

LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SHIRE HALL, LLANDEILO at 7.30pm on Thursday April 29th 2004

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr. Paul Regan.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting, held on March 22nd 2004

were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising in the Minutes Not Covered in the Agenda

Item 6 Trustees and Third Party Insurance

The Chairman and Treasurer had made no progress in arranging such insurance through Civic Trust Wales, because the Administrator, who had been away for most of the month, is not aware of any such facility, but will consult the Director. If necessary other Civic Trust Societies will then be consulted.

Item 12 Brief Review of the Cambria Town Audit

Mr. Gwilym Hughes said that copies of the Cambria Report (one in English and one in Welsh) would shortly be available for public viewing, in the Public Library Llandeilo. The Report will also be available as a pdf file in English and another in Welsh on the Town Council's web site.

Item 13(v) Contact List of Members of Committee

Mr. Hughes wished to change his listed e-mail address to : gwilym@acadat.com

4. Llandeilo Public Institute

All members of the Committee had attended a visit to the Institute earlier in the evening, between 6 and 7pm. where they were shown around the building by the Secretary Mr. Peter Williams, the Treasurer Mr. Bob Cash, Committee Member Mr Walid Khalil. Apart from the Snooker Room the building was in a state of disrepair. During discussion it became apparent that the statement published in the 1994 Llandeilo Town Guide about ownership of the building was incorrect in saying that the Institute is owned by the Trustees in trust for the public benefit of the town. It is said to be owned by the membership.

It was agreed that the L&D CTS Committee required clarification of the ownership and constitutional legal status of the Public Institute before proceeding any further to discuss raising funds to regenerate the building for the public benefit. The Chairman will therefore write to the Secretary of the Public Institute asking for information about ownership and their constitution.

5. Llandeilo Provisions Market

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by Mr Richard Vaughan Evans of the Estates Department of Carmarthenshire County Council(CCC) that the CCC is proceeding with a feasibility assessment to convert the building, for multifunctional use, into 5 or 6 units for businesses or as offices. They have engaged a firm of architects (Lowery of Cardiff) who were working on site on April 29th. The Committee hoped that any plan will preserve the existing central courtyard with its windowed roof. It was agreed that the Chairman shall arrange a site visit on May 24th at 6pm, when Mr Vaughan Evans would be available to open the building and do a conducted tour.

6. L&D CTS New Bank Account at Lloyds Bank TSB, Llandeilo

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by the bank that our new account would be opened through their Cardiff centralised office for new society accounts on April 30th 2004. Then he will receive appropriate papers during the following week. The account will therefore be operational shortly.

7. Shire Hall as a Correspondence Address

Mr. Hughes, Director of Cambria, reported that his staff had made a restriction on our use of Shire Hall as a correspondence address. Cambria staff are not prepared to cooperate in sorting our mail if it contains subscriptions for membership. Mr. Hughes believed there would be no problem if applications for membership were accompanied by a bankers standing order instead of direct payment by cheque. Following discussion in which the usefulness of a restricted correspondence address was questioned, Dr. Dave Jones proposed, seconded by Mrs Adams Rice, that Shire Hall shall be used as a Registered Address (when required) and as a general correspondence address, with the exception of applications for membership that included subscription payments. Membership application forms accompanied by subscription payments shall be addressed to the Treasurer at his home address. Agreed.

It was also agreed that the Chairman will continue to conduct Society business by corresponding from his home address.

Since the Chairman has not yet received a formal letter from the Town Clerk formally giving the Town Council's approval that the L&D CTS may use Shire Hall as its Correspondence Address, nor the details of the wooden mail box required, Dr. David Jones, in his capacity of Mayor, reaffirmed that the Town Council had given its approval and that details of the mail box could be obtained from Cambria to have one made like that for the Town Council. The Committee agreed to accept Mrs Adams Rice's generous offer to have the box made and donated by her husband.

8. Application for a Section 137 Grant from Llandeilo Town Council

Dr. Jones advised the Chairman to send a copy of the Society's financial statement (as soon as possible after existing subscriptions have been paid into our new bank account) along with another letter to the Town Clerk for the attention of the next meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council.

9. Historic Statue for Llandeilo

Dr. David Jones (Mayor) reported that a recent meeting of the Town Council, involving Mr Robert ap Stephan from Llandovery and the funding of the Llandovery Statue, it was agreed that the town should aim to have two statues, one of St. Teilo at the Civic corner of the Llandeilo Church cemetery and one of Lord Rhys somewhere else. It is likely that the Arts Council will be approached for funding, after a public meeting has been held to get the support of the local community.

10. Llandeilo Town Historical Society

It was noted that an entry in the Cambria Town Audit strategy document is as follows **Local History Group** - The establishment of a Local History Group has significant potential. Nearly 40% of the households contacted during the Llandeilo Community Appraisal said that they would be interested in joining such a group if one was established.

The Committee agreed that it is interested in supporting this venture. Mr. Hughes will supply further information for the attention of the next meeting

11. Any Other Business

(i) Llandeilo Railway Station. Dr. Jones reported that the Town Council has been approached by Mr. David Edwards to discuss their possible adoption of the Railway Station as a project. The Committee agreed that it is interested in a visit with Mr. Edwards to the Railway Station to hear about the proposed project for the benefit of the local community. The railway is owned by Railtrack and leased by Arriva. The Chairman will arrange a visit.

(ii) The Effect of Heavy Goods Vehicles on the Town of Llandeilo

A copy of Mr. Michael Rees's correspondence with Mr. N. Bourne AM was discussed. It is desirable to continue collecting information about traffic problems to provide further evidence for a public consultation in the autumn of this year, leading to a set of planning objectives, such as a Llandeilo Relief Road.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Town Council that shops in Rhosmaen Street be issued with an Incident Log Book to record traffic problems in their vicinity, experienced by members of the public.

12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Monday 24th May 2004, at 6pm site visit to Llandeilo Provisions Market Hall, followed immediately afterwards by a Committee Meeting in Shire Hall, Llandeilo.
