

LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

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

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) At Llandeilo Railway Station at 7pm, June 28th 2004

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

Llandeilo 41 Club : Mr Peter Emerson Thomas (Chairman), Mr. Harold Williams (Secretary), Mr. Owen Philips (Treasurer).

Miss Thirza Swindell (Adoptee of Llandeilo Railway Station)

Mrs. Gillian Wright, (Secretary of the Heart of Wales Travellers Association)

The group gathered in a circle in the car park.

- The group agreed with Miss Swindell that the removal of the station buildings, including the tea room, had been a sad loss. She and her sister maintained flowering plants in concrete containers gifted by Albion Concrete. Miss Swindell focussed on the need to develop the station as an attractive prestigious station worthy of the town, including smart ironwork railings to replace the existing scaffolding pipe railings on both sides of the railway track, a new tea room, and to develop the car park as a picnic area. The 41 Club are going to look after the flowering display on the opposite platform (downline) and take an interest in the picnic area project.
- Mr Reagan recommended pitched roofs for the existing waiting cubicles and that the existing concrete shed in the car park, owned by Network Wales, be converted into a Tea / Refreshments Room, facing the building with wood. Mr. Regan's offer to do a draft design for the refurbishment of the station was welcomed.
- In general discussion it was noted that signs giving directions for visitors to go to town are absent. Mrs. Wright said that Mr.David Edwards (Arriva Trains) is negotiating a grant for Information Boards about Llandeilo and for the erection of Sign Posts. Dr. Jones pointed out the desirability of Mr. Edwards' project collaborating with the Town Council and Cambria Ltd over the proposed Information Boards. A mural View of Llandeilo is being considered for where the train stops. Also Carmarthenshire County Council has £200,000 set aside for upgrading Station Road, as part of the Strategic Towns and Villages Project, including consideration of bus parking needs for bus/rail link.
- A group photograph on the downline platform was taken by Mrs Enid Townsley-Hughes

(b) Executive Committee Meeting in Shire Hall (about 8pm) June 28th 2004

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Mr. E. Gwilym Hughes,
Mrs. Angela Adams Rice.

1. Apologies for Absence

Dr. David A. Jones, Mrs. Julia Jones.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting, held on May 24th 2004 : Correction of Item 8 :
replace “completed” with “started” in line 3. Then accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered in the Agenda

Item 7 Llandeilo Town Historical Society : ACTT Trinity College Carmarthen has not yet provided Mr. Hughes with leaflets for distribution, about how to set up an Historical Society.

4. Llandeilo Railway Station

Further discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

5. Llandeilo Provisions Market

No drawings promised to Mr. Regan and Mrs Jones have yet been supplied by Mr. Richard Vaughan Evans, to enable further proposals to proceed. The Acting Secretary will chase Mr Evans for the ordinance survey drawings.

6. Llandeilo Public Institute

Further discussion was postponed until the Committee receives the advice of Mr. Gerald Jones about the title deeds and current ownership.

7. Section 137 Grant from Llandeilo Town Council for setting up our Society

The Chairman reported that the letter he had received from the Town Clerk, accompanying a cheque for £400, stated “*The Finance Committee would like me to request from you a statement of expenditure at the end of this financial year in order to see how this funding has been used and this will be a requirement for any future applications*”.

The Committee envisaged the following expenses :

1. Administrative Expenses of the Secretary and Treasurer
2. Professional Printing of
Membership Application Forms,
the L&DCTS Constitution,
the Information Leaflet.
3. Launching Events including a Public Lecture.
4. Other Events, some including a lecture and discussion.

8. Recruitment of New Members

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Adams Rice for checking the addresses of former members on an old list, removing those now known to not be current addresses. The list can be used for a mailshot when our membership application forms and Information Leaflet have been printed.

There has been no response so far to the posters on the Town Council Notice Board, the Rhosmaen Salvation Army Doorway and the Public Library. The poster put up on the notice board in the archway to the car park, next to the Chemists, was removed after a week.

The Committee considered that 'launching' events could be more effective. A Public Lecture in October, with a reception including tea/coffee and nibbles (cheese and wine if costs permit or a charge is made). Members of Committee would actively try to enrol new members.

Mr. Regan undertook to invite an eminent architect to give our first public lecture, suggesting Professor Malcolm Parry.

It was agreed that standing orders for new members would start on July 1st, the beginning of our financial year.

The desirability of launching the Society with a distinctive Society Logo for headed notepaper and publications, including the updated Information Leaflet was discussed. Members of Committee were invited to produce draft Logos for consideration at the next meeting

9. Meeting of Woodlands Trust, on June 30th 2004, at the entrance to the wood.
As many members of Committee as possible would attend.

10. Any Other Business.

None

11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

August 23rd 2004, at 7pm

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