

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

(20)

The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 21st May 2009 after the annual meeting in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn, the Chairman Cllr Peter Lewis presided. Present: Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Fiona White, Mrs Vanessa Owens

(21)

Sgt Shaun Richards informed the meeting that there had recently been 12 drug seizures in the town and surrounding area. There had been a very positive fair night in Newcastle Emlyn with high police visibility and there had been no complaints. He reported that public order offences are down with a detection rate currently at 72%. He felt that the community is working together and that things are improving. Cllr Fiona White had reported damage to the playground within the last 24 hours; Sgt Richards responded that they were looking towards an alcohol free zone in the park and that a recommendation to close the park at night had been made.

(22)

Diana Marquind had requested to speak at the meeting: She informed the meeting that she was a representative of Teifi Transition Movement and explained their work in establishing sustainable development. She raised concerns about development proposals at the Cawdor site. She enquired about presenting a report to the town council. The Clerk responded that the Town Council are only a statutory consultee in the planning process and advised that she send the report to the County Council.

(23)

Mr Barry Rogers had requested to speak at the meeting: He informed the town council of the newly established Chamber of Trade of which he is Chairman and requested that he be able to speak in town council meetings in order to improve communication. The clerk noted that members of the Town Council have been elected to represent the council at Chamber of Trade meetings and that they will report back. Mr Rogers did not feel that this was satisfactory and matters could arise outside of the town councils meetings. Cllr Alan Jones advised him that if it was important then he should contact the Mayor. Cllr Peter Lewis advised him that matters would have to be put to the Council the next month.

Mr Barry Rogers asked Cllr Haydn Jones to review the Countryside Council of Wales report on the Cawdor Planning application.

He also raised concerns over the mart car park and the operators licence terms. Cllr Alan Jones noted that it is the responsibility of the County Council to reinforce licence terms. Cllr Haydn Jones will ask the County Council to come and address the town council regarding the mart.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(24)

Cllr Pauline Evans

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

(25)

Cllr Cefin Evans and Cllr Odette Little declared their interests relating to Planning application W/20805

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 16.04.09
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 16.04.09

(26)

Cllr Hazel Evans proposed to accept the minutes as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Cefin Evans and passed unanimously. The minutes were signed accordingly.

4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(27)

The car park signs have been put in place but it was felt that they were not fully satisfactory. Cllr Haydn Jones to address this matter.

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Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

(28)

Clerk to contact insurance company and attempt to get the claim settled.

Ref 06/08 Double Yellow Lines Castle St

(29)

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that these lines were imminent.

Ref 07/08 Parc Nest Boys

(30)

Cllr Alan Jones has arranged a date for the unveiling – 6th June at 14.30

Ref 09/08 TIC

(31)

An email had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council advising that tourist information in the town will only be available via multiple locations with leaflet units, there will be no provision of a dedicated site. Cllr Alan Jones suggested that the newly established Chamber of Trade be involved in locating the leaflets. Cllr Haydn Jones will try to get a sample unit for their next meeting.

Ref 10/08 Streetlights

(32)

Clerk has received no comments to date. Consultation is to run until the end of May.

Ref 17/08 CCTV Emlyn Square

(33)

Clerk has completed the data protection forms, direct debit mandate was signed. Clerk to organise relevant signs.

(34)

Cllr Alan Jones had informed the finance committee that the CCTV system would benefit from being upgraded to a more efficient system and the cost would be in the region of £500; it was agreed to go ahead with this work. Sgt Clarke is to get the existing system back up and running properly first and then can be upgraded.

Ref: 23:09/08 Pavements

(35)

No update.

Ref 29 10/08 Mayoral Chain

(36)

There is still some outstanding work but this can be done when the Mayor is less busy.

Ref 34 10/08 Bus shelter at CK's

(37)

Mr Alex Side from Carmarthenshire County Council is looking into this. Cllr Haydn Jones reported that the County have been pit to inspect the site and are now waiting on planning decisions relating to the Lidl application. It was felt that this was not satisfactory, Clerk to contact him.

Ref 35 10/08 River walk

(38)

The clerk suggested contacting the County Tidy Towns officer to enquire about the river path and the possibility of project funding. The council felt that this matter should be dealt with by Mr Eirian James, clerk to contact him regarding the knotweed.

Ref 36 10/08 Web site

(39)

Cllr Hazel Evans to look into this.

Ref:37 01/09 Councils rubbish

(40)

The bin has still not arrived, Clerk to chase up.

Signed _____ Date _____

Minutes Ref:4

Ref: 41 02/09 Resurfacing of roads in town

(41)

An email had been received from Tony Williams of Carmarthenshire County Council detailing works in the town: Reconstruction works at Graig St, Station Rd and Emlyn Square have been completed; resurfacing to the junction area of A475 New Rd and entrance road to mart have been carried out; provision has been made to renew pavements at College Street in the vicinity of Cawdor Hotel; the surface of the A484 between junction to the school and New Road has been added to resurfacing programme.

Cllr Hazel Evans noted the condition of Ebenezer Street that has been outstanding for a number of years. Clerk to contact County Council to prioritise this work. Concerns were also noted about the back of JDR Thomas' shop.

(42)

An email had been received from the County Council detailing income from the car parks between March 2004 and March 2009 to be £299,829.25. Cllr Hazel Evans noted that the town have seen no reinvestment of this money as promised when the charges were being introduced. Clerk to write to the County Council.

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

(43)

Cllr Fiona White informed the council that a meeting with the County Council should be held in the next fortnight. She was pleased to report that the pavement outside Emlyn garage has been done.

Ref 46 03/09 Slate seats

(44)

Cllr Alan Jones had spoken with the manufacturer who is able to put a coating onto the seats to make the surface harder and more resistant.

Ref 47 03/09 Flower planter

(45)

The planter has been moved to the slate seat area, it was felt that this was not appropriate and that maybe it should go by the castle notice board. Cllr Alan Jones provided details and quotes of different styles of planters that could be placed by the seats. It was agreed to have a look at the location before making a decision.

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre Lease

(46)

Clerk had met with members of the Attic Theatre committee to discuss a new lease agreement and rent. Looking through correspondence and minutes the annual rent is currently £300; the theatre is happy to accept £300 with a possible annual inflationary increase. The town council decided an annual review of the rent would be more appropriate than a specified annual increase. Clerk informed the meeting that the Attic theatre also pay rates on the building, this is to be looked into.

(47)

The current agreement includes a clause in Part 3 which allows the town council exclusive use for any two days in any one week, the attic theatre have requested that this be removed. It was agreed that the Clerk should take legal advice on this matter.

(48)

The Attic theatre group have requested a longer term lease to allow them access to grant funding, in principle this idea was supported and Cllr Fiona White suggested 21 years. Clerk to obtain legal advice.

(49)

The issue of maintenance responsibilities need to be agreed, clerk has requested copies of their relevant documentation.

Vacancies

(50)

A letter had been received from Mr Kelvin Baker. Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that the Town Council co-opt Mr Baker to be a Town Councillor; this was seconded by Cllr Cefin Evans and agreed by a majority.

5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(51)

Information from One Voice Wales: salary award for Clerks; NALC Employment briefing; news off website. WAG - Notice of availability of guidance document Managing the Safety of Burial Ground Memorials. Seminar on planning effective welsh language training in Marriott hotel Swansea on 21st May 2009 Information from Menter Cwm Gwendraeth re renewable energy schemes, offering community workshops Letter from Carmarthenshire County Council advising of a training session for weekly playground inspections – 1 day June 10th or 11th £70.00 pre person.

Signed _____ Date _____

Minutes Ref:5

Notice of SLCC West Wales branch AGM at St Peters Civic Centre, Carmarthen on Sat 30th May at 11am
Information from Civic Trust for Wales – Open Doors: gives members of public free access to new aspects of built heritage. Advice on how to get involved in organising an event and related support.

The Clerk

Email:

Request received from Narda Mantle for copies of March minutes and subsequent Planning meeting; these have been provided also request for April minutes; to be provided.

Email recd from Mr R Charlesworth bringing attention to litter at rear of shops & flats in alley leading from College St through to Cawdor car park. Cllr Haydn Jones has informed Carmarthenshire County Council and advised that officers have been out and have managed to identify some of the people responsible.

Email recd from Carmarthenshire County Council via Cllr Haydn Jones advising a big clean week commencing 22nd June in Newcastle Emlyn. Looking for additional volunteers. Advising if there is an area of land that requires enhancing then Tidy Towns may be able to assist with funding, equipment & expertise.

Consultation documents:

LCC UK – existing telecommunications installation, Newcastle Emlyn police station – proposed upgrade to provide digital airwave system.

The correspondence was noted.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

(52)

Cllr Fiona White reported that the opening of the play park had been a success and now it was a case of fundraising to be able to maintain the facility.

(53)

Cllr Maureen Webley reported that the matter of the toilets at the Dragon Festival was ongoing.

(54)

Cllr Alan Jones reported that the 10 year celebration of Hanes Emlyn had been a very good night.

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(55)

The minutes of the planning meeting held on 05.05.09 were agreed as correct, proposed by Cllr Fiona White, seconded by Cllr Odette Little and passed by a majority.

The clerk had drafted a letter in response to planning application W/20805 Demolition of existing car showroom & office/former motor factors outlet/residential bungalow & construction of a retail convenience store with assoc parking & ancillary infrastructure. Land off Tanyard Lane, Newcastle Emlyn.

Councillors requested some amendments which clerk will now redraft.

(56)

GRANTED – W/19945 Change of use from vehicle bodyshop to retail, Cawdor Cars Bodyshop New Rd

GRANTED - W/20758 Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use – use of mid terrace property as café; 3 Royal Oak Mews, Newcastle Emlyn

REFUSED – W/20731 Proposed residential development Land to rear of Ty Llwyd, Heol Ebenezer, Newcastle Emlyn

(57)

Email received from Carmarthenshire County Council that CLDP Background papers for drafting Preferred Strategy are available online re consultation. Clerk has requested a hard copy which county have confirmed will be distributed once printed.

8. Materion Arianol
Financial Matters

(58)

Cllr Peter Lewis proposed to accept the minutes of the finance committee as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Alan Jones and agreed.

(59)

Monthly budget sheet was provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 07.05.09 £5100.26

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.05.09 £3342.47

Items agreed for payment:

£519.00 Mr Wyn Davies

£731.55 H C Jones

£119.52 Carmarthenshire CC – costs incurred in Council elections 2008

£1600.00 Cllr Peter Lewis – Chairmans allowance

Signed _____ Date _____

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£51.36 Swallow Office Supplies – ink, card, paper

£43.00 Trfehedy Garden Centre

£126.00 One Voice Wales

Receipts

£6201.28 Carmarthenshire CC – Precept

£465.00 Rent

(60)

The insurance renewal documents have been received annual premium is £3002.85. Clerk to contact insurance company regarding the CCTV cover, it should be for cost of equipment not total cost of installation.

(61)

Grant request received from Carmarthen Womens Aid Ltd

Grant request received from Amman Valley Dementia Carers Support Group

(62)

Consultation document received from WAG – proposed changes to the Account & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005.

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun

Project Team Reports

(63)

Cllr Maureen Webley reported that the scaffolding has been taken down from the clock tower and the top section is now complete. Everyone agreed that it is looking good.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill

Any Other Business

(64)

Notice of One Voice Wales 2009 Conference and Annual Meeting: To be held at Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendigaid on Saturday 10th Oct. Cost OVW member with more that £200 dwellings £60 if booked by 31.07.09.

(65)

Cllr Alan Jones asked that an invoice be raised for Hanes Emlyn rent. He requested that Hanes Emlyn have use of the empty unit for a photographic exhibition until it is occupied, this was agreed.

(66)

Cllr Odette Little informed the meeting that a new padlock was required for the garage, it was suggested that a combination lock would be preferable.

(67)

It was agreed that the tubs need to be planted. Cllr Odette Little suggested that something more permanent needs to be planted alongside the flowers. It was agreed that the flowers should be bought from Tivy Hall this year, and Trefhedyn next year.

(68)

Cllr Cefin Evans is to organise the hanging baskets. Clerk to ask Wyn Davies to repair the bracket on Cawdor Hall.

(69)

Cllr Hazel Evans noted the state of the walk way from Cawdor car park to the main street, it being full of pot holes. Cllr Haydn Jones will look into responsibility for this area.

(70)

Cllr Peter Lewis noted that there was a problem with water outside the school entrance, that the drain is possibly blocked. Cllr Haydn Jones to address.

(71)

A request had been received from the Knights Templar to use the castle. This was agreed.

(72)

Cllr Haydn Jones had received correspondence from the County that the prohibition notice at Mill Street was to go ahead.. The town council were in majority against this move, Cllr Haydn Jones to report back.

(73)

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 18th June 2009

(74)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

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