

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

Minutes

(312)

The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 18th February 2010 at 7:30pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn, the Mayor Cllr Peter Lewis presided.

Present: Cllr Cefin Evans, Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Odette Little, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Kelvin Baker, Cllr Maureen Webley, County Cllr Haydn Jones, Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk), Members of the press & public.

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Cllr Peter Lewis offered his congratulations to Cllr Hazel Evans and Cllr Alan Jones who had completed 21 years and 20 years service to Newcastle Emlyn Town Council respectively.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(314)

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
3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 21.01.10
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 21.01.10

(315)

Cllr Hazel Evans requested that her name be corrected ref 304

(316)

Subject to this amendment Cllr Cefin Evans proposed that the minutes be accepted as correct, this was seconded by Cllr Odette Little and agreed by a majority. The minutes were signed accordingly.

4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

(317)

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

Cllr Haydn Jones to request a copy of the original request for signs in the town.

(318)

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

Clerk reported that Allianz have appointed a claims controller; she has resubmitted the relevant information regarding the damage to butchers shop, replacement brackets and new lights. Apparently there has been so much documentation regarding Mr Thomas' claim that the other elements have been overlooked and all previous information has been mislaid.

(319)

Ref 05/08 Dog fouling

Clerk made enquiries with PCSO Jeff Kedward who received a response from Mr. David G Morgan, Environmental Enforcement Office, to the effect that fixed penalty notices can only be issued on designated land and on a highway within restricted speed limits. Carmarthenshire County Council are waiting on the introduction of new Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 but it is taking time. Advise reporting details of offender for issue of summons.

(320)

Ref 10/08 Streetlights

Have provided further details to the County Council.

(321)

Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

This is an ongoing agreement with CADW and runs for 3 years.

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(322)

Ref 17/08 CCTV

Clerk has sent a letter requesting Sgt Clarkes assistance to complete the work.

(323)

Ref: 23:09/08 Pavements

Carmarthenshire County Council have responded that they have been unable to undertake the proposed repairs in this financial year and work has been rolled over to next year. The area for resurfacing is Emlyn Sq/College St from bakers to the café Ty Croeso by the bank. The County wish to avoid disruption over the summer months so pavements will either be done in spring or autumn. The Town Council were pleased to note these proposed works and agreed that they would like to see the work completed sooner rather than later.

(324)

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

Clerk has received acknowledgement of letter to LloydsTSB Bank; will contact us in due course regarding the wall at the rear of their property.

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that Welsh Water will be undertaking works in the car park; all surface water is presently going into the sewer and the pipe is too small to cope. No work will be done by the County Council until Welsh Water have finished.

(325)

Ref 28 10/08 Picnic Tables

Clerk has contacted Carmarthenshire County Council regarding potential grants to do an improvement project to include new picnic benches.

(326)

Ref 29 10/08 Mayoral Chain

The mayoral chain needs to be looked at as it is not sitting properly with the new links. Cllr Peter Lewis and Cllr Hazel Evans will organise.

(327)

Ref 35 10/08 River Walk

Ongoing project. Cllr Hazel Evans noted the Japanese knot weed at this location.

(328)

Ref 36 10/08 Web site

Clerk has received a request from Mid & West Wales Fire & rescue Working Closely with Community Partners enquiring if we are able to provide a free web link to their web site. It was agreed that this should be included.

(329)

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

Clerk has contacted the County Council requesting details of any proposed work in Newcastle Emlyn in the budget for 2010 – 2011 and anticipated dates for the work. Cllr Haydn Jones reported that the contract has been signed to do New Road.

(330)

Ref 42 02/09 Renting of available unit

Clerk had received a request from Jill Sutton regarding renting the unit for her existing online business BagAge. Cllr Hazel Evans has not heard from Age Concern regarding their proposal. The Council agreed to go ahead and offer the unit to Ms Sutton.

(331)

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

It was agree that the issue of the lease needed to be moved on; Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Cefin Evans and Clerk to meet and put lease together.

Clerk has received 2 quotes regarding the burst pipe damage which have been forwarded to the insurance company. The plumbing work has been completed and clerk has enquired if this is covered under the insurance.

(332)

Ref 51/09 Girl Guide centenary

It was agree that the council need to check if the girl guides still intended to plant out an area in the town.

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(333)

Ref 53/07/09 Sewerage issues

Clerk to arrange a meeting.

(334)

Ref 54/09/09 Castle

It was agreed that the provision of signs could be included in a potential grant; Cllr Maureen Webley requested that if the grant procedures/timescales were to be drawn out then the signs be put in earlier.

(335)

Ref 56/11/09 20mph speed restriction request

Cllr Haydn Jones reported that he has made a request to the County Council who is going to look at the proposal and undertake relevant surveys.

(336)

Ref 57/11/09 Clock

Gillette Johnston (Croydon) Ltd had been out to repair the clock. Cllr Odette Little reported that from the time of collecting the key to returning it was a maximum of half an hour. Councillors were not happy as the clock is still not working properly.

(337)

Ref 58/11/09 Youth provision

Clerk has emailed C J Davis & M S Mordon of the County Youth Service and tried to contact them on the phone but has not received a response from either. Cllr Haydn Jones is hoping to arrange a meeting with Mr Mordon. The councillors voiced their disappointment with the services being provided in the town. Cllr Maureen Webley felt that youth workers should possibly be working in Ragymuffins. It was felt that the Town Council should support her in her new venture as it did provide for the youth of the town. Cllr Alan Jones noted that there was youth club equipment that was purchased by the town council in storage and could potentially be used at Ragymuffins. Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council.

(338)

Ref 59/11/09 Maintenance issues

Clerk reported that she has spoken with Sara Evans, Menter Bro Dinefwr regarding a capital works project for provision of bins, picnic benches, new kissing gate and improvements around the castle and river walk; they are currently putting together capital projects and need any initial proposals from the town council by Monday for discussion. The maximum grant availability is £16,000. The Council agreed to proceed with a potential application and provide a rough breakdown of the project for consideration. Ideas included new life bouys, new bins, new main gate entrance, new kissing gate, disable access picnic benches, replant tree in Sycamore St, new signs, consider town trail project linked with restoration.

(339)

Ref 60/01/10 Council vacancy

Vacancy notices have been received from Carmarthenshire County Council for display in noticeboards.

(340)

Ref 61/01/10 Asset register

Ongoing

5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(341)

Letter received from Welch & Co Solicitors requesting sight of cctv footage – I contacted PC Diane Williams and have referred her contact details onto the solicitors.

Letter received from Peter & Jean Sutton in objection to the proposed development at Tanyard Lane.

Invitation to Turning Point Cymru networking meeting on Wednesday 24th February 11am – 3pm

Carmarthen. If unable to attend are willing to give presentation at council meeting

Information from Marshalls landscaping

Email:

Information from OVW on Equality of Opportunity Committee Enquiry

Tidy Towns Officer, Kelly Shefford regarding possible grant/project. I have tried to contact her to discuss but unsuccessful to date.

Information from Sports and Leisure.

Cardigan & Teifi Valley Ladies Circle Fundraising event on 1st March at 2:30pm in Cardigan

Enquiry about possible suggestions for location of Circus

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Email via One Voice Wales in partnership with Sustain Wales
 Advert for Public Appointment of Members to Community Health Councils
 Questionnaire from Advice & Support Carmarthenshire
 Newsletter from Shelter Cymru
 Email received regarding dog breeding establishments; forwarded to Carmarthenshire County Council
 Advert re Appointment of Independent Chair to Regulatory Board for Wales
 CCW Funding Newsletter
 Information from Cymru Yfory
 Correspondence was noted.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(342)

Letter received from CCC acknowledging our request to attend the planning committee regarding application W/221.09. Have contacted case officer and requested notification of the date.

(343)

Size comparison of CK's and proposed new store received from Cllr Jones.

(344)

Report received from Owen Banks in respect of issues raised at the Town Council meeting in December.

(345)

Email received from One Voice Wales in response to our concerns regarding all planning only being available electronically – they have arranged for the Head of Planning to attend their June meeting.

8. Materion Arianol
Financial Matters

(346)

Monthly budget sheet was provided. Cllr Hazel Evans suggested that a projected budget sheet be produced and an actual expenditure sheet be produced.

Current a/c bank balance as at 4.02.10 £ 12245.50

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.01.09 £ 0.15

(347)

items agreed for payment:

£399.00 Mrs Phillips

£346.63 BDO

£197.88 JBH Supplies

£956.21 CCC – footway charges

£34.94 Swalec – shop unit

£9.90 Cllr Peter Lewis

£50.00 Mr John Thomas

Receipts:

£4692.00 WAG – CADW grant

£2132.82 CCC SLA

£465.00 Rent

(348)

Grant request letter from Newcastle Emlyn & District Eisteddfod – it was agreed to donate £150.00

Grant request from Gwyl Cerdd Dant Cwn Gwedraeth 2011

Grant request from Cam-Fan cyf

Grant request from Towy Community Church

Grant request from Kidney Wales Foundation

Grant request from Cruse

Grant request from Cerebra

Grant request from NSPCC

(349)

BDO Audit report has been received – no matters have come to attention giving cause for concern, no additional issues report.

Notice to be displayed

(350)

Advice letter from Carmarthenshire County Council that footway charges for 2010-2011 will be £3111.02 inc vat`

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9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun
Project Team Reports

(351)

Cllr Alan Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting on the 1st February and the meeting on 9th February be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Peter Lewis and passed by a majority. Cllr Peter Lewis felt that Caroline Roberts had a good understanding of the grant systems and was aware of funding opportunities. The town council are looking at a substantial bid and would need professional support with the application and project, it was agreed that Caroline Roberts should be brought on board to assist the council and would meet her costs.

(352)

Cllr Hazel Evans proposed that the minutes of the Working Together meeting be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Alan Jones and agreed by a majority. Cllr Alan Jones provided an update that the library in Newcastle Emlyn was not included on the list for closures. Cllr Maureen Webley noted that the town council taking over substantial work from the County Council would create a lot of work for the clerk and Mr Wyn Davies.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill
Any Other Business

(353)

Copies of Review of Councillors Allowances Regulations provided

(354)

Dyfed Powys Police Community Consultative meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th February at Llangunor 7pm.

(355)

Consultation on Account and Audit (Wales) amendment Regulations: Copy of proposed regulation changes that apply to town and community councils provided

(356)

Cllr Haydn Jones informed the council that Newcastle Emlyn had been identified as a key settlement by the Rural Development Plan Village Enhancement Scheme. A scoping study is to be undertaken with a view to doing a project in the town. There will be a meeting organised to meet and discuss the town and identify needs.

Cllr Maureen Webley noted that the RDP have already done a mapping exercise.

(357)

It was noted that the playground committee have been successful in its recruitment of new members and is able to continue with its work.

(358)

Cllr Allan Davies raised the closure of the dental practice in Adpar closing due to apparent issues with the Local Health Board. It was agreed to write to the Health Board and express the need for a dentist in the town.

(359)

Cllr Hazel Evans raised a number of issues: The steps to the picnic area opposite Emlyn Hall have not been done – Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council; one of the wooden posts towards the castle gate is missing – apparently has been damaged and taken out by the handyman, clerk to contact him; she had received a number of complaints regarding dog fouling between the mart car park and church lane – Cllr Alan Jones suggested a camera to cover path and playing field and will speak to the playing field committee; pot holes at bottom of mart car park; pot hole outside Mr Schiavone's house; tarmac all broken up by manhole Ffynnant Square.

(360)

Cllr Alan Jones had examples of CCTV signs for approval. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase 4.

(361)

Cllr Hazel Evans reported damage to the post box outside HSBS. Clerk to report to the police.

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(362)

Cllr Peter Lewis reported on the launch of the Plant Dewi Families Together Group and it was agreed to write to the County Council stating that the group are doing good work and to continue to support them.

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Date of the next meeting is Thursday 18th March 2010.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:30pm

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