

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

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The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 15th July 2010 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn.

Present: Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Gareth Williams, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Haydn Jones and Mrs Vanessa Owens(Clerk).

(107)

Cllr Hazel Evans chaired the meeting until Cllr Cefin Evans arrived from an official engagement.

(108)

PCSO Jeff Kedward provided the Police Report. Due to non attendance of members of public to the PACT meetings these will now cease and PC Diane Williams will review other forms of communicating with the public. He had spoken with Environmental Health regarding the dog fouling but there was no literature or bags available for distribution so he has been talking with the dog owners and will continue to help in addressing this problem. He reported that the YFC dance had been very busy but was a good, successful evening with no damage. There has been some criminal damage to the trees at the castle grounds. He confirmed that the football tournament would be held on the 15th August.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(109)

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 17.06.10
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 17.06.10

(110)

Amendments to minutes: Page numbers were incorrect; item 81 to include and steps; item 96 received; item 99 Davies not Jones. Further to these amendments Cllr Peter Lewis proposed that the minutes be accepted as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Odette Little and passed by a majority. The minutes were signed accordingly.

4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(111)

Cllr Hazel Evans had emailed details of the sign requirements; clerk to resend out to all councillors.

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

(112)

The old invoices were not acceptable to the insurance company due to not being compatible with the quotation for a replacement string of lights. It was agreed that the Council should purchase a new string of lights which could be used in New road.

Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

(113)

Cllr Alan Jones is arranging relevant quotations for the castle wall repairs and the grant application.

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Ref 17/08 CCTV

(114)

Cllr Alan Jones informed the Council that Sgt Clarke is currently on sick. There is one aerial still to be installed. Prices are to be provided for the provision and installation of additional cameras and future upgrade work in order that the work can be budgeted.

Ref: 25:09/08 Mart chains

(115)

Lights are to be reinstated and the posts painted.

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

(116)

Clerk had received an email from Mr John McEvoy that he will discuss the town council taking over the management of the car parks with the Transport Manager and respond in due course.

Cllr Alan Jones enquired about progress with Lloyds TSB about the wall; clerk to chase up.

Cllr Hazel Evasn noted that a Give Way sign needs to be located by the NFU.

Cllr Haydn Jones informed the meeting that an extra new light is to be installed by the NFU.

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

(117)

The application is progressing.

Cllr Haydn Jones confirmed that Eirian James at Carmarthenshire County Council has agreed that the new walk way will be maintained by his department.

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

(118)

Clerk has referred contract back to solicitor and now needs to arrange a meeting to discuss.

Ref 56/11/09 20mph speed restriction request

(119)

The road speed readings are to be done next week.

Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

(120)

Ceredigion County Council has looked into the problem of drain blockages at the toilets and they report that there does not seem to be a problem with the drain or sewer but will monitor frequency of future blockages.

Ref 57/11/09 Clock

(121)

The assessment of the clock has been undertaken and a copy of the report provided. Concerns were noted about the amount of work that was required and what the previous contractor had been paid for. It was agreed to another review.

(122)

Collegiate of Knights Templar did not meet at the castle over the weekend due to poor weather.

(123)

Confirmation of renewal of Data Protection Act Registration received.

(124)

Cllr Alan Davies and Cllr Peter Lewis had met with Mr Alex Side of Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss the project for a transport interchange adjacent to the mart toilets.

Email received to confirm points for consideration:

1. Could footway be extended to the front of the toilet block. The road is fairly wide and it should be able to accommodate a footway of sorts.
2. The cycle rack is considered essential
3. There is a highway light near the existing shelter and this could be relocated to the new shelter.

It was agreed that the scheme should go ahead; it was suggested to enquire about compensation with Cllr Haydn Jones.

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Cllr Cefin Evans arrived.

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5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(126)

Information from CCC on 2011 census and a councillor handbook
Carmarthenshire Area OVW meeting minutes & agenda
J Parker Wholesale bulb catalogue
Yr Ardd

Email:

Public Appointments Information from OVW

Production dates from Attic Theatre

Information from OVW re Public Appointments

Cilwendeg Rally will be using the Mart car park on 30th/31st October

Email from One Voice Wales re Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measures

Were advised by Simon White that it included:

- Survey of elected town and community council members will be periodically conducted.
- Legislation is to be amended with respect to community meetings and making it easier to form and harder to dissolve councils.
- Co-option is no longer possible with out previously advertising the empty seat.
- It will empower councils to appoint 2 youth representatives aged 15-26
- Gets local authority to review council boundaries
- Extension of power of well being to all town and community councils in Wales.
- Grants available directly to town and community councils
- Power to make charters mandatory
- England have a Quality Parish Scheme; provides WAG power to produce accreditation scheme

Further information is to be provided.

One Voice Wales advised that the average precept in Wales is £36K with 50% of councils precept less than £10K. With the county councils continuing to look at offsetting services to town and community council precepts are going to have to increase. With effective community engagement this can be possible where the councils are providing the services the communities want to retain by consulting.. Suggested that proactive councils should look at establishing community associations so that it is working with its residents and will have access to grants and other sources of funding.

Cllr Haydn Jones noted that non-statutory provision will go first.

Consultation:

WAG Local authority Byelaws in Wales – consultation paper: Procedures for making, confirming & enforcing byelaws.

Correspondence was noted.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

(127)

Cllr Alan Jones informed the meeting that the lease agreement for the playing field is up in the air.

Cllr Maureen Webley informed the meeting that looking back through the paperwork from 1986 the clerk of Newcastle Emlyn Town Council has received confirmation from the charity commission that the licence has been transferred from Carmarthenshire County Council to Newcastle Emlyn Town Council. The land was gifted to the town and the town council own the land but the playing field committee have responsibility for the equipment.

It was agreed that a new lease is required.

Cllr Haydn Jones is in contact with Gwyn Jones in Carmarthenshire County Council about the county archives and suggested a meeting in September.

Cllr Alan Jones noted that the playing field was attached to the old castle lease and that the playing field committee are not trustees of the land that the town council is.

Various emails have been received from the playground committee regarding funding and their committee meeting.

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(128)

W/23196 Formation of new shop entrance by re-instatement of a former entrance. Newcastle Emlyn Post Office, Sycamore St

The Town Council have concerns regarding pedestrian safety at this location.

(129)

GRANTED – W/22852 proposed change of single large dwelling into 2 flats & change of use of part of garden to commercial in connection with builders merchants.

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8. Materion Arianol
Financial Matters

(130)

Monthly budget sheet was provided

Handyman report was provided

Current a/c bank balance as at 05.05.10 £ 11792.97

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.01.09 £ 0.15

Payments:

£914.00 & £88.50 paid to Mr Wyn Davies

£420.00 Mrs S Phillips

£100.92 S V Owens

Duplicate cheque issued to SWALEC for £679.55 relating to Christmas lights.

Receipts:

Rent: £465.00

VAT £5739.14

Refund from Swalec re shop unit electricity £17.83

Electric Meters: £141.00

Commercial rates notice received £1840.50

(131)

We require independent written confirmation that the shop unit has been closed since Nov 2008 in order to claim rates refund. It was suggested to forward the letter of termination from Nail Bar.

(132)

Grant request from Tivyside Show. Cllr Hazel Evans proposed a donation of £200.00; this was seconded by Cllr Odette little and passed unanimously.

(133)

Grant request from Shelter Cymru – declined.

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun
Project Team Reports

(134)

Cllr Alan Jones reported that the grant for improvements at the castle has gone through the initial 2 stages and he is now putting together a brief for the gate.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill
Any Other Business

(135)

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

(136)

Training dates received from One Voice Wales. A training bursary available. Clerk requested that all training needs be confirmed with her by the end of July.

(137)

Carmarthenshire County Council Asset Review Team will be undertaking a review. Invitation been received to attend meeting on 27th July at Llanwillwni Community Church Hall, Pencader 9:30 – 12:30. Registration at 9am Cllr Maureen Webley and Cllr Hazel Evans to attend.

(138)

Cllr Hazel Evans reported on the Cor Patagonia exchange visit and requested a contribution towards their lunch. Cllr Alan Jones proposed £100.00, this was seconded by Cllr Pauline Evans; Cllr Maureen Webley counter proposed a donation of £50.00, this was seconded by Cllr Gareth Williams. A vote of 6 to 2 in favour of £100.

(139)

Cllr Hazel Evans noted that the drains in Ebenezer Street need cleaning as there is flooding.

(140)

Cllr Pauline Evans reported that she had spoken with Mr Morten regarding Emlyn Hall who is moving away at Christmas. Cllr Alan Jones suggested that representatives from the town council meet with Mr Morten.

(141)

Cllr Pauline Evans noted that there was a need for weed killing at the primary school.

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(142)

It was suggested that the proposed signs at the castle include that dogs should be kept on a lead in order to address the dog fouling situation.

(143)

Cllr Cefin Evans reported that he had attended the opening of a new enterprise at Adpar surgery.

(144)

There have been discussions with Ragamuffins to discuss the future of youth provision. Cllr Towyn Evans had attended and is going to approach Ceredigion Youth Service.

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that there are proposed improvements at Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn to provide a drama unit and additional classrooms and that included in the project is the use of the building for youth provision outside school time.

(145)

Cllr Cefin Evans had visited Mrs Lewis at Glynest on her 100th birthday.

(146)

Cllr Cefin Evans noted his concerns regarding disabled access to shops in the town and the pavement rain channels being difficult for wheel chair users.

(147)

Cllr Cefin Evans informed the meeting about the damage to the trees at the castle grounds which is reported in the local newspapers.

(148)

Cllr Cefin Evans had attended the Tivyside Show.

(149)

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

(150)

The Council met briefly in committee to discuss the toilet cleaning contract. It was agreed that the Town Council was extremely happy with the existing contractor and would be looking at renewing the existing contract with provision for opening and locking the facilities.

Signed _____ Date _____

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