



MINUTES

(288)

The monthly meeting of Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 19th November 2009 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn, the Mayor Cllr Peter Lewis presided.

Present:

Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Kelvin Baker, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Fiona White, Cllr Haydn Jones, Vanessa Owens Clerk, Members of the press and public.

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PACT meeting was held prior to the monthly meeting.

Sergeant Dai Monkley has been appointed to Newcastle Emlyn and has been working out of the station for the last two weeks. He is to set his priorities in the coming weeks.

PC Diane Williams reported that a speed initiative with the primary school children had been held in Station Road, drivers stopped for speeding were asked to speak to the children.

PCSO Jeff Kedward has issued 3 notices to vehicles parked in Ebenezer Street junction.

On investigation the recently discovered unmarked grave contained animal bones.

An informative day was held at the mart car park on 6th November.

The closure of Porth Street for the Victorian night has been arranged.

PC Diane Williams noted her disappointment in the poor attendance to the meetings and will review the situation at the next meeting to be held on 18th February at 7pm.

Cllr Hazel Evans requested a 20 mile per hour speed restriction through the town, this needs to be referred to Mr John McEvoy at the county council.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(290)

Apologies were received from Cllr Allan Jones and Cllr Allan Davies

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

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Cllr Cefin Evans declared his interests relating to planning and signed the book accordingly.

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 15.10.09
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 15.10.09

(292)

After deleting Emlyn Square from 251 Cllr Pauline Evans proposed to accept the minutes as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Hazel Evans and agreed by a majority. The minutes were signed.

4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

(293)

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

Ongoing.

(294)

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

Clerk has received no further correspondence relating to this.

(295)

Ref 10/08 Streetlights

Ongoing

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(296)

Ref 12/08 Recycling bins

Cllr Hazel Evans asked about the repositioning of the recycling bins. Cllr Haydn Jones reported that there was no other suitable location available at present but welcomed any suggestions.

(297)

Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

£1441.00 received from CADW.

(298)

Ref 17/08 CCTV Emlyn Square

Sgt Clarke has been very busy but work will be undertaken as soon as possible.

(230)

Ref:21:09/08 Roseberry House

Clerk has still not received a reply and has contacted Carmarthenshire County Council again.

(231)

Ref: 23:09/08 Pavements

Clerk has still not received a reply and has chased this up.

(232)

Ref: 25:09/08 Mart chains

Cllr Peter Lewis has spoken with the mart operators who have ordered better luminate tape to go around the posts. The main light on the corner of the mart building is not working; Cllr Haydn Jones to report to the County Council.

(233)

Ref: 26 09/08 Mart car park

Clerk has still not received a reply from LloydsTSB; it was suggested that another letter be sent via their internal mail system.

The work outside the school has still not been done.

(234)

Ref 28 10/08 Picnic Table

It was noted that the picnic benches were not chained down, clerk to contact Mr Wyn Davies and arrange.

(235)

Ref 34 10/08 Bus shelter at CK's

The shelter has still not been put in.

(236)

Ref 35 10/08 River Walk

Ongoing

(237)

Ref 36 10/08 Web site

The clerk has received the electronic copy from Carmarthenshire County Council; the PDF file has been sent to ICT vision. It has been arranged that the website go live and it will be up and running in a few days. Clerk can arrange for any information, organisations contact details to be included.

(238)

Ref: 38 01/09 New litter bin by mart car park

Carmarthenshire County Council has put a new bin on the pavement opposite Emlyn garage antiques.

(239)

Ref 42 02/09 Renting of available unit

Ongoing.

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(240)

Ref: 45 02/09 Safe access to market car park

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that the County are to put posts in but the traffic review has not been done. Cllr Fiona White reported that a 5 year old child had nearly been knocked over by a bus and suggested that an assistant crossing officer was required to ensure pedestrian safety. Cllr Haydn Jones to address with the county council.

(241)

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

Ongoing.

Email was received thanking the town council for repairing the window. A request had been received to put up a banner for the Xmas show but due to the art school banner it was decided to place it in a different position to avoid more nails in a listed building.

(242)

Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

Cleaning contractor has asked if it is possible to arrange hot water at the Hall toilets. Cllr Peter Lewis has looked into the feasibility and estimated the cost to be in the region of £650.00. It was agreed to review this request as part of the next financial budget.

Councillors commended the new contractor on her cleaning, that the toilets are spotless.

The light timer has been adjusted so that the lights come on earlier in the evening.

Clerk to arrange for Wyn Davies to put a bolt on the toilet door at Cawdor toilets as unable to repair the lock mechanism.

Having blockage problems at the mart car park toilets, Cllr Peter Lewis to chase up the county council to sort out.

(243)

Ref 53/07/09 Sewerage issues

Clerk has contacted Dwr Cymru and requested a meeting, Mr Gareth Rees has responsibility for Newcastle Emlyn area and clerk is waiting to hear back from him.

(244)

Ref 54/09/09 Castle

Clerk has not received a reply from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the lease agreement and liability.

(245)

Ref 55/09/09 Christmas Lights.

Forms have been completed and sent to the county council. It was arranged that the trees would be put up on the Sunday. Clerk had received an email from Cambrian News requesting details of any official turn on of the lights, council don't do this.

5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(246)

Letter from WRVS requesting new volunteers

Information from Information Commissioners Office regarding Data Protection.

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Plan 2010-2011 and Improvement Plan 2009-2010

Email:

Information from OVW – Swine flu

Age Concern Curry & quiz night

RDP Funding Fayre

Consultation documents:

Proposed guidance for the Wales programme for improvement for the Fire & Rescue Authorities in Wales – by 25th January 2010

Carmarthenshire County Council Improvement Plan 2009/1010 found at

www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/performance. Questionnaire to complete at end.

OVW request town council to respond to Are we Being Served report. Consultation ends 27th November.

Full report available at <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/beingserved/?lang=en>

Local Government (Wales) Measures 2009 – statutory guidance

Correspondence was noted.

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6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

(247)

Cllr Hazel Evans reported on the presentation held at Fronlas, she felt that there was not enough time to discuss all the issues raised regarding service level agreements between the county and town and community councils. It was agreed to have a separate meeting on the 14th January at 7pm in the Council chambers.

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Cllr Fiona White reported that the fireworks had raised £900.00. The playground committee are putting up a net wall and new equipment will be going in when weather improves in the Spring. She noted that the committee members have fallen drastically and unless new people join then it is unlikely that the committee can continue. She asked what would happen if the committee folded; would the county council or the town council be prepared to take it on with the running costs of approximately £3000 a year. Cllr Haydn Jones responded that the County Council are looking to give things over to local communities. Cllr Cefin Evans suggested that other organisations should be getting involved such as the local sports clubs with a view to further grants for possible provision of an all weather surface.

(249)

Cllr Fiona White informed the meeting that the circus want to come back to Newcastle Emlyn but are unable to use the playground as it is too wet. She asked for suitable alternative location ideas. Cllr Hazel Evans had attended the RDP funding fair and registered the Cawdor Hall project.

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(250)

W/21917 Removal top half of the existing bakery building which includes removal of all the green corrugated metal cladding and frame retaining the existing stone basement as the foot print for the new proposals.

Harrisons café, Sycamore St, Newcastle Emlyn

It was felt that this application was out of character for the conservation area and an overdevelopment of the site.

GRANTED – W/21458 & W/21459 Proposed conversion of outbuildings into 3 self contained units to form extension to the residential care home known as the Rectory. The Vicarage, Newcastle Emlyn.

GRANTED – W/21313 Resubmission of W/19461 for the Construction of 1 dormer bungalow. Lochnagar, Quarry Ffinant

GRANTED _ W/21713 Conversion of loft space to 2 bedrooms & bathroom with dormer window to front & velux windows to rear. Glyn y Coed, Carmarthen Rd, Newcastle Emlyn.

(251)

Email received Pre-deposit Preferred Strategy, Initial Sustainability Appraisal & the Habitat Regulations Screening Report/Constraints Plan Public Consultation runs from 4th Nov 2009 to 4th January 2010. Documents available on web site.

8. Materion Arianol
Financial Matters

(252)

Monthly budget sheet provided

Handyman report provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 19.11.09 £ 26092.83

Reserve a/c balance as at 19.11.09 £ 1343.03

Payments:

£867.00 Mr Wyn Davies

£551.95 Mrs Phillips

£34.76 Swallow Office Supplies

£275.39 JBH Supplies Ltd

£58.36 ABS Carmarthen Fire Protection

£75.00 One Voice Wales – training

£176.29 CCTV4U Direct Ltd

£21583.20 J V Elias

£1037.48 Alan Thomas

£200.00 Victorian night committee

£25.00 Poppy Appeal

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Receipts:
 £2132.82 Carmarthenshire County Council
 £15765.00 Grantscape
 £1441.00 CADW

(253)
 Grant request from National Eisteddfod passed to next meeting.

(254)
 Clerk suggested transferring the balance from the reserve account until the £4692.00 due from CADW and precept payment was received, it was decided not to transfer any money.

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun
Project Team Reports

(255)
 CADW have authorised a payment of £4692.00, a 10% retention has been kept until the work is finalised and the project is signed off.
 Cllr Maureen Webley reported that things are moving forward slowly. She informed the meeting that it would be necessary to organise a project development officer and would be looking to the county council for help. A meeting is to be arranged for January.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill
Any Other Business

(256)
 Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that Newcastle Emlyn Town Council adopt the standing orders, financial regulations and risk assessment documents, this was seconded by Cllr Pauline Evans and passed by a majority.

(257)
 A letter was received from Carmarthenshire County Council advising that Mr W Thomas' term of office as school governor ceases on 22nd January 2010 and advising that Newcastle Emlyn Town Council in consultation with Llandyfriog Community Council need to consider filling the vacancy. It was agreed that Mr Thomas can be re-appointed.

(258)
 Letter received from Carmarthenshire County Council inviting a representative to attend the official launch of the Bwcabus in the Emlyn Arms on 10th December at 11am.

(259)
 Dyfed-Powys Police Authority Community Consultative Meeting is to be held on Monday 23rd November at 6th Form Common Room, Queen Elizabeth High School, Llanstephan Rd, Johnstown at 7p. Cllr Peter Lewis to attend.

(260)
 Cllr Pauline Evans reported that the town clock is 7 minutes slow. Clerk to contact Mr Davies.

(261)
 Cllr Hazel Evans enquired about the key register. It was agreed that councillors should write down which keys they hold and pass information to the clerk to collate.

(262)
 Clerk to chase up auditors report.

(263)
 Cllr Maureen Webley enquired about the situation regarding the provision of a suitable youth club. Youth workers are currently wandering the streets on a Monday evening. Cllr Hazel Evans reported that initial discussions are taking place regarding a possible venue. Cllr Fiona White has been involved in a feasibility study for a youth drop in rather than a club. Clerk to write to Carmarthenshire County Council and enquire about the provision for Newcastle Emlyn.

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Cllr Fiona White requested that plenty of notice be provided for extra meetings.

(265)

Cllr Peter Lewis noted that the bus shelter barrier in New Road has been ripped out and needs putting back. Cllr Haydn Jones has reported this.

(266)

A safety ring has gone missing from the box in the castle meadow. Cllr Haydn Jones to provide clerk with contact details at county council who have a stock of replacement rings.

There are two litter bins attached to rotten timber, clerk to contact Wyn Davies to arrange for bins to be relocated to bouy posts.

It was agreed to arrange for the railings at the bottom of the castle to be taken away.

(267)

Due to the digital switchover the mast at Heol y Gof is no longer required and the standing order to Mrs Phillips is to be cancelled.

(268)

Christmas mart is to be held on 10th December.

(269)

Cllr Peter Lewis is to organise the annual dinner for some time in January.

(270)

The date of the next meeting is 21st January 2010.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:40pm.

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