

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

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The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 18 June 2009 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn. The Mayor, Cllr Peter Lewis presided.

Present:

Cllr Celfin Evans, Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Kelvin Baker, Cllr Fiona White, Clerk Mrs Vanessa Owens, Mr Barry Rogers, members of the press.

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PC Diane Williams and PCSE Jeff Kedward reported to the meeting that only one member of the public had attended the PACT meeting with a complaint about dog fouling on the castle grounds.

They confirmed that the police were prepared for the Dragon Festival.

Cllr Fiona White raised parking problems at the school; PC Diane Williams responded that it was a Carmarthenshire County Council issue. PCSO Jeff Kedward intends to be available at school leaving time where possible.

The police intend to continue with the increased street patrols. Cllr Peter Lewis felt that the extra patrols have had a positive effect and that it seems there is a reduction in the anti social problems that the town was experiencing.

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Personal Items:

Condolences to Cllr Pauline Evans on the loss of her mother.

Cllr Peter Lewis welcomed new councillor Kelvin Baker.

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Cllr Peter Lewis requested that an item that had been discussed but not agreed at the previous meeting be dealt with before the agenda items:

The Chairman of the Chamber of Trade had requested dialogue with the town council at the monthly meeting. Cllr Hazel Evans expressed her concerns about the town council responding to the chamber of trade and the criticisms of the council making decisions rashly; she observed the 3 day rule for notification of council business. Cllr Maureen Webley proposed that the Chamber of Trade should be invited on a quarterly basis to report to the Town Council at the beginning of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Fiona White and agreed at a majority vote.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb  
Apologies for Absence

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Cllr Haydn Jones 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

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Cllr Cefin Evans and Cllr Odette Little declared their interests in relation to items for payment.

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 21.05.09  
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 21.05.09

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Cllr Hazel Evans requested that item 20 read Mayor and item 64 have £ sign removed. Cllr Odette Little requested that item 67 be changed to next time. Subject to agreed amendments Cllr Hazel Evans proposed to accept the minutes as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Odette Little and agreed by a majority. The minutes were signed accordingly.

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4. Materion yn codi  
Matters arising

(82)

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

Cllr Haydn Jones had provided a report for the meeting; most of the signs are now in place but there are a few that need to be erected or changed and this is in hand.

(83)

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

Clerk has forwarded further copies of information and John Thomas solicitors' details.

(84)

Ref 06/08 Double yellow lines Castle St.

Cllr Maureen Webley reported that these have now been painted and people seem to be complying at present.

(85)

Ref 07/08 Parc Nest Boys

A very successful official unveiling of the plaque had been held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

(86)

Ref 09/08 TIC

The clerk has provided Carmarthenshire County Council with chamber of trade contact details and they will contact them accordingly.

(87)

Ref 10/08 Streetlights

The clerk has not received any comments from any residents regarding the proposed changes and it was agreed to go ahead and contact Carmarthenshire County Council.

(88)

Ref 17/08 CCTV Emlyn Square

The Clerk had received receipt of notice from IOC regarding data protection registration. She had requested quotations for CCTV notices which had not been received to date. It was suggested that basic signs are ordered.

(89)

Ref: 23:09/08 Pavements

Cllr Haydn Jones' report informed that a full inspection of the pavements is to take place shortly. Clerk to request that the town council be notified when it is to happen and that a member be able to attend.

(90)

Ref 29 10/08 Mayoral Chain

The work is to be completed over the summer break.

(91)

Ref 34 10/08 Bus shelter at CK's

The clerk and Cllr Haydn Jones have contacted Carmarthenshire County Council but there is no progress.

(92)

Ref 35 10/08 River Walk

Clerk and Cllr Haydn Jones have spoken with Mr Eirian James, Carmarthenshire County Council. He wants to meet with the town council to discuss their position with convergence money and the possibility of accessing alternative grant funding to establish a river walk. A date of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm was suggested; clerk to contact Mr James to confirm.

(93)

Ref 36 10/08 Web site

Cllr Hazel Evans has registered with ICT Vision and reported that the cost would be £275.00 + vat with an additional £80 for the NewcastleEmlyn.gov.uk domain. The Town Council were in agreement to go ahead with setting up the web site.

(94)

Ref:37 01/09 Councils rubbish

The bin has been delivered though there have been problems with initial collection. Clerk to establish what is happening.

An email had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding rubbish being left for domestic collection at different locations. Cllr Fiona White had confirmed with the clerk that the playing field rubbish is not being left.

An email had been received from Tristan raising concerns about rubbish being left by recycling/bottle bank. This is an ongoing problem, Clerk to contact the county council.

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Ref: 41 02/09 Resurfacing of roads in town.

Clerk has not received a response. Cllr Haydn Jones reported that resurfacing is carried out on a priority basis in line with available budgets.

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Ref: 43 02/09 HUTS exhibition boards

The clerk has spoken with a representative of HUTS and they would like the town council to take responsibility for the maintenance of the wooden board whilst they will take care of the art work. It was agreed to take on this maintenance and clerk to contact Mr Wyn Davies.

(97)

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

A meeting between individuals and members of the County Council to discuss the car park issues had been arranged and then cancelled. It has been rescheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11:30pm. Cllr Fiona White felt that this was a matter for the Town Council to be concerned about and was why she had brought it to the members attention and requested Cllr Peter Lewis to attend the meeting; Cllr Hazel Evans stated that as such all members of the town council should be able to attend the meeting if so desired.

(98)

Ref 47 03/09 Flower planter

Cllr Maureen Webley and Cllr Odette Little have looked at the planter and think that it looks ok where it is and does not need painting that it will be in keeping once planted out. They suggested that one of the planters in the market square triangle also be moved to this location while the other two should be moved closer together to stop people being able to park. This was agreed and clerk to organise with Mr Wyn Davies.

(99)

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

The clerk had taken the existing agreement between the theatre and the town council to Mrs Cole at W Evans George who informed her that it is a 'licence' not a lease. This only gives the attic theatre permission to use the facility; it gives them no tenancy rights. The town council are completely responsible for the maintenance of the building and everything that takes place within it under this type of agreement. The clause about the town council being able to use it on any two days is fairly standard. The town council considered the options of continuing a licence or providing a formal lease and it was agreed to go ahead with a lease of 15 years. Clerk to arrange with the solicitors.

Clerk has received copies of the theatres rates - £349.50 for 2008/2009 £366.75 for 2009/2010 and will look into this with the county council.

Attic theatre has informed the clerk that they will require use of the chambers on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July for the Dragon Festival and 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Aug for performance.

(100)

Ref 49 05/09 Flower baskets

Cllr Cefin Evans informed the meeting that the cost of baskets would be the same as last year and was in the process of contacting proprietors. The bracket on the hall had been put back up but Cllr Maureen Webley still has the basket. Cllr Wyn Davies has problems with accessing a water supply.

(101)

Vacancies

A letter had been received from Mr Allan Davies. Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that we co-opt Mr Davies as a member of the Town Council, Cllr Cefin Evans seconded the proposal and it was passed.

5. Gohebiaeth  
Correspondence

(102)

Letter from CCC inviting town council to Community Safety partnership event at Emlyn Arms on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am – 2:30pm, lunch provided. Need to book.

Receipt of membership to One Voice Wales

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Auth – strategic Plan 2010/2015

Consultation documents:

Airspace change to establish segregated airspace for the Wales unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) Environment

CCC Local Development Plan Publication of background Topic Papers

The correspondence was noted.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau  
Committee reports

(103)

Dragon festival has secured funding for the provision of toilets from Carmarthenshire County Council and asked that the Town Council consider funding the use of a marquee at approx £300. This was agreed. Permission to allow the horses to ride up to the castle was provided. The Clerk had received a copy of correspondence to the Dragon festival from Mr John McCovoy granting their request to close the car park

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on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Maureen Webley informed the council of the intention to provide the Portuguese performers with an official Town welcome, it was suggested that Ken Jones be approached to provide a historical background. The Clerk had received a copy of correspondence to the Dragon festival from Mr John McCovoy granting their request to close the car park on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July.

(104)

Cllr Hazel Evans provided a comprehensive report of the One Voice Wales meeting. A presentation had been given by Chris Burns, Deputy Chief Executive, highlighting Carmarthenshire County Council priorities. The community network is being disbanded and it is the intention to set up discussions to look at delegating some services to town and community councils and to draw up a charter agreement. Correspondence to Carmarthenshire County Council is to be directed via Marie Bennett- Williams, Business Support Officer. The planning authority is consulting on not providing hard copies of applications to the town and community councils, OVW oppose this move. Advised that are still able to lobby regarding the Dyfed post code issue. Reminder that any motions for debate at OVW AGM to be in by 26<sup>th</sup> June.

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Cllr Fiona White reported that everything was running fine with the playground though the issue of redirecting pipes was ongoing.

#### 7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio Planning Applications

(106)

Granted – W/18834 & W/18835 Extension to existing building to provide 2 additional bedrooms 6 market Sq, Newcastle Emlyn

Notice of appeal – App 818/W/20064 Site at land to rear of Heathcliffe, Ebenezer St

(107)

The clerks draft letter to the County Council regarding the Cawdor application had been revised by Cllr Fiona White, this was brought back to full council for agreement. After discussion nothing was formally agreed.

Apparently CCW have put up a restriction on development in Newcastle Emlyn, clerk has requested clarification of details from planning officers.

#### 8. Materion Arianol Financial Matters

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Monthly budget sheet was provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 05.06.09	£ 645.82
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Reserve a/c balance as at 05.06.09	£3342.47
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Items agreed for payments:

£759.60 Mr Wyn Davies

£613.52 H C Jones

£125.87 S V Owens - Expenses

£95.00 Paned Un

£16.70 Swallow Office Supplies

£100.00 Teifi Tearoom

£198.90 Tivy Hall

£388.41 CCTV4U

Receipts

£565.00 rent

£310.00 S Colburn – bond & rent

BDO annual return form was signed

Email confirmation had been received from Rhys Davies, Carmarthenshire County Council SLA for 2009/2010 is £6398.46 (6242.40 + £156.06 - 2.5% validation)

(109)

Clerk had contacted insurance company regarding the CCTV and was advised that the whole system and related installation costs need to be covered; in the event of a claim any related payment would be reduced if the system is under insured. Cllr Maureen Webley was of the understanding that Cllr Alan Jones had suggested not insuring the system at all, that the additional insurance premium would cover any individual replacement of cameras.

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9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun  
Project Team Reports

(110)

Clerk had received a letter from CADW asking if work started in January as stated and requesting information on when first stage payment will be required. The work on the clock is completed. Clerk to contact Alan Thomas.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill  
Any Other Business

(111)

A letter had been received from Yvonne Richards of Pembroke Dock complaining about the condition of the toilets in the town. It was agreed that there would be instances where no matter how much cleaning was undertaken individuals would abuse the public toilets. Cllr Maureen Webley reported complaints from the market traders about smells from the Cawdor Hall toilets, it was suggested that self closing system be put onto the doors. It was agreed that contact details be placed in the toilets to report problems. Clerk to contact contractor for input on how to address problems.

(112)

Cllr Fiona White had been approached by the Girl Guides who will be celebrating their centenary year to ask if they can plant out an area with flowers; the area at the top of New Road was suggested. Cllr Hazel Evans mentioned providing troughs at the town signs.

(113)

Cllr Pauline Evans noted the problems being caused by vehicles parking outside the antique shop at Emlyn garage.

(114)

Cllr Maureen Webley had brought barriers left at the castle car park to the attention of the clerk who has arranged for them to be removed.

(115)

Cllr Hazel Evans noted the ongoing problems at Emlyn Hall.

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Date of the next meeting is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.10pm

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