council for window repairs at the Cawdor hall; Mr Wyn Davies has started the required work

(240)

Information on BT survey to get super-speed fibre broadband.

(241)

Information on Carmarthenshire's Community Challenge.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Ref:28

(242)

Email asking for support to retain Search & Rescue helicopter at RAF Chivenor. Agreed to send a letter.

(243)

It was agreed to put up the Christmas lights on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

(244)

Remembrance Sunday is on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

(245)

Cllr Cefin Evans informed the meeting that he had attended the Bloodhounds hunt and his chosen charity was HUTS.

(246)

Cllr Hazel Evans raised concerns about the new Carrot Cruncher sign outside on the Cawdor Hall wall.

(247)

Cllr Peter Lewis informed the meeting that the light in the clock was not working and that a bush in the twinning garden was overgrowing out onto the pavement.

(248)

Cllr Alan Jones requested a notice be put up in the council chambers to remind users to switch of the lights.

(249)

Cllr Allan Davies asked about the current position for a new dentist in the town. Cllr Hazel Evans responded that someone has been interviewed.

(250)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.05 for the Council to go into committee.

(251)

The Council went into committee to discuss the applications for the clerk position. Two applications had been received and both were considered; it was agreed to offer the position to Teleri Davies.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Ref:29