

LLANDEILO & DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Revival Steering Committee on Monday Dec.8th 2003, at 8pm in the Cawdor Arms Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo

Present

Dr. David Townsley-Hughes (Chairman)
Mr. Paul Regan (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Gwilym Hughes,
Mrs. Julia Jones,
Mrs. Angela Adams Rice.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Gwilym Hughes as a new member of Committee.

1. Apologies for Absence

Dr. David A. Jones
Mr. Edward G. Thomas (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of the Steering Committee on July 8th 2002

These were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered in the Agenda

Item 5 (xii) The Chairman had contacted Mr. Eifion Bowen, Head of the Planning Department of Carmarthenshire County Council and was informed that they did not have a Design Guide for Llandeilo. However he was given a copy of a document produced in Feb.1972 called "Llandeilo Conservation Area : Appraisal and Recommendations, Civic Amenities Act 1967". Although out of date, the committee considered it useful and it was arranged for photocopies to be made for personal use.

4. The Proposed New Constitution.

The Chairman reported that he had already received approval of the draft new constitution which he had submitted to the Civic Trust for Wales. The Committee agreed to adopt the new constitution after making the following amendments :
Item 4, Membership : change membership categories from *junior (18 and under)* to *junior (under 18)* and the subscription rate in *corporate* : £10 to *corporate* : £20

5. Officers of the New Society

The Committee agreed to the following appointments :

Dr. David Townsley-Hughes (Chairman)
Mr. Paul Regan (Vice Chairman)
Mr. Edward G. Thomas (Treasurer)

Three Trustees

Dr. David Townsley-Hughes
Mr. Paul Regan
Dr. David A. Jones

It was agreed that a Membership Secretary would be appointed to collect subscriptions when the number of members justified such an appointment.

Meanwhile the urgency of appointing a Secretary to assist in running the Society was discussed without any specific proposal. The Chairman reported advice from the Grants Officer of Carmarthenshire County Council, that it is unlikely that funding to employ a Secretary for core administration would be available from community grants, as they are given for specific projects.

Meanwhile the Chairman will additionally act as Secretary to get the Society going.

6. Launching the New Society

The Committee agreed that membership of the Society required payment of subscription as a member. Accordingly the Chairman collected subscription payments from all members of the committee present, to be able to enrol the Founder Members

Committee members paid “Couple Memberships” to include spouses :

Founder Members (including *Officers)

*Chairman : David Townsley-Hughes and Enid Townsley Hughes

*Vice-Chairman : Paul Regan and Catherine Hinckley Regan

Committee Member : Evan Gwilym Hughes and Colette Angela Paterson

Committee Member : Julia Jones and Gerald Bruce Jones

Committee Member : Angela Adams Rice and David Julian Rice

The Chairman undertook to collect subscriptions from absent members of committee

*Treasurer : Edward G. Thomas

Committee Member : David Anthony Jones and Caroline Grace Jones

7. Establishing a New Bank Account for the Society

The Chairman undertook to set up a new bank account, with the help of the Treasurer, to take membership subscriptions and fund the Society.

8. Re instatement of the new Society under the registration of the old Society as a Registered Charity.

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by the Charity Commissioners that the Llandeilo Civic Trust Society’s status as a Charity had been terminated in August 2000 due to its inactivity. The Civic Trust for Wales had not been informed and gave the Chairman their approval to take steps to meet the Charity Commissioners requirements for re instatement, under the new constitution. The Committee supported this course of action.

9. Recruitment of Members of the Executive Committee and Ordinary Members

Apart from officers, recruitment can best proceed after the Society has its charitable status.

It was agreed that in order to promote standards, and best use of knowledge and experience among members of the new Executive Committee, that candidates for membership of the Committee shall provide a personal biographical summary.

A majority of the existing committee agreed that it would also be useful if present members provided colleagues with such information.

10. Any Other Business

A note had been received from Mr. Michael Rees, Retired Chairman, drawing the attention of the Committee to recent research showing the health hazard of road vehicles not only to those living along the traffic roads but also some distance away. He hopes that the Committee will continue any action that will lead to a reduction in heavy lorry traffic through Llandeilo. Agreed.

11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting : to be arranged when sufficient progress has been made in the actions agreed at the present meeting.

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