

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

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The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 15th April 2010 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn; the Mayor, Cllr Peter Lewis presided.

Present: Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Maureen Webley, County Councillor Haydn Jones, Vanessa Owens Clerk, members of the press and public.

(403)

PCSO Jeff Kedward informed the Council that he had been on leave and on his return was surprised at the level of damage around the castle. He has spoken to individuals and intends to increase the patrols in this area. He will deal with any underage drinking and will be taking names, any continued damage and the names will be contacted first. He felt that this situation was the result of moving them on from the playground. He reported that four youths have received verbal warnings regarding the damage to the public toilets and that three have been arrested for the graffiti and damage.

It is the intention to hold the fun football again this year, due to the eisteddfod being held in May it was agreed to organise it during the summer holidays.

Cllr Cefin Evans enquired about the dog fouling situation and PCSO Jeff Kedward explained about the bye law situation and that he was unable to enforce anything at present.

(404)

Cllr Peter Lewis informed those present that the Council would be going into committee at the end of the meeting to discuss two items.

(405)

Condolences were made to Cllr Haydn Jones and Mrs Jones on the recent loss of his mother-in-law.

(406)

County Councillor Haydn Jones provided his report as he had to be at another meeting that evening. He has not received any information regarding the appointment of a local ranger; he is waiting for information on the castle lease agreement but is experiencing delays due to the department being relocated and the moving of all the documents; there is to be a meeting on Friday 16th April to inspect the castle car park; he will chase up Mr Eirian James regarding the steps by the pay and display at castle car park; Gillian Wulf, ARAP, is to make a follow up visit regarding the proposed path on the 16th – it was agreed that Cllr Hazel Evans would meet with her.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(407)

Apologies were received from Cllr Kelvin Baker

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

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 18.03.10
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 18.03.10

(408)

Item 371 was amended to read Cllr Hazel Evans; item 385 was amended to read April; item 391 was amended to read April; item 399 was amended to read March. Subject to these changes Cllr Alan Jones proposed that the minutes be accepted as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Odette Little and passes unanimously. The minutes were signed accordingly.

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4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(409)

Clerk to remind Cllr Haydn Jones to locate list of original requirements.

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

(410)

Cllr Peter Lewis is to contact Mr Owen Hesford regarding Christmas light requirements in line with the insurance claim.

Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

(411)

At a meeting held the previous Sunday to consider a grant project the level of damage that has been done by youths removing stones and throwing them from the top areas of the castle was cause for concern. There was also a substantial amount of litter pushed under a section of the wall. Clerk has contacted PC Diane Williams regarding the policing of this area and CADW regarding repairs to the castle. CADW are to contact the council to arrange a visit.

Ref 17/08 CCTV

(412)

Cllr Alan Jones reported that there was a funding issue regarding the completion of the upgrade work. The town council agreed that it would meet these costs in order that the work be completed as early as possible.

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

(413)

Clerk had received an email from Jones Lang LaSalle who are dealing with the deeds etc for LloydsTSB and they are not certain about ownership of the wall at present and have requested further information. They will be looking to organise a site meeting with a local property manager. Clerk has requested that they keep the Council informed as we would like to meet to discuss the situation.

(414)

Email received from Mr John McEvoy that it is planned that a new system of public lighting between the car park & Sycamore St be installed and a line of bollards on the access road off New Rd.

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

(415)

This project is now going to link with the RDP town enhancement project. Cllr Hazel Evans is to meet with Gillian Wulff.

Ref 42 02/09 Renting of available unit

(416)

Clerk had received valuations from Alan Thomas & Philip Ling. Clerk had provided Gill Sutton with the information and she had made a revised offer which was discussed in committee. Clerk to contact her to accept the offer and arrange the lease.

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

(417)

The Attic theatre lease has been amended by the solicitor. The Council agreed these changes and Clerk to contact Solicitors to draw up the agreement.

Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

(418)

Mrs Phillips is having a lot of vandalism at the Cawdor toilets such as toilet roll holders being dismantled, toilet paper strewn everywhere, soap spilled on the floor, eggs being smashed on the walls. Clerk has advised PC Diane Williams. Cllr Peter Lewis reported that Ragamuffins are locking the Cawdor toilets a bit later at night in order that their clients have access to them; it was agreed to rethink this arrangement if the vandalism continued.

Clerk to arrange required repairs with the handyman.

Ref 53/07/09 Sewerage issues

(419)

Clerk has received acknowledgement of receipt of letter and advised that a response will be received.

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Ref 56/11/09 20mph speed restriction request

(420)

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that the monitoring has not been undertaken.

Ref 57/11/09 Clock

(421)

Clerk has heard nothing back from the clock repair company. Cllr Cefin Evans & Wyn Davies have managed to get the clock working. Clerk has contacted Lampeter & Cardigan for their contractor details.

Wyn Davies is to arrange to repair the broken glass pane from inside.

(422)

Cllr Maureen Webley noted that we had still not arranged the presentation.

Ref 59/11/09 Maintenance issues

(423)

Councillors had met on Sunday 11th to discuss an improvement project at the castle grounds and then met with Sara Evans of Carmarthenshire County Council regarding a Developing Identity and Distinctiveness grant project on Monday 12th. Clerk provided a report on the meeting and it was agreed that a separate committee should be formed; members were Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Pauline Evans and Cllr Allan Davies Cllr Alan Jones would be Chairman. Different tasks were allocated and a public consultation date of Friday 30th was agreed. Clerk has received the application forms.

(424)

Clerk reported that Cllr Peter Lewis and herself had met Kelly Shefford from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding obtaining funds from Tidy Wales. On speaking with her the best way forward is to obtain benches, bins, etc via Rural development and Tidy Wales will come on board regarding the path improvements and resurfacing and general tidying of the area including the trees. There is a need for trashing of other areas and general tidy ups which can be covered by establishing a Tidy Town voluntary group which will be eligible to apply for additional sums of money to purchase necessary equipment, skips etc. but the work would need to be undertaken voluntarily.

Ref 63/03/10 Castle car park wall

(425)

Clerk has reported the damage to the castle car park wall to Mr John McCovoy at Carmarthenshire County Council and PC Diane Williams. An email has been received that Mr McEvoy is to meet on site to assess the damage.

(426)

Clerk had received a letter from Hywel Dda Health Board in response to the Council's letter regarding dental provision: can confirm that the Health Board is currently looking at alternative dental provision for patients who previously accessed regular dental care from Mr Hathaway and will, in the interim, ensure that there are additional "access" sessions for patients with urgent dental needs during this position of transition. As soon as we have new arrangements in place we will be in touch with all the patients to inform them of the new service that will be available to them.

It was felt that they should be looking at a new dentist in Newcastle Emlyn not alternative provision elsewhere. It was agreed to write to Assembly Members for Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire.

(427)

Cllr Maureen Webley reported that Chris Davies from Carmarthenshire Youth Services has visited Ragamuffins and it has been arranged for a "drop-in" youth club facility to be held on a Monday between 5:30 and 8:30pm. Miss Munn is altering the way that she is operating by establishing a company limited by guarantee social group with a management committee in order to access grant funding and establish employment opportunities.

5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(428)

Information from CCC on Biodiversity in Carmarthen leaflet

BDO Audit briefing newsletter

Yr Ardd magazine

Minutes & Agenda for One Voice Wales Carmarthenshire Area Committee 25th March

Information from Glasdon

Email:

Email from Tyistan Thomas requesting minutes – have guided him to Town Council website.

Email from Ivor Davies requesting assistance in obtaining information from Ebenezer Chapel – Cllr Cefin Evans dealing with this. Cllr Evans reported that the details are at the registrar office in Carmarthen.

Information from One Voice Wales regarding War Memorials

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Information from BT Connect regarding Magic of Business event on 7th April
 Information from One Voice Wales regarding events during Wales Sustainability Week 17th – 23rd May
 Scam Warning from One Voice Wales
 Information from One Voice Wales regarding workshops to promote sustainable projects
 Information from One Voice Wales regarding Welsh Language Policy updates
 Request via One Voice Wales regarding information on Town Council involvement with provision of allotments
 Consultation documents:
 Letter from Mid & Wes Wales Fire & Rescue Authority that Risk Reduction Plan 011-2012 will be released for consultation on 11th May to 3rd August, online questionnaire available www.mawwfire.gov.uk
 The correspondence was noted.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

(429)

Cllr Alan Jones reported that Hanes Emlyn had recently held a talk on coracles. Ceredigion Museum is to hold a Welsh costume display at the Attic theatre on Thursday 13th May to which the Town Council are invited.

(430)

Cllr Alan Jones informed the meeting that there was to be a Twinning meeting held the following Thursday regarding a visit in August.

(431)

Cllr Cefin Evans noted the recent article on the history of Newcastle Emlyn Town in Carmarthenshire Life.

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(432)

W/22626 Single & 2 storey extensions, detached garage, summer house, landscaping and alterations to driveway Birchgrove, 14 New Road, Newcastle Emlyn.

This application was discussed and no observations made.

(433)

Notice of application W/22745 Single storey extension to rear of property and the building of an external stairway to provide access to flat above shop 5 Sycamore St, Newcastle Emlyn had been received but the details were unavailable on the website. It was agreed to review when the details were available from the County.

(434)

GRANTED – W/22475 Proposed change of use of residential flat to office Flat A Bank House, 9 Bridge St

(435)

Email received from One Voice Wales; copy of their response to the WAG review of Planning on Wales consultation.

8. Materion Arianol
Financial Matters

(436)

Monthly budget sheet to be provided

Handyman report to be provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 05.03.10 £ 11730.67

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.01.09 £ 0.15

Payments:

£406.00 Mrs Phillips

£179.40JBH Supplies

£50.00 One Voice Wales – training course

£ 99.74 S V Owens

£34.94 SWALEC

£132.00 One Voice Wales Membership

£15.00 Cllr Cefin Evans

£9.80 Cllr Hazel Evans

Receipts:

Rent: £775.00

(437)

£111.63 Philip Ling Estates invoice was deferred to the following month in order that Clerk can obtain break down of the valuation.

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(438)

It was agreed to hold a finance meeting on 6th May after the Cawdor Hall meeting.

(439)

Clerk has received a letter from our internal auditor that he is happy to continue and do our audit for this year.

(440)

Grant request from Trustees of Young Music Makers of Dyfed
Grant request from Marie Curie Cancer Care

(441)

SWALEC require a reading from the castle meter

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun
Project Team Reports

(442)

Minutes of the Cawdor Hall Restoration Group meeting were provided. A meeting is to be held on 6th May at 6:30pm.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill
Any Other Business

(443)

Cllr Alan Jones proposed that Cllr Hazel Evans be appointed as Deputy Mayor Elect for 2010 – 2011, this was seconded by Cllr Maureen Webley and agreed unanimously.

(444)

Mayor Making practice to be held at Ysgol y Ddwylan on Monday 17th May at 6pm.

(445)

It was agreed that Mayors Awards would be presented to Mrs Valerie Jackson; Ifan Phillips; U16s rugby team; Head boy & girl of Emlyn school.

(446)

Cllr Cefin Evans noted the recent article on the history of Newcastle Emlyn Town in Carmarthenshire Life.

(447)

Cllr Alan Jones and Cllr Cefin Evans to organise the flowers and baskets for the town.

(448)

Clerk to write to Carmarthenshire County Council and request that the signs be cleaned.

(449)

Cllr Pauline Evans noted that the castle spotlights needed some attention as only one is working.

(450)

Cllr Hazel Evans requested that the clerk contact the County Council and report that the drains in the town need cleaning.

(451)

Cllr Hazel Evans noted that the bin at the entrance of the castle grounds was full when she recently visited the area.

(452)

Cllr Peter Lewis provided details of a tyre amnesty that is to be held in the town, posters have been placed in the shops.

In committee:

(453)

The offer on the shop unit was discussed and accepted.

(454)

Two applications had been received for the town council vacancy; Mrs Katherine Rich and Mr Gareth Williams. A secret ballot was undertaken voting 6:2 in favour of Mr Williams.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:55pm

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