

# Cyngor Dref Castell Newydd Emlyn

## Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

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The Town Council met on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers. The Mayor, Cllr Peter Lewis presided.

Present: Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Odette Little, Vanessa Owens.

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Apologies were received from Cllr Maureen Webley.

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The meeting was called for Cllr Hazel Evans to provide a report of the Working Together Enhancing our Communities seminar which she had attended on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Ffos Las.

Cllr Hazel Evans explained that the seminar had been about building working partnerships and the potential for Town and Community Councils taking over responsibility of services currently provided by the County. There had been 5 workshops held on the day and she had attended Technical Services, Corporate Property and Libraries, Youth Services and Community Education Centres.

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The Technical Services included Highway maintenance; verge cutting and maintenance; street works; public utilities; sign cleaning; grounds maintenance, municipal services; bus shelters; public conveniences; street furniture, waste collection and management, environmental cleansing.

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Cllr Hazel Evans explained that it was up to the Town Council to initially approach the County with things that they were prepared to consider taking on and negotiating an agreement from there. The Council discussed the possibilities of taking over some elements in exchange for a SLA with the County Council.

Initial ideas were:

Path from Mart car park to the Church; Grass verges at Station Road Industrial Estate; Grass cutting by Emlyn Hall; Maintenance at top half of Blaenwern; footpath from Pennant into Aberarad; Maintenance of Safe Route to School; cleaning of road signs; emptying of bins; responsibility of car parks; grass cutting at the playing field.

Clerk to contact Lynette Bryan at Carmarthenshire County Council to start discussions.

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The Corporate Property workshop explained that the County Council would be shortly undertaking local property reviews looking to identify opportunities for joint working or joint use of public buildings.

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The Libraries, Youth Services and Community Education Centres workshop explained that the County is looking to develop and establish more formal links in the management of their numerous part time venues. Cllr Hazel Evans informed the Town Council that the County have reviewed the library service and are looking to close 6 part time libraries; it has not been agreed which ones will close. The Council are looking towards voluntary run libraries and providing mobile vans. The Town Council expressed its concerns about the possible risk to the town's library.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:35

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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