

CYNGOR TREF TREFDRAETH/NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 28/1/2008
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT.

PRESENT: Cllr. Peter Harwood (Chairman) Cllrs. John Rowe Lewis,
Sandra Bayes, Liz Bellamy, Patricia Foot, Byron James,
Robert Vaughan, Daron Paish, Paul Harries & James Davies.
County Cllr. Robin Evans.

The Chairman opened the Meeting by introducing Insp. Dave Sweet,
and P.C.S.O. Mandy Goodland from Dyfed Powys Police Authority.

Insp. Sweet reported that overall behaviour in the past three months
was almost the same as the previous quarter, and gave the following
breakdown:

October, November & December 2007. 97 calls to Police.
19 unsocial behaviour
 5 disorder/fighting (3 arrests)
 5 thefts
 3 domestic disturbance
11 drunken behaviour (2 arrests)
10 traffic offences
 1 traffic accident (collision)
 4 suspicious circumstances
 1 criminal damage arrest
 1 sexual assault resulting in arrest

There were 451 calls to Police in Fisguard & 213 in Goodwick.

Insp. Sweet told the Meeting that there was a Behave or be Banned
scheme in operation in Public Houses, and all must join the scheme
if asked.

Mention was made of the presence of the P.C.S.O. in the Public Library
on Mondays.

The Chairman told Insp. Sweet that although we have not yet had the
opportunity of speaking to local residents at a Public Meeting in his
opinion it was very unlikely they would wish their Council Tax to be
increased to cover either a full or part time Community Officer, as
they were already contributing substantial amounts to the Police.

The Chairman sincerely thanked both Insp. Sweet and P.C.S.O. Mandy
Goodland for their attendance, and said we looked forward to meeting
them again in the near future.

3260. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 7th January 2008
were proposed and seconded as a correct record by Cllrs. James Davies
and Robert Vaughan.

3261. MATTERS ARISING

3232 It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should arrange
to meet representatives of the local Football Club and discuss the
replacement of the equipment "borrowed" from Parc y Plant.

3254 The Vice Chairman will provide the Clerk with the name of the
P.C.C. representative who removed two swings from the small childrens
play area in order to comply with new safety regulations.

3254. Cemetery Caretaking. Cllr. James Davies reported that their had been an amicable meeting with the present Caretaker - Cllr. Harry Evans and an agreement had been reached whereby Cllr. Evans' Company Fountain Garden Services would cease to carry out work at the end of January 2008 and the December payment of £733 accepted as a final payment. Cllr. Paul Harries proposed and it was unanimously agreed that this payment be made.

3253. The Chairman told Councillors that Solva Council were willing to allow Newport to copy their Welsh Language Scheme if this was acceptable for our Town.

Cllr. Sandra Bayes raised a query about the Spring Bay Festival Committee finances in so far as they related to the recent Winter Festival and Cllr. Paul Harries explained all the Town Council finances in connection with this event.

3255. Cllr. Liz Bellamy withdrew her application to attend the Aberystwyth OVW Planning Training conference.

3262. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Fiance Committee: Cllr. Paul Harries drew attention to the various invoices detailed for payment under the Finance section of the Correspondence List. These invoices were in the main for the Christmas Street lighting. Many compliments had been received for the lights in the Town and Maes Ingli, and these were due in no small part to the work undertaken by a small band of local people - including volunteers, but the Clerk was requested to send a special letter of appreciation to the Electrician Mr. Neil Wilmott.

The Chairman reported that it may be possible to get technical help from the County Council to reprint the popular Carningli Walks book.

Cllr. Harries has received an invoice for work carried out by the Town Webmaster in the sum of £158, and the Clerk was requested to send Helen Manley Jones a cheque, and an for £ to the Chamber of Trade for their share of this expenditure.

The many financial appeals received throught the past 12 months will be considered at the February Meeting.

Coucillors unanimously agreed to pay the Clerks postage, car and photocopying expenses by the Planning Committee in the sum of £58.15/

Parrog Yard Committee. Cllr. Byron James was pleased to report that the Highways Authority have raised no objection to the proposed new Community building and library, and the N/P prepared sketches will be sent to the Council shortly.

Cllrs. Bryon James and Paul Harries will check on any maintenance required.

Footpath & Cemetery Committee. Cllr. Patricia Foot reminded the Council that work still needed to be carried out by the gate into Parc y Plant from the f/p between Lower St. Mary Street and Pen y Bont Cllr. Robin Evans will make enquiries of P.C.C.

Two tenders have been received for Cemetery Caretaking and various grass cutting duties for the period February 2008/January 2009 from Mr. G.I. Lewis and Peter Marks & Son, but unfortunately both had omitted to state whether they included VAT, and one if they had Public Liability insurance. The Clerk was asked to write to both and obtain the necessary information. Cllr. Byron James said we should accept the tender from Mr. Lewis, because he applied for the work last year but unfortunately his tender arrived after the closing date.

3262.COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

Town Website. Cllr. Paul Harries reported that there is ongoing discussion between himself, the newly appointed Webmaster Mr. Muir and Mr. Jake Hollyfield about the Hosting & Licensing of the site. Cllr. Harries will report on these discussions at the next Meeting.

Planning Committee. Cllr. Peter Harwood requested and obtained acceptance of the report of the meeting held on the 17th January. Councillors were reminded that there was to be a meeting with representatives of the N/P at 10 am on Wednesday 30th January at the Eco Centre to discuss the new house presently under construction on the Bettws Newydd site.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on the 7th February

3263 CORRESPONDENCE

1 to 5 given to Planning Committee.

9. The letter on the subject of the unkept appearance of Bryncoed, Market Street will be forwarded to the N/P Conservation Officer Mr. Rob Scourfield.

13 The future effect on communities like Newport resulting from the successful passage through Parliament by the Local Works campaign of the Sustainable Communities Bill will be discussed at the February Meeting.

20 Councillors agreed to send a letter of support for Cardigan castle to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

21 The Chairman informed the Meeting that when he was the Town Mayor a large amount of bunting was purchased and to his knowledge only used once and then stored by Mr. Tim Thomas, and this could be used by the Spring Festival committee.

23 One copy of the Right to Buy (homes) scheme was given to Cllr. Bayes

10 Mr. Naylor to be informed that there have been no recent developments on the Carningli bracken, and all interested parties will be kept informed.

3264. Y.H.A.

Cllr. Daron Paish was concerned about an article in a Licensed Trade publication that Youth Hostels were to be granted licenses for the sale/consumption of alcohol, and the provision of music and entertainment. Cllr. Paish was requested to obtain more information.

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2008.