

LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SHIRE HALL, LLANDEILO, at 8pm on Monday February 23rd 2004

Present

Dr. David Townsley-Hughes (Chairman)
Mr. E. Gwilym Hughes,
Dr. David A. Jones,
Mrs. Julia Jones,
Mr Peter G. B. Ratcliffe.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr. Paul Regan, Mrs. Angela Adams Rice.

2. Welcome to New Committee Members.

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Jones, who was appointed as a Trustee at the previous meeting, and had meantime paid subscriptions so that he and his wife Caroline are Founder Members.

The Chairman then welcomed Mr. Ratcliffe, who had been appointed as the Treasurer, with the approval of all the Committee, since the last meeting, and had paid subscriptions so that he and his wife Ruth are Founder Members.

3. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on December 8th 2003

were accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising Not Covered in the Agenda.

None.

5. Llandeilo and District Civic Trust Society New Bank Account

The Chairman reported that the Officers and Trustees had met with the Treasurer to complete the application to Lloyds Bank TSB and that he had submitted the completed form to the Bank.

When the new account is opened the Chairman will apply to the Civic Trust Wales for a Grant of £200 to facilitate setting up the new Society.

6. Recruitment of New Members

(i) **Information Sheet** (draft circulated with the Agenda). The Committee approved the sheet, (after minor editing : capital letters for Civic Trust Society in the text and deletion of three superfluous words) for distribution to the public with application forms for membership, saying that the Society has been inaugurated, summarising its objectives and how new members can participate.

(ii) **Membership Application Form** (draft circulated with the Agenda)

The Committee approved the form after the following amendments :

In the item entitled "Information about the Applicant (optional)" it was agreed that the words Education and Qualifications and Occupation should be deleted and

replaced by the following sentence :”We invite you to provide a summary of any skills and experience, that could benefit the Society”.

After noting that Society membership application forms usually get returned to the Secretary, it was agreed that a note at the foot of the form should say that the completed form and subscription should be returned to the Treasurer, at his home address.

It was agreed that the Chairman shall prepare posters inviting applications for membership, to be placed on the Town Council Notice Board and in the Library, after getting the Librarian’s agreement to issue the Society’s Information Sheet and Application Forms, on demand.

Printing the Constitution after Re-instatement as a Charity

The Committee recommended that the Chairman should get the Constitution reproduced by photocopying as an A5 booklet, for new members, without waiting for re instatement as a Charity.

8. Expansion of the Executive Committee.

It was noted that the Constitution requires a minimum of 10 members plus officers. However it was agreed that the first priority was the recruitment of ordinary members, among whom may be found people suitable to join the Executive Committee. Meanwhile present members may nominate people, presenting the Committee with a biographical summary about the nominee for consideration by the Committee.

The Chairman reported receiving a telephone call, from Mr. Paul Regan who had received a phone call from Mrs. Angela Adams Rice recommending Ms. Ann Keene for appointment as the Society’s Archivist, after she had declared her interest. After recently meeting Ms. Ann Keene he wished to support this proposal. The Committee would welcome information about her and would be happy to have her invited to attend a Committee Meeting for discussion.

9. Development of a Logo or Emblem special to the Society.

As there is no urgency, members of the Committee will consider what symbols could possibly be special to Llandeilo and District and then the Chairman will try and present a simple design, preferably with one symbol like the National Trust’s Logo, rather than a scene.

10. Action Required on Established and Uncompleted Projects.

- (i) Llandeilo in Bloom. Dr. Jones recommended that William Evans who has chaired the Llandeilo in Bloom Sub Committee of the Society, for some years, and is still actively operating the project, should be invited to the next Committee Meeting for discussion. Agreed. He further recommended that the Chairman shall write to the Town Clerk applying for a grant to the Society for operating the Llandeilo in Bloom project. Agreed.
- (ii) Heritage Project to establish a museum and exhibition centre, at the former Public Institute in Rhosmaen Street.

The Chairman reported that the previous Chairman, Michael Rees and

previous Secretary Craig Jones had actively pursued this project, seeking a grant of about £80,000 to re-house the current occupiers of the building : the Snooker Club, in a single storey custom built recreational building. However there remains some doubt regarding the title of ownership of the building which was a public amenity building, including a public library, formerly run as a Trust for the public benefit, by about ten Trustees, now all dead. Currently it is believed that the Snooker Club mainly use only one room.

The Committee agreed that it is still desirable to pursue this project as a public amenity building, suitable as a museum, exhibition centre, and as the headquarters of the Society, housing the archives of the Society. Dr. Jones recommended that the Chairman shall write to the Town Clerk, for information about the ownership of the Public Institute. Agreed.

The Chairman was further recommended to write to the Town Clerk to apply to the Town Council for a Section 137 Grant towards the setting up of the new Llandeilo and District Civic Trust Society, and to similarly write to the Chairmen of the other Community Councils in our area of benefit.

11. Identification of Priority Project(s), from the as yet Unimplemented Llandeilo Regeneration Study (1997)

Mr. Hughes distributed copies of a paper by Cambria entitled “Towards a Llandeilo Fawr Heritage Strategy” and recommended that the Committee have further discussion about Priority Projects to promote, when a clearer strategy emerges after a range of organisations, concerned with Llandeilo, have met with Cambria to prepare a strategy, after completion of the Cambria Heritage Audit for the Town Council.

12. Any Other Business

The Chairman reported receiving a copy of Mr. Michael Rees’s letter to Mr. Nick Bourne AM, regarding the Llandeilo Eastern Bypass. The Committee will await the AM’s response with interest to see whether there is any way that the Society can contribute constructively to the continuing discussions.

13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Monday March 22nd, at 8pm, in the Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo.