

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

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The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 17th June 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 Allan Davies, Cllr Kelvin Baker, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Gareth Williams, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Haydn Jones, Vanessa Owens, members of the press.

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Ms Fran Dickson from Action for Children attended the meeting and provided a presentation on their Strengthening Family Programme. It is a seven week programme starting in September which is aimed at reducing anti social behaviour and drug misuse by providing good parenting skills and improving family communication.

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Sgt Wright provided the police report. He expressed their full support for the Strengthening Family Programme and PCSO Jeff Kedward is working closely with the Newcastle Emlyn scheme. He was pleased to report that the carnival had been a success and there had been no problems. He informed the meeting that there was a national drink drive campaign during June and that they would be running a local speed campaign. The local event in Adpar on the 18th and 19th was to be covered with additional resources being drafted in. He requested that any anti English feeling raised by the World Cup be informed to the police.

PCSO Jeff Kedward reported a bin fire on the park; he has been provided with a couple of names for this incident. He has organised for the 5 a side football to be held on Sunday 15th August at the school.

Cllr Hazel Evans had called in at the station one evening to report people in the mart pens hosing water everywhere.

Cllr Cefin Evans had received a few comments from residents regarding the dog fouling at the castle grounds.

Cllr Haydn Jones advised that the County Council attempts to revise bye laws is still ongoing. Sgt Wright responded that the local officers would check with dog walkers and continue to keep an eye on the castle damage.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(66)

Apologies were received from Cllr Pauline Evans and Cllr Alan Jones.

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 20.05.10
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 20.05.10

(67)

Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that the minutes of the Mayor Making on 19.05.10 be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Peter Lewis and agreed by a majority.

Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that the minutes of the Annual meeting be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Kelvin Baker and passed by a majority.

Item 27 of the May meeting was amended to read Davies, not Evans; item 47 was included twice. Further to these amendments Cllr Maureen Webley proposed that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Allan Davies and agreed by a majority.

4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(68)

Cllr Haydn Jones has been unable to get copy of original list that was drafted. It was agreed that Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Odette Little and Cllr Haydn Jones would meet to undertake a new review.

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Minutes Ref: 8

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

(69)

Clerk has contacted the insurance company with invoice details and waiting on response.

Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

(70)

Report has been received from Richard Turner CADW regarding the damage to the castle walls and a grant application form which needs to be completed and returned with a quotation if under £5000 and 3 quotes if over £5000. CADW stated that they are only able to grant aid the owner of the site and not the tenant which would involve the county council handling the contract. Clerk to make further enquiries on this matter as it was felt that this was not feasible.

Ref 17/08 CCTV

(71)

The upgrade work has been scheduled for the 27th June.

Ref: 25:09/08 Mart chains

(72)

Cllr Peter Lewis had spoken with the mart operators who are waiting to meet with Estates department. Cllr Haydn Jones explained that arrangements are in place to reinstate lighting to the mart. Cllr Peter Lewis felt that the chains would not be such an issue if the area was better lit.

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

(73)

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that the mart issues will be dealt with soon.

He informed the meeting that the County Council are proposing to locate a pull in just before the mart toilets to take buses off the road in an attempt to improve safety at this location. The plan will include taking down the existing shelter and replacing with a new glass shelter on the mart property. The County Council will be in contact in due course regarding this project.

Discussions were held surrounding the car park and the outstanding issues. It was agreed to contact the County Council to enquire about taking over responsibility of the car parks in the town.

Ref 31 10/08 Cardigan Road

(74)

The resurfacing work is being done.

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

(75)

The Town Trail exhibition was held between 1st and 4th June. Cllr Haydn Jones reported that they were pleased with the constructive comments that had been received.

Cllr Allan Davies raised concerns over ongoing maintenance of the path and the possibility of it transferring to the town council. Cllr Haydn Jones was asked to look into the issue of responsibility.

Cllr Cefin Evans highlighted overgrown areas on the safe route to school path; Cllr Haydn Jones stated that the county were tied with grass cutting until June due to biodiversity regulations.

Ref 42 02/09 Renting of available unit

(76)

The lease agreement has been signed and deposit and first months rent received.

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

(77)

Attic theatre has responded with their comments to the draft lease agreement. It was agreed to discuss their proposed amendments in committee.

Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

(78)

Clerk provided rota for closing the toilets. It was noted that the cleaner was now cleaning of an evening and closing them herself. Cllr Cefin Evans has keys on order.

It was agreed to put the cleaning contract on the July agenda as it is due for renewal.

How many sets of keys will be needed?

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Ref 56/11/09 20mph speed restriction request

(79)

Cllr Haydn Jones noted that this request is in the pipeline but such projects take significant time. Cllr Hazel Evans stressed the importance of safety in the town especially by the post office where the pavement is narrow.

Ref 57/11/09 Clock

(80)

Clerk had contacted Smith of Derby who maintain Lampeter town clock with a view to a maintenance agreement. The company offered to undertake an initial review of the clock for free and it was agreed to go ahead and arrange.

Ref 63/03/10 Castle car park wall

(81)

Email received from Mr John McEvoy, Carmarthenshire County Council to confirm that the walls are to be repaired.

(82)

Letter was received from Mr Eirian James inviting the Town Council to attend a presentation on 17th June. Clerk has replied that councilors are unable to attend on that evening and he has provided additional dates at alternative venues. It was agreed that Cllr Hazel Evans and Cllr Peter Lewis would report back from the One Voice Wales area meeting.

(83)

Clerk had contacted the Collegiate of Knights Templar and they intend to be in Newcastle Emlyn on the 2nd week in July to hold a memorial trophy tourney with sword & shield and to organise another weekend to officially adopt the castle. The performances are open to the public and it has been mutually agreed to promote their visits.

5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(84)

Invitation from Age Concern to Outreach Launch on 15th June

Receipt of membership from OVW

Bwcabus Newsletter

The Voice

Information from Chware Teg

Email:

Information from Cymru Yfory regarding Referendum

Information via One Voice Wales – Wales Africa Community Links

Introduction email from City illuminations re xmas lighting supplies

Details of Community Action for Climate Change Networks in June

Information from One Voice Wales re South West Wales Regional Funding Fayre.

Information from One Voice Wales on Gwent Member Training dates

Consultation:

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Draft Annual Action Plan 2011/2012

Correspondence was noted: Cllr Haydn Jones reported that the Bwcabus had carried its 10,000th passenger.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(85)

There were no planning applications.

Cllr Haydn Jones agreed to take back the Town Councils concerns regarding not receiving hard copies and the problems in accessing them on the web site.

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8. Materion Arianol
Financial Matters

(86)

Monthly budget was provided

Handyman report to be provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 07.06.10 £ 12149.53

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.01.09 £ 0.15

Items agreed for payment:

£83.00 Swallow Office Supplies

£100.76 JBH Supplies

£83.00 Mrs S Phillips

£231.17 Biffa

£525.00 Mrs Lowry

£47.50 Cllr C Evans

£29.70 Cllr M Webley

£24.60 Cllr Hazel Evans

£27.50 Holy Trinity Church

Receipts:

Rent: £620.00

Electric meters £230.00

(87)

Grant request received from Gwyl Cerdd Dant Cwm Gwendraeth 2011; was agreed not to contribute.

(88)

Clerk provided the insurance renewal information and advised that under their new terms paying by instalments would cost an additional £233.22. After discussing Cllr Peter Lewis proposed that we forward a cheque for annual payment as one sum, this was seconded by Cllr Kelvin Baker and passed by a majority.

(89)

Clerk reported that the vat has not been received and a revised claim has been made. Amounts due are £1486.50 and £4252.66. Clerk suggested that the vat be claimed more frequently on a quarterly basis; it was agreed.

(90)

Mr Wyn Davies has been experiencing problems with Biffa failing to collect the rubbish. It was agreed to hold onto the cheque until the problems were resolved. Clerk to make enquiries with other service providers.

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun
Project Team Reports

(91)

Pamela Gaunt provided information on her grant project. She has received letters that in principle the Town Council supports her application and that it will maintain and insure the carving and information panels. It has been agreed that prior to anything physically happening the project has to come in full before the council.

(92)

Cllr Alan Jones has submitted the Town Councils application for the improvements at the castle grounds.

(93)

The Heritage grant has been submitted – project ref HG-09-04390. Cllr Maureen Webley explained that we should hear on the application in September.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill
Any Other Business

(94)

One Voice Wales Conference at Pontrhydfendigaid on 9th October £65.00 if booked by 30.07.10. Cllr Hazel Evans to confirm if she is able to attend.

(95)

Clerk provided copies of Local Government Commission for Wales Consultation.

(96)

A letter had been from Carmarthenshire County Council requesting completion of a form relating to hanging baskets or banners hanging from their lighting columns; councillors confirmed that there wasn't any.

(97)

Cllr Hazel Evans enquired about the possibility of traffic calming bumps from New Road. Cllr Haydn Jones to review with Cllr Evans when they meet to discuss signs.

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(98)

Cllr Hazel Evans asked that the clerk chase up the suggested ideas for partnership working.

(99)

Cllr Hazel Evans requested that Wyn Davies provide an inventory of the bins that he is emptying in order that the town council can cross reference with the county council. Cllr Allan Davies noted that some bins are not being emptied. Cllr Haydn Jones to enquire with the county council on the location of their bins. Cllr Allan Jones felt regardless of responsibility it was important that the bins were emptied especially going into the peak of the season. Clerk to contact Mr Davies.

(100)

Cllr Peter Lewis requested that the lease of the playground be included on next months agenda.

(101)

The drainage problems at the mart were discussed. Cllr Haydn Jones was informed of ongoing problems and complaints. Cllr Peter Lewis felt that the drains need to be cleared more frequently.

(102)

Cllr Gareth Williams enquired if there were any proposals for new cctv cameras. The mart car park and castle grounds were suggested as initial areas. It was agreed to discuss with Cllr Alan Jones with a view to obtaining quotes.

(103)

Cllr Cefin Evans made initial suggestions regarding the potential of a community project surrounding the river and the town history of generating electricity. The town council agreed that he should look into developing an idea and sourcing funding.

(104)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10pm.

(105)

The Town Council met in committee to briefly discuss the attic theatre response to the lease agreement. Clerk to obtain advice from Solicitor.

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