

LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY
The Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo, SA19, 6AF

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
in the Council Meeting Room, Shire Hall, Llandeilo,
on Monday April 4th 2005, at 7pm

Present

Dr. D. Townsley-Hughes (Chairman)
Mr. E. Gwilym Hughes
Mrs Julia Jones
Mrs. Ann C. Keen
Mr. Geoffrey D.V. Williams

1. Welcome to a new member of Committee :

The Chairman warmly welcomed Mr Geoffrey David Vaughan Williams

2. Apologies for absence : Cllr Dr David Anthony Jones, Mr. David Arthur Jones, Mr. Paul Regan, Mrs Angela Adams Rice.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on February 28th 2005

were accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising in the last Minutes Not Covered in the Agenda

Item 10 Membership Cards : Mrs Keen pointed out that although it had been agreed that two versions of the membership cards would be issued in English and in Welsh, the Chairman/Secretary had actually only issued membership cards in English. The Chairman explained that the draft membership cards shown at the previous meeting had English on one side and Welsh on the other. When it came to actually producing the cards at the size of a credit card, the words on the bilingual draft card were too small to read. He had therefore prepared cards in two separate languages and printed only the English version for distribution, asking members to let him know if they wanted a Welsh version printed, which would be done if enough people wanted a Welsh version. So far only one person has requested one. This helps as we are currently very low in funds.

Mr. Geoffrey Williams enquired whether the Society officially has a bilingual policy. Our present Constitution does not declare that the Society has a bilingual policy. However in practice we try to be bilingual when possible. It is not financially practicable to employ a translator for meetings to be conducted in two languages or to translate all our documents for distribution.

5. Next Public Lecture on April 7th 2005.

Mr. Geoffrey Williams and Mrs Ann Keen will man the entrance to the lecture, Mr Williams collecting entrance fees from non members, Mrs Keen distributing recruitment forms and leaflets and collecting completed forms and subscription payments after the lecture. The Chairman will introduce the Speaker and Mr Gwilym Hughes will give a vote of thanks afterwards. Mr. Hughes will supply projection equipment and bring the speaker to the meeting.

Mr. Williams who is a Director of the Civic Hall recommended that we should check the Town Council's web site and try and add our events to the Town Council Diary.

Publicity : The Chairman has prepared a Press Release, which has been distributed to the newspapers and the Town and Community Councils. Mrs Adams Rice has prepared a poster that has been widely distributed with the help of Mrs Keen.

The Treasurer informed the Committee that the current balance in the Society's bank account was £37. It was therefore agreed that we could not afford to serve wine, or coffee, tea and biscuits, at our next lecture.

6. Future Public Lectures and Events Program

The Chairman will try and arrange for a Public Meeting to discuss The Future of the Llandeilo Market Hall, to which speakers from relevant departments of Carmarthenshire County Council will be invited to contribute to discussion.

Discussion of other events was postponed until next time.

7. Society Web Site : www.llandeiloanddistrict.org.uk

The Chairman reported that the Director of Civic Trust Wales congratulates the Society on its web site and that they will put a link to our site on their site and we are welcome to reciprocate.

8. Llandeilo Market Hall :

In the absence of Mr. Paul Regan, discussion of the meeting that he and the Chairman had on March 22nd, at Carmarthenshire County Council, about the future of the Market Hall, was postponed until the next committee meeting.

9. Llandeilo Railway Station : postponed until the next meeting

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10. New Members of the Executive Committee

It was agreed that the Chairman shall write to the Chairmen of the associated Community Councils, to invite them to recommend someone to represent their area as a member of our Executive Committee (not as a representative of their Council, but not excluding a Councillor acting in his/her own right as a citizen of the area.)

11. Generating More Funds for Running the Society

Apply for an annual grant from the Llandeilo Town Council.

Apply for similar grants from the associated Community Councils.

Determine whether we are eligible for an Arts Council grant.

Investigate eligibility for Carmarthenshire County Council Grants.

12. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Williams recommended that the Society should consider putting the Civic Hall Restoration Project forward for a Civic Trust Wales Design Award. He will provide information to the next meeting.
- (ii) Congratulations to Mrs Julia Jones for her work in achieving the success of the Llandeilo Music and Flower Festival in getting the Carmarthenshire County Council Community Grants Award 2005, in competition with 116 competitors.

13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting: Monday May 23rd 2005, at 7pm.