

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

## MINUTES

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Newcastle Emlyn Town Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7:30pm at The Cawdor Hall, Newcastle Emlyn, Mayor Cllr. Gareth Williams presided. Present- Councillors:- Kelvin Baker, Allan Davies, Cefin Evans, Hazel Evans, Pauline Evans, Alan Jones, Peter Lewis, Odette Little, Maureen Webley. Clerk: Stella Jones

**1. 03/15 Ymddiheiriadau am Absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence** – None

**2. 03/15 Datgelu Diddordeb Personol ac Ariannol dan Eitemau Busnes sydd wedi eu Rhestru Isod / To Disclose Personal & Pecuniary Interests in Items of Business listed below**

Finance – Cllrs G Williams, H Evans  
Correspondence – Cllr P Lewis

**3. 03/15 Heddlu / Police** PCSO J Kedward – Police studied CCTV footage but were unable to identify the owner of the dog that was reported for dog fouling. Another vehicle had been reported going up the No entry side of Porth Street. PCSO Kedward stated he had spoken to the youngsters causing nuisance on skateboards and being abusive to Maesllewelyn staff and also he had been unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding for a skateboard park. Councillors stated that cars parking by GS News and The Co-operative Store were causing chaos in the town, also people had complained to Councillors that tractors with slurry tankers seem to be speeding through town – police will speak with the contractor.

**4. 03/15 I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod Misol 19.02.15 / To approve the Minutes of the Meeting on 19.02.15** – These were accepted as a true and correct record

Proposed by Cllr H Evans                      Seconded by Cllr M Webley

**5. 03/15 Materion yn codi / Matters arising**

Ref 12.i.b)02/14 Town Road Improvement Scheme – work should be commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> March – work should be completed by 2 weeks

Ref 12.v.02/15 Rubbish in Castle Street – C Cllr H Evans to deal with the matter

Ref 12.i.02/15 Aberarad Road Improvement – CCC will put luminous markings on the new sections of kerbs that are protruding.

Ref 6.xvii. 02/15 Bus Route – as of the 16<sup>th</sup> March the service bus is operating in a Circular Route

**6. 03/15 Gohebiaeth / Correspondence**

- i. Post Office – Confirmation of PO moving to GS News, Sycamore Street, NCE SA38 9AJ
- ii. South Pembs Re enactment Group – Long-Bow Comp. in Castle Grounds – permission
- iii. Waste & Tyre Amnesty at Mart Car Park, NCE on 4/03/15 8am – 1pm – *circulated*
- iv. CCC – Bwcabus Dissemination Event on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March at Welsh Woollen Museum, Drefach Felindre at 2.15pm - *circulated*
- v. e-mail – OVW – Consultations on Council Tax Exemptions for Long-Term Empty Homes and Second Homes in Wales - Both consultations are open for 12 weeks from 13 March and will close on 13 June 2015 – to be placed on agenda for next month - <http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/council-tax-premium-second-homes-consultation/?lang=en> and <http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/council-tax-on-long-term-empty-homes-consultation/?lang=en> - *circulated*
- vi. e-mail – Wales GSI – Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 – link – <http://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/publications/accounts-audit-guidance/?lang=en> – *circulated*
- vii. e-mail – CCC – Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper - *circulated*
- viii e-mail – Advertise newcastleemlyntowncouncil on Daily Mail website - £515 -*tabled*
- ix. e-mail – HUTS – thanks for letter of support & expected start date of project is 01/06/2015 -
- x. e-mail – CCC/Post Office– Newcastle Emlyn Post Office – confirmation that it will be moving to GS News – *circulated*
- xi. e-mail – OVW - Consultancy Services Available to Member Councils – *circulated*
- xii. e-mail – CCC – Planning Applications 23.02.2015 - 27.02.2015 – *circulated*
- xiii.e-mail – Regional Bulletin Simon Thomas AC/AM - *circulated*
- xiv. e-mail – OVW – Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales - Board Member Opportunity – *circulated*
- xv. e-mail – CCC – Public Notice - Proposed Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking (Rural Variation 20) (HTTR-1297) –

*circulated*

xvi. e-mail – Peter Jackman – Ceredigion Art Trail – *circulated*

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

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xvii. e-mail – Theatre Troedyrhiw – *circulated*

xviii. e-mail – CCC – CCTV – link - <http://ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/consultations/> - *circulated*

xix. e-mail – OVW – Resource Efficient Wales - Advice and information on energy, waste and water – *circulated*

xx. e-mail – Wales GSI - Reforming Local Government Power to Local People White Paper – *circulated*

xxi. e-mail – Attic Theatre - *circulated*

xxii. e-mail – Antur Teifi – Future High Street Summit - *tabled*

xxiii. e-mail – Jill Sutton – Fair Trade Fortnight programme - *circulated*

xxiv. e-mail – Tony Allen – Aberarad Road Improvement Scheme

xxv. e-mail – Health Board Meeting Thursday 26/03/2015 Thursday at 9.30am. Lecture Theatre, Post Grad Centre, Francis Well, Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen - *circulated*

xxvi. e-mail – OVW – Town and Community Councils across Wales given new advice to help residents in fuel poverty – *circulated*

xxvii. e-mail – One Voice Wales April Trainings - *circulated*

xxviii. e-mail – Plantlife 25 – The new National Plant Monitoring Scheme – *circulated*

xxix. e-mail – Inspired by Wales - saving services and setting up community owned amenities in Wales - *circulated*

xxx. e-mail – Mark Hadley – Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum New Term – [jptudor@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:jptudor@carmarthenshire.gov.uk) – *circulated*

xxxi. e-mail – RBL [Mr Peter Woolley] – *circulated*

xxxii. Bank Holiday Bin Collections – [ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/my-house](http://ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/my-house) - *tabled*

## **7. 03/15 Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau / Committee Report**

Hywel Dda Community Health – Cllr M Webley stated that she would prepare a written report to be circulated to the Councillors.

Police Commissioners Response to Rural Connect – Cllr A Jones to send relevant links to Clerk to be circulated

## **8. 03/15 Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning Applications**

### Caniatad / Granted

W/30011 – Castle Motors, Station Rd, NCE SA389BX – the demolition of one existing property, the on-site relocation and extension of the existing Castle Motors building, providing up to six class B1, B2, B8 and Class SUI Generis employment units and the erection of a 1,584Sq M class A1 limited ancillary works at Castle Motors

W/31402 – Teifi Valley Building Supplies Ltd - Tantallon, Station Rd, NCE, SA38 9BX – proposed demolition of building/former dwelling known as Tantallon and the change of use of the application site to commercial use in connection with the existing builders merchants adjacent and to the rear at Tantallon

W/31429 – Aldi Stores Ltd – 5 advertisement signs for proposed Aldi Store at Castle Motors Site, Station Rd SA38 9BX

W/31478 – HSBC Banking, HSBC Bank, NCE – existing ATM Machine to be replaced with new ATM machine in same location

## **Cais Cynllunio–Ymgynghori / Planning Application Consultation – None**

## **9. 03/15 Materion Ariannol / Financial Matters**

### Invoice

i.	Wyn Davies, Handyman(18/02/15 – /03/15).....	£142.00
ii.	J Williams Toilet cleaning(Feb) .....	£196.00
iii.	Cleaning materials .....	£10.79
iv.	Thomas MacRae .....	£25,000.00
v.	Emma James .....	£1,501.71
vi.	SWALEC[Christmas Lights] .....	£39.34
vii.	Thomas MacRae .....	£7,000.00

### S/O

SWALEC (Council Chambers,Mkt Sq).....	£21.32
Clerk's Salary .....	£335.96
SLCC .....	£8.70
GRAIG CHAPEL .....	£75.00
SWALEC .....	£16.32
DWR CYMRU .....	£13.00
SWALEC .....	£25.00

**Credits**

Carole King Unit 5 [£200 Rent & £200 Bond] .....£400.00

**Requests for Financial Assistance–**

Theatre Troedyrhiw - tabled

Côr y Wiber – it was agreed they could have a shield and a pledge for £100 to be paid in the next financial year.

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**10. 03/15 Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun / Project Team Reports**

**Cawdor Hall** – the snagging list has been gone through – it was stated that fire glass is a compulsory requirement between the Interpretation Centre and the Courtyard Room. Once the Fire Certificate and Electrical Certificate are given the building will then be signed off.

Rates for the Cawdor Hall – it was decided that the Clerk ask the Valuation Officer to come out and re-value the building.

Old Council Chamber – rental for the room was discussed – the previous proposal that £50 a week for the use should stand was proposed and seconded. There was a counter proposal for £40 was proposed and seconded. There was 3 for the counter proposal, and 6 against. Therefore the initial proposal was carried with 1 abstention. The Mayor and Mayor Elect to speak with the RBL and the Attic Theatre.

Development Officer – it was agreed to advertise the vacancy for the post on CCC website with the closing date for 30<sup>th</sup> March as a Grant is available to part fund and employ a Development Officer.

**11. 03/15 Materion Angen Trafodaeth / Matters for Discussion**

- i. Dyddiad a Threfniadau agor Neuadd Cawdor / Date and arrangements for opening of Cawdor Hall – the sub committee to meet and to decide on a date.
- ii. Enwebiadau am Faer Etholedig / Nominations for Mayor Elect – Cllr Pauline Evans was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr K Baker and duly elected.
- iii. Seremoni Sefydlu'r Maer / Mayor Making – names for award – it was agreed to ask the two local schools for a nomination from each and all other names to be given to the Clerk.
- iv. Toiledau'r Mart / Mart Toilets – following a lengthy discussion it was resolved that financially it would be impossible to keep these running, especially that the Cawdor Hall toilets would now be open and require caretaking.

**12. 03/15 Sylwadau'r Cynghorwyr / Councillors' Comments**

- i. Cllr H Evans –
  - i. blinds or curtains needs to be purchased for the door of the Council Chambers for privacy
  - ii. Broadband for the Cawdor Hall – Cllr H Evans to look into costs
  - iii. Hanging Baskets – it was agreed that this year the Handyman will water the Council hanging baskets only
  - iv. Town information leaflet – it was agreed that this should include the Sport facilities and parking and river walks.
  - v. CCC have provided four more Disabled Parking spaces in the Mart Car Park
- ii. Cllr A Jones –
  - i. if the mart should ever become available for lease this is something the TC should be considering
  - ii. what is happening about the striking of the town clock – Clerk had not heard from CCC it was proposed that Cllr G Williams should have a word with the Handyman about oiling the mechanism.
- iv. Cllr P Lewis – questioned what has happened to the slabs that were in the old court yard – Cllr H Evans to ask

- v. Cllr M Webley – i. keys to toilet – tenants do not have keys, toilets should be open between 9am and 6pm and therefore open at the time when businesses are open.
- ii. there had been a query regarding the footpath to the river – it was stated that this is not an official footpath.
- iii. Old Day Centre – it is now official that the Dentist is taking this over.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at The Cawdor Hall Committee Room, Newcastle Emlyn at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.20pm

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

