



Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

MINUTES

(301/02/11)

The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 17th February 2010 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre. The Mayor, Cllr Cefin Evans, Presided.

Present: Cllr Cefin Evans, County Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Gareth Williams, Mrs Teleri Davies, Clerk and Members of the press.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb

Apologies for Absence

(302/02/11)

Apologies received from Cllr Pauline Evans and Cllr Kelvin Baker.

2. Datgelu Personol ac Ariannol dan Eitemau Busnes sydd wedi eu Rhestru Isod

To Disclose Personal & Pecuniary Interests in Items of Business listed below

(303/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans – In declaration of financial matters. Payment of cheque for Printer & Victorian Night sundries.

(304/02/11) Cllr Allan Davies – A.O.B – HUTS matters.

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 20.01.11

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 20.01.11

(305/02/11) In reference to the CCTV Update (289/01/11) The costings of £1.011 refer to the updating of the CCTV system in general, and not just for the Castle, as was construed.

(306/02/11) Cllr Alan Jones was present at the meeting.

(307/02/11) The Town Council to be referred to as the 'Council' and not 'committee'

(308/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans to be referred to as County Councillor Hazel Evans (CCllr) where appropriate.

Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and correct, this was seconded by Cllr Allan Davies and passed by a majority.

4. Materion yn codi

Matters arising

Monthly Report by PCSO Kedward

(309/02/11) There is a new CPSO now based in town, PCSO Sylvia Davies-Morris. Since a certain pub has had its licence revoked, the number of drunken youths in the town has significantly decreased. A certain tenant was addressed regarding the parking problems in Mill Street and no problems have arisen since. The sound of cars racing late at night has lessened, and PCSO Kedward has spoken to drivers involved.

Cllr Hazel Evans noted that traffic is bad in town and the traffic warden is only in town on a Thurs. PCSO Kedward noted that the police are aware of the problem and one fellow officer is very keen to regulate the situation.

Cllr Alan Jones noted that the green van was back parking at the castle gates. PCSO Kedward reported that the vehicle is taxed and insured, therefore can be legally parked there.

PCSO Kedward informed the council that the police are currently searching for a local man, Mr Paul Jones, who has been missing since the 8th of December 2011, and circulated posters in the meeting. Cllr Cefin Evans expressed that our thoughts are with the family of the missing man.

Cllr Hazel Evans noted that PCSO Kedward is missed on the streets of Newcastle Emlyn due to his current knee problems.

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(310/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans had no progress to report and that the signs were still on order.

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

(311/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans reported that the County Council has resurfaced a large area, but they will be coming back to carry out extras works where there is standing water & more weather damaged surfaces.

Ref 32 10/08 Emlyn Hall

(312/02/11) The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st February, and Grants Officer, Matthew Lawlor will be there at 7:30pm to advise on which grants and schemes are available.

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

(313/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans reported that we are still awaiting the Welsh Assembly Government to get back to the first lot of applications, and then we will find out whether we successfully included in the second batch of applications.

Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

(314/02/11) Clerk reported that no response has been received on whether the next SLA due will be paid, but Cllr Hazel Evans has learnt from One Voice Wales that the closure process will take a year to sort out, so the next payment should come through as per usual. A light has stopped working in the Gents toilets. **Wyn to have a look**
RESOLVED - The Doors and toilet seat have been repaired and some other small repairs have been carried out in the Cawdor Hall Public Conveniences.

Ref 56/11/09 20mph speed restriction request

(315/02/11) It has been suggested that Ceredigion County Council be approached so that the Speed Limit can carry on over the bridge. Cllr Towyn Evans is going to speak to Ceredigion engineers.

Ref 57 02/11 RDP Grant Application

(316/02/11) Carmarthenshire County Council have requested that Newcastle Emlyn Town Council be used as a Referee for an RDP Grant application - **AGREED**

Ref 58 02/11 Missing Trestle Tables

(317/02/11) **RESOLVED** Cllr Alan Jones noted that the tables have been found.

Ref 59 02/11 Name for Street

(318/02/11) **RESOLVED** Residents have decided that the street should be named 'Heol Arad'

Ref 60 02/11 Purchase of Lower Mart Car Park

(319/02/11) Clerk to write to Assets department, Carmarthenshire County Council, requesting purchase

Ref 61 02/11 Empty Grit Boxes at the top of Penlon Road

(320/02/11) **RESOLVED** - Grit has been delivered

Ref 62 02/11 Faulty Exterior Light at Baggage Shop

(321/02/11) Cllr Gareth Williams reported that a new sensor will be required to get it working. **Cllr Williams to Assess**

5. Gohibaeth / Correspondence

Post

- Invitation to the Mayor & Consort and Deputy Mayor & Consort to a Charity ball held by The Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council.
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Bursary Information and Course Dates
- BDO Annual Return
- **Email**
- Carmarthenshire Marketing and Tourism – Compiling list of Spring/Summer events to include on their 'Discover Carmarthenshire' brochure. Clerk to reply re. Food Festival, Dragon Festival & Raft Race
- Charity Commission Wales – wanting clarification on the running of the King George V Playing Fields.
- Mr Tim Swann – Comments on Transport Assessment Supplement re. The Cawdor planning application on Tanyard lane.
- Flogas – wanting to sponsor a Town in bloom event in Newcastle Emlyn. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Little re. The cost of planting of the troughs in Town, and to inform flogas of the outcome.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau

Committee reports

(322/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans attended the last meeting of One Voice Wales. The new Chief Executive was present and was seen to have more structure and a good vision for the future. He will be lobbying the Welsh Assembly Government for better funding for One Voice Wales

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio

Planning Applications

(323/02/11) W/ENP/04374 – 5 Market Square, Newcastle Emlyn. Planning Hearing on 2nd of March at 10:00am, Committee room 1 Council Offices, 3 Spillman st, Carmarthen.

(324/02/11) W/23439 – Withdrawal of application by Somerfield Food Store on 10.02.11 - to bring forward sliding entrance door by 800mm, and remove existing single exit door. New external plant unit and condenser within existing rear compound, and new palisade fencing to house these.

(325/02/11) W/24295 Extension to Aber House, Aberarad – all agreed. Clerk to send notice to planning that no issues were raised.

Signed

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8. Materion Arianol / Financial Matters

(326/02/11)

No Monthly budget sheet has been provided, as the Council's external memory drive has developed a problem and the information cannot be accessed at the moment.

Handyman has not been submitted.

Current a/c bank balance as at 11.02.11 £19,130.14

Reserve a/c balance as at 11.02.11 £0.15

Payments:

£16.98 DD	Swalec	31.01.11
£17.88 DD	Swalec	31.01.11
£211.94 DD	S T Davies	24.01.11
£138.00	Meltingoed	17.02.11 Wood for fencing – Castle Project
£434.00	Mrs Jean Williams	17.02.11/ Toilet Cleaning
£13512.50	Barry Evans	11.02.11
£199.98	Cllr Hazel Evans	Printer & Victorian Night Supplies

Welsh Water – Metered Water Payment by Direct Debit 15.02.11 = £528.

Stuart Colburn, Man Machine – Incorrect Payee details on cheque for external hard drive dated 18/11/10 £68.00

Invoices

Swalec – Unmetered Christmas Lighting 01.12.10 – 05.01.11 = £67.97 PAID

Clerks Expenses Nov 2010 – Jan 2011 = £20.92 PAID

Estimate for Footway Lighting Charges for the Financial Year 2011/2012 = £3216.28 To be Invoiced in April

Received:

£155.00	S W Colburne
£310.00	Carrot Cruncher
£155.00	Beautify Me
£195.00	J Sutton

Electric Meters – £227.00 – Clerk accompanied by Cllr Hazel Evans

BDO Audit Report – Accepted as correct by Cllr Alan Jones, seconded by Cllr Allan Davies.

Completed form To be returned to BDO by Clerk

Grant requests from:

Heart of Wales Line Forum (Train Line) TABLED

Cruse Carmarthenshire Bereavement Care TABLED

9. Adroddiadau Tîmau Cynllun / Project Team Reports

(327/02/11) Cawdor Hall – Next meeting to be held on 02/03/11. The first grant payment should be arriving soon.

Tenant who were agitated regarding lack of information on the project have been spoken to by Caroline Roberts, and informed of dates of meetings and that they are welcome to come.

~~Cawdor Hall~~ - Cllr Alan Jones reported that they are awaiting finalities regarding the RDP launch, and the general feedback from other projects was that there was not enough time to organise a launch. Cllr Cefin Evans suggested that Pamela Gaunt was informed that there would not be a launch.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill / Any Other Business

(328/02/11) Cllr Hazel Evans noted that Josh Turnbull, an ex Emlyn School Pupil, and an ex player for Emlyn Rugby Club should be acknowledged for his place in the Welsh Rugby Squad, and getting his first Cap for Wales.

Clerk to send a Letter to be signed by Mayor.

(329/02/11) Cllr Alan Jones had been approached to ask whether the Town Council will be organising an event for the Royal Wedding. It was agreed that there would be no event organised by the Town Council. **Resolved all in agreement**

(330/02/11) Cllr Allan Davies has found clarification from previous Minutes in June 2009, ref 43/06/09, that the Town Council will take responsibility for the frame of the Mosaic made by the HUTS project in the castle grounds, and that HUTS will maintain the actual art work.

(331/02/11) The Newcastle Emlyn Food Festival Committee have requested the use of brackets that hold our Festive Lights attached to Gwestyr Emlyn to hang their banner.

(332/02/11) Wyn, the Handyman has informed Cllr Cefin Evans that he would like to remove the trees around the dragon maze in the castle meadow so that the dragon can be seen. Cllr Peter Lewis said that lots of children had used the maze during the dragon festival, and would like to see the maze improved to meet what it was meant to be according to initial plans. Cllr Hazel Evans said that the council went to a great deal of trouble to get the trees and the grant that funded them. It might be an option to get flogas to sponsor the maze as well as the planters.

Cllr Alan Jones suggested that he would not like the townspeople to think that all funding was being spent on the castle. Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Little, Handyman and Cllr Lewis – Clerk to arrange.

(333/02/11) Cllr Cefin Evans has found that the basket used to place and remove festive lighting is in a state that is beyond repair, and a new one will have to be purchased. He has got estimates of £500 - £1000 for a replacement it was decided that it would be put on the agenda for the next Financial Committee meeting, and 3 estimates will be needed. Clerk to approach Llanyfrynog and Adpar Community Council and the Town Chamber of trade for contributions towards the costs.

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