

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

MINUTES

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The monthly meeting of the Newcastle Emlyn Town Council was held on Thursday 20th May 2010 after the Annual meeting at 8:15pm in the Teifi Valley Day Centre, Newcastle Emlyn. The Mayor Cllr Cefin Evans presided.

Present: Cllr Hazel Evans, Cllr Peter Lewis, Cllr Pauline Evans, Cllr Alan Jones, Cllr Kelvin Baker, Cllr Allan Davies, Cllr Maureen Webley, Cllr Gareth Williams, Mrs Vanessa Owens.

(20)

Cllr Cefin Evans welcomed Cllr Gareth Williams.

(21)

Sgt Wight informed the Council that someone has been arrested and charged in relation to the damage in the town last weekend.

Dyfed Powys Police are starting a new rota system which will ensure additional officers working in the evening and later into the night.

(22)

Cllr Alan Jones updated the meeting that the police had decided they can not finish the outstanding cctv upgrade work unless it was paid for and it would be cheaper for the council to use a contractor. It has been arranged that the contractor will do the work in June and then take over the maintenance contract. The Town Council thanked the police for all the work that had been done to date.

(23)

Cllr Peter Lewis thanked the police for the visible presence on fair night.

(24)

Mr Matt Morden from the youth service attended the meeting to provide an update on youth services for the town. Chris Davis had been in contact with Miss Munn of Ragamuffins and arranged to rent the facility on Monday evenings between 5 and 8pm, they are to start a pilot project on 24th May. They are in the process of agreeing the summer activity timetable.

He informed the meeting that in June/July a tender was going out for a convergence funded project in the Teifi valley area which will hopefully find 2 workers.

The youth service will continue to liaise with the school.

Cllr Alan Jones was hopeful that things will work out and the projects can move forward.

Cllr Maureen Webley informed the meeting that it appeared Ragamuffins would not be eligible for funding and the future of the project is uncertain.

Cllr Peter Lewis enquired on the whereabouts of the old youth club items; Matt Morden confirmed these were in storage in Carmarthen.

It was agreed that Matt Morden would attend the September meeting and provide another update.

1. Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb
Apologies for Absence

(25)

Apologies were received from Cllr Odette Little and Cllr Haydn 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

(26)

Cllr Cefin Evans and Cllr Gareth Williams declared their interests relating to planning application W/22852.

3. I Gymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod 15.04.10
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 15.04.10

(27)

Cllr Allan Evans requested that item 416 be moved to committee at end of minutes and included in item 453.

Item 438 to read agreed to hold

Item 441 to include Cllr Peter Lewis to do

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Item 440 to add that grant requests were rejected

Item 428 to read Trystan

Item 449 Cllr Pauline Evans had only enquired if the castle lights were working and Cllr Peter Lewis had responded that only one was working and no further action had been agreed.

Subject to these amendments Cllr Pauline Evans proposed to accept the minutes as correct, Cllr Maureen Webley seconded the proposal and it was agreed by a majority. The minutes were signed accordingly.

4. Materion yn codi
Matters arising

Ref 01/08 Car Park Signs

(28)

Are waiting on Cllr Haydn Jones to supply copy of original list of sign requirements.

Ref 04/08 Christmas Lights Traffic/Damage Incident

(29)

Cllr Peter Lewis provided the clerk with invoices for the replacement lights at the time of the incident. Clerk to contact the insurance company.

Ref 16/08 Castle Management Agreement

(30)

Cllr Allan Davies met with Mr Hunter from CADW to assess the damage to the castle. The frost damage to the walls was making it easy for the stones to be removed. It will be necessary for an expert to undertake the repairs which were estimated to be in the region of £5000.00 and CADW will be able to assist 50%. Mr Hunter is to forward a report.

Cllr Alan Jones had met on site with Kate Roberts from CADW who is to contact the previous contractor to look at the damage.

Ref: 25/09/08 Mart chains & Ref: 26 09/08 & 45 02/09 Mart car park

(31)

Cllr Peter Lewis and Cllr Kevin Baker to arrange a meeting with the mart operators to discuss the chains and the problem of dirty slurry wash down water coming back up through the man hole system.

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

(32)

Cllr Hazel Evans had met with Gillian Wulff; an application is to be put in to secure funding. A consultation is to be held between the 1st and 4th June.

Information had been received from Cllr Haydn Jones that the project is moving forward and details of a meeting on 17th June with the Countryside Recreation and Access Unit. Clerk to inform them that it is the date of the June meeting.

Ref 42 02/09 Renting of available unit

(33)

An email had been received from Jill Sutton requesting that a 5 mortise lock is put on the external door and that the external paintwork on the windows is painted. Cllr Peter Lewis noted that the existing lock was possibly not working properly and it was agreed that this should be looked at and a similar replacement lock purchased if necessary.

The rent on the unit is to start from the date of signing the lease agreement and handing over the keys.

Cllr Cefin Evans to arrange a meeting with Gill Sutton to discuss the lease.

(34)

The internal repairs have been completed, clerk to forward invoice to the insurance company for claim purposes.

Ref 48 04/09 Attic theatre lease.

(35)

Clerk had requested the solicitors to draw up the lease agreement and a copy was provided for approval. It was agreed that the clerk should forward the document to the Attic theatre group.

(36)

It was suggested that the Procedures Review committee should look at ensuring all the relevant lease and licence agreements are in place.

(37)

An email had been received from Suzanne Munn thanking the council for arranging the repairs and everything being left clean and tidy. She advised of rehearsal and show dates when they would require the use of the chambers.

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Ref 50 06/09 Toilets

(38)

There has been further damage in the Cawdor building toilets so Cllr Peter Lewis has obtained the key back from Ragamuffins and is presently locking the toilets himself. The relevant repairs have been completed. The problems in locking the toilets every evening were discussed and it was agreed that the councillors would take it in turns and the clerk to draft a rota. It will be necessary to arrange additional keys. An email had been received from a Mary Douglas in appreciation of the clean facilities in Newcastle Emlyn.

Ref 57/11/09 Clock

(39)

Clerk had received a phone call from the clock company and advised them that the clock is working. It was felt that the clock is not working as accurately as it should be, Cllr Cefin Evans to have a look at it.

Ref 63/03/10 Castle car park wall

(40)

Clerk had received an email from Mr John McEvoy that a further meeting is being held with the County Council's Conservation officer regarding the repairs.

(41)

The clerk reported that the next PACT meeting is Thursday 15th July at 7pm

(42)

Cllr Allan Davies to attend funding fayre at Ffos Las

5. Gohebiaeth
Correspondence

(43)

Renewal information from Information Commissioners Office re Data Protection registration
Copy of letter sent to Carmarthenshire County Council from Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales regarding review of electoral arrangements for Carmarthenshire
Request received via Mr Ken Jones for the use of town council bunting for a fund raising activity – this was agreed
Invitation from Shelter Cymru to attend a rural communities project event at Lampeter University on 25th June at 10:30pm till 1pm with free lunch.
Clerks & Councils Direct
The Code of Conduct for members of local authority in Wales: Guidance booklet from Ombudsman
Letter from WAG re A shared community update
Information from Carmarthenshire County Council re Armed Forces Day – 26th June
Public notice re elections
Information from Ceredigion County Council re LDP Delivery Agreement
Traveline Cymru newsletter
The Voice
Letter from Cambrian Mountain Society offering to attend a meeting to explain their work
Info from SMP
Email:
Information from Cilgwyn gardens
WCVA Funding newsletter link
Consultation:
Letter from Carmarthenshire County Council Carmarthenshire Connexions 2005-2015 Mid Term Review
Draft Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Annual Action Plan 2011-2012
Correspondence was noted.

6. Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau
Committee reports

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio
Planning Applications

(44)

-W/22852 Proposed change of use of single large dwelling into 2 self contained flats & change of use of large domestic garden to commercial use in connection with existing builders merchants adjacent, reducing ground levels of area and formation/erection of retaining wall to rear to retain carriageway. Tantallon, Station Rd. Cllr Cefin Evans and Cllr Gareth Williams left whilst this application was discussed; there were no observations.

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(45)

-W/22854 1 x wall mounted billboard, 1 x flag pole with 2.5m sign, 3 x 2.5m signs mounted on northern, western and eastern elevations, 1 x 2.0m sign mounted on southern store elevation & 2 directional arrows at site access Castle Motors, Station Rd. This application was deferred for councillors to view the sign details.

(46)

-Withdrawn - W/22745 Single storey extension to rear of property and the building of an external stairway to provide access to flat above shop 5 Sycamore St, Newcastle Emlyn

-Granted – W/22474 Erection of slate plaque to celebrate life of Allen Raine Bank House, 9 Bridge Street

-Granted – W/22626 Single & 2 storey extensions detached garage landscaping & alterations to driveway Birchgrove, 14 New Rd

8. Materion Arianol Financial Matters

(47)

Current a/c bank balance as at 05.05.10 £ 14400.43

Reserve a/c balance as at 07.01.09 £ 0.15

(48)

Items agreed for payment:

£673.30 Mr Wyn Davies

£17.61 Swallow Office Supplies

£221.77 JBH Supplies

£406.00 Mrs S Phillips

£46.35 ABS Carmarthen Fire Protection

£148.05 Vision ICT Ltd

£38.50 Tivy Hall

£51.60 Mr Ken Jones

£111.63 Philip Ling Estates, this item was deferred.

£1000.00 Cllr Cefin Evans – Mayors Allowance

£52.00 Holy Trinity Church

£64.63 Cllr Hazel Evans

£438.00 THS Carpentry

£111.63 Philip Ling Estates, this item was deferred.

(49)

Receipts:

£6567.41 Carmarthenshire County Council - precept

£563.00 from Cadw, final grant payment.

Rent: £465.00

(50)

Forms received from BDO

9. Adroddiadau Timau Cynllun Project Team Reports

(51)

The minutes of the Town Enhancement Committee on 6th May 2010 were approved.

(52)

Cllr Alan Jones updated the meeting on the castle grounds project which is moving forward quite well. It is necessary to get the costings for the gate and the new tables and benches. Cllr Haydn Jones had obtained the castle lease and the clerk to arrange copies.

Pamela Gaunt is moving ahead with the sculptures and interpretation boards.

(53)

Clerk had received an email from Kelly Shefford Tidy Towns Project Officer advising that she is leaving her post to work with the County as Senior Countryside Recreation officer. A new Tidy Towns officer has been recruited and should be in post by mid June.

10. Unrhyw Faterion Eraill Any Other Business

(54)

An email had been received from Carol Byrne Jones inviting councillors to the unveiling of the Allen Raine Memorial plaque and tea at the Catholic Church hall where the 3rd short story competition will be launched. 4pm at Bank House

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An email had been received publicising the Newcastle Emlyn Fun Day & Raft Race Saturday 29th May starting at 11am. The council agreed to allow them use of the castle grounds.

(56)

Cllr Peter Lewis requested that sufficient copies of the Cawdor building deeds were made and then the originals be returned to the solicitor.

(57)

Cllr Allan Davies questioned when the repairs to Cardigan Road would be undertaken. Clerk to enquire with Cllr Haydn Jones.

(58)

Cllr Cefin Evans had been approached with concerns about some trees bordering the Cardigan Road which appeared to be unsafe. To be reported to the County Council.

(59)

Cllr Alan Jones requested that the lease for the playing fields be included for discussion on next months agenda.

(60)

Cllr Peter Lewis had been asked if the Knights Templar could use the castle grounds again. It was agreed that they could use the castle but to ask if the tournament could be better advertised to encourage visitors and locals to attend.

(61)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:30pm.

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