

LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

The Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, SA19 6EF

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**held in the Angel Hotel, Llandeilo,
on Monday, May 24th 2004, about 7.30pm**

1. Apologies for Absence
Mr. Peter Ratcliffe

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, held on Monday 24th May 2004

3. Matters Arising Not Covered in the Agenda
None.

4. Llandeilo Provisions Market

The Committee had visited the building earlier in the evening starting at 6.10pm on a guided tour conducted by Mr. Richard Vaughan Evans of the Estates Department of Carmarthenshire County Council. He demonstrated a copy of a feasibility plan, by Lowery Architects of Cardiff, to convert the building into 4 or 5 business units or offices, with an optional mezzanine floor. The present roof needs replacing at a cost of about £120K. He agreed to provide Mr. Paul Regan and Mrs Julia Jones with copies of the architects' plans. The Committee accepted Mr. Regan's free of charge offer to prepare a basic plan drawing of the Market Hall for further discussion by the Committee at a special meeting to be devoted to the Market Hall, and to receive further assessment of the possibility of using the Market Hall as a Theatre and Arts Centre from Mrs Jones.

5. Llandeilo Public Institute

The Chairman reported that he had earlier in the day received some papers by hand from the Secretary of the Institute : a copy of their Solicitor's summary of the Institute's situation with regard to two documents :

(1) Copy of Original Lease dated 19th May 1892

(2) Copy of Indenture (Conveyance) dated 17th December 1982,

to be held in confidence by the Committee. (see copies attached to these Minutes).

The Committee agreed that these papers were difficult to interpret and that we required professional advice and agreed to accept Mrs Jones's offer to have her husband (experienced in conveyance) to look at them and advise us, particularly about current ownership.

In his letter to the Chairman the Secretary of the Institute said that "I can confirm that we would be very interested in considering any scheme in which we would be provided with an alternative purpose built Snooker Club Building in exchange for the LPH&LI building".

6. Llandeilo Railway Station

It was agreed to meet at the Station at 7pm before the next Committee Meeting to assess ways of improving this important gateway to the town. The Chairman will invite Mr. David Edwards of Railtrack who has been active in promoting the Station; also Mrs Gillian Wright, Misses Hilda and Thirza Swindells.

- 7. Llandeilo Town Historic Society**
Mr. Hughes will provide copies of leaflets from ACTT Trinity College Carmarthen, about how to set up an Historical Society, for distribution at the next meeting.
- 8. Llandeilo Gospels**
Mr. Regan outlined progress achieved with the project to install digital copies of the Gospels in Llandeilo Church. Plans have been agreed that are currently being costed. It is expected that the project will be completed by late Spring 2005, when the town can expect many more visitors.
- 9. L & D CTS New Bank Account at Lloyds TSB Llandeilo**
The Chairman reported that he had at last been able to open the bank account, on May 5th 2004, with subscriptions from 17 members.
- 10. Recruitment of New Members**
The Chairman has put up posters in town and in the Library and has supplied the Librarian with application forms for membership and the Information Sheet about the Society. It was agreed that the Information Sheet needed to be updated. Publicity for the relaunch of the Society will be sought by publishing a picture of the Committee visiting the Railway Station, together with a note about the Society and its activities.
The possibility of holding a public lecture, in the Civic Hall or in Capel Newydd, in
the autumn associated with a cheese and wine reception / party or a buffet supper, was discussed, for further consideration and selection of a non clashing date.
Mrs Adams Rice kindly undertook to check the Membership List for 1992 with names and addresses on current electoral roles, before invitations are circulated to rejoin our regenerated Society.
- 11. Newsletters from the Civic Trust Wales and the Civic Trust (London)**
The Chairman distributed copies of the Newsletters to the Committee. It was agreed that Mr. Gwilym Hughes shall prepare a Newsletter for distribution to members, summarising information provided by Civic Trust Wales and the Civic Trust (London). It was also agreed that the Society will pay membership subscriptions to both Civic Trusts.
- 12. Any Other Business**
Councillor Dr. David Jones raised the following matters:
 - (i) It is recommended that the Conservation Officer, Mr. Ian Thomas, for Carmarthenshire County Council, be contacted, possibly to arrange a future walk through town with the Committee to discuss the Llandeilo Conservation Area, including shop fronts.
 - (ii) The Town Council is planning to organise a Strategic Forum Meeting, in conjunction with Cambria. This Society will be invited to participate in discussion.
- 13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**
Monday 28th June 2004, preceded by a visit to Llandeilo Railway Station at 7pm.

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