

LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

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

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**in the Council Meeting Room, Shire Hall, Llandeilo,
on Monday February 28th 2005, at 7pm.**

Present

Dr. D. Townsley-Hughes (Chairman)
Mr. E. Gwilym Hughes
Mr. David Arthur Jones
Mrs Ann C. Keen
Mrs Angela Adams Rice

- 1. Welcome to a new member of Committee:** Mr. David Arthur Jones was welcomed by the Chairman.
- 2. Apologies for absence :** Mr. Paul Regan.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting on January 24th** were accepted as a correct record after correcting the date of the next meeting to 28th Feb. on page 3.
- 4. Matters Arising in the Minutes Not Covered in the Agenda**

Item 11 (i) Town Council's Heritage Forum at the Rugby Club, Llandeilo, on Feb.11th. Four members of Committee were present, including Mr. Hughes who had presented the work of Cambria on the Llandeilo Heritage Project. Welsh Assembly Representative spoke in support of the project.

Item 11 (b) Society Archives: Mrs Keen requires storage space for archives. It was recommended that the County Council be asked whether any space can be allocated to the Society in the County archives. Mrs Keen and the Chairman will find out what records the previous Chairman, Mr. Michael Rees, has that should be archived.

5. Llandeilo Market Hall

Further discussion was postponed until the Chairman and Mr. Regan have met with Mr. David Gilbert, Director of Regeneration and Mrs Vivienne Davies, Project Manager, at Carmarthenshire County Council

6. Llandeilo Railway Station

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association and Heart of Wales Line Forum, which he attended, at the Castle Hotel on the morning of Feb 19th 2005, and spoke about the Society's interest in improving the Station and obtained support for the innovations proposed by Mr Paul Regan, as shown in his computer generated images that were displayed. Miss Thirza Swindell, Station Adopter, spoke in support of Mr. Regan's plans.

It was proposed that Arriva Trains would collaborate with the Town Council and the Llandeilo and District Civic Trust Society in applying to the voluntary organisation HWTA, that could take action to raise the money needed to carry out the proposed improvements.

Mr. David Edwards of Arriva Trains, spoke about “Bringing the Community Back to the Railway”. Mr. Colin Jenkins, Deputy Mayor of Llandeilo, spoke about the Town Council’s plans for the development of Station Road and the general improvement of the Railway Station’s accessibility and an improved gateway to the town. Mrs Gillian Wright, of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association, spoke about improving the use of the train service, including better timetable of available trains that would increase the service as an amenity for the local communities and bring more visitors to town. Provision of live music on weekend trains was proving quite popular in filling certain trains.

Mrs Julia Jones reported that ‘Musical Trains’ had been available to bring passengers to the Llandeilo Festival.

7. Next Public Lecture on April 7th 2005

Mr. Tom Lloyd has accepted Mr Gwilym Hughes’ invitation on behalf of the Society, to lecture on “The Historic Buildings of Llandeilo and District and Their Architects”, On April 7th 2005.

Mrs Angela Adams Rice will prepare a poster and the Chairman will prepare a Press Release. Mr Gwilym Hughes will try and have another Newsletter available for that event.

The Committee agreed that would be desirable to serve wine, as well as water and fruit juice, after the lecture to encourage socialising among members and new visitors, to encourage interest in our activities and to recruit.

8. Future Public Lectures and Events Program : to be arranged

- (i) Public Debate about the Future of Llandeilo Market Hall, to include an input from Carmarthenshire County Council : as soon as possible.
- (ii) Mr. Gwilym Hughes to lecture on the Llandeilo Roman Forte, revealed by recent excavations : possibly in September
- (iii) Llandeilo Railway Station Development and Bringing the Community Back to the Railway : Speakers to include Mr. David Edwards of Arriva Trains, Mr Colin Jenkins Mayor of Llandeilo, Mrs Gillian Wright of the Passengers Association.
- (iv) The Reverend Dr Peter Bement to be invited to lecture on the Llandeilo Gospels : the Chairman to try and arrange for the autumn, about November
- (v) The Reverend Dr. William Strange to be invited to lecture on St. Teilo and the influence of his Church on the Community.
- (vi) A possible topic about regeneration : Conservation cf Preservation

9. Society Web Site

Mr. Gwilym Hughes circulated a quote received from Mr Andrew Williams of Orchard Web, for setting up an L&D CTS Web Site at £200. registration and administration of our domain name at £20 annually and £15 an hour after that for acting as webmaster adding information to our web site (estimated at £90 annually for adding Minutes, Newsletters etc.).

The Committee authorised the Chairman to proceed with such expenditure and to liaise with Mr Hughes and Mr Williams in setting up our web site.

The Chairman will provide digital copies of the Information Leaflet, Constitution, Minutes, L&D CTS Logo. Mr Williams will be invited to produce additionally a welsh version of the Logo.

Mr Hughes will obtain a written confirmation from the Mayor, Ros Bellamy, that the Town Council agree that we may have our web site as a sub site of the Town Council's web site.

The Chairman will explore the possibility of a cultural grant from Carmarthenshire County Council to facilitate funding our web site, Newsletter and lectures.

10. Membership Cards

The Chairman's draft membership card, to be mounted in plastic sleeves, was acceptable to the Committee. It was agreed that two versions of membership cards should be issued in English and in Welsh.

11. New Members of the Executive Committee

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr Gwilym Hughes that Mr. Geoffrey David Vaughan Williams, of Bethlehem Road Llandeilo, be elected a member of the Executive Committee. Agreed.

Mr. Williams is a retired solicitor, Chairman of the Carmarthenshire Countryside Recreation Group of the Carmarthenshire Leisure Forum and Chairman of several committees of the Ramblers Association of Great Britain.

12. Any Other Business

(i) Mr Hughes reported that Dr. Matthew Griffiths has told him that he intends writing a short article about our Society in the Civic Trust Wales Journal (the Chairman having already provided copies of the Information Leaflet, and Newsletter).

(ii) Mr. David Arthur Jones raised the possibility of raising grants for the Society from Tour Link, Tourist Department of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Action : Chairman.

(iii) The Committee agreed to the Chairman's proposal to raise a grant via the Towy Forum for a project to assess the Heritage of Llandeilo District (the area covered by L&D CTS), as an extension of the project recently carried out about Llandeilo for Llandeilo Town Council

13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting

March 28th 2005, at 7pm in Shire Hall, Llandeilo.

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