

## **CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL WINS THREE AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Carmarthen Town Council has this year again been formally recognised for its outstanding service in a number of categories during the One Voice Wales<sup>1</sup> Annual Awards Conference held at Builth Wells on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Submissions were made by Carmarthen Town Council in three of the ten categories and were awarded the following:

1. Best Tourism Initiative – For its activities and competitions during the 2018 OVO Energy Cycling Stage - **Winner**
2. Best Annual Report – **Highly Commended**
3. Best Community Engagement Initiative – For the Annual Carmarthen Town Council Sports Awards – **Commended**

Councillor Ken Lloyd, who represents Carmarthen Town Council on One Voice Wales said:

‘I am immensely proud to have been able to represent Carmarthen Town Council with Alun Harries the Clerk of the Town Council at the ceremony and to receive these awards. To be recognised as one of the leading local councils in Wales - again this year - speaks volumes for the work of the Council and the small team of staff who deliver the service to local people’.

The Mayor of Carmarthen Councillor Emlyn Schiavone said:

‘As Mayor of Carmarthen I am thrilled that many of the services provided by the Town Council have been recognised nationally in this way and the people of the town can be very proud of its local town council. We will certainly enjoy this recognition but we are working to continuously improve our services, and

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<sup>1</sup> One Voice Wales is the national representative organisation for Community and Town Councils throughout Wales. It currently has over 600 councils in membership, representing some 82% of all community and town councils in Wales.

following on from the public consultation that we did last year we will be investing over a £100,000 in improving the facilities at Carmarthen Park – and indeed other parks - during the coming months.



Councillor Ken Lloyd and Alun Harries, Clerk of Carmarthen Town Council receive one of the awards at the recent One Voice Wales Best Practice Conference.

Carmarthen Town Council's main duties include:

- Managing Carmarthen Park and all the events that take place there, including the velodrome, the rugby ground which is the home of Carmarthen Quins RFC, and the tea shop
- Supporting local organisations with financial grants and other forms of assistance
- Managing St Peter's Civic Hall and making it available for public use as often as possible
- Managing and maintaining the recreational facilities at the town's other public parks and play areas - Penllwyn Park, Johnstown Park, Parc Hinds, Allt Ioan, Maes y Wennol and Heol Rudd
- Managing and maintaining Carmarthen Town Cemetery
- Decorating the town with hanging baskets and other floral displays during the summer

- Preparing and maintaining the Christmas lights in Carmarthen each year and running the Christmas lights ‘switch on’ activities and annual reindeer parade through the town
- Running and hosting the Mayor’s annual fun run every May Day Bank Holiday
- Reviewing planning applications received by the County Council in respect of Carmarthen Town and making recommendations about them
- Considering licensing applications regarding licensed premises and opening hours
- Assessing certain road and highways proposals such as the closure of streets or parking restrictions
- Promoting Fairtrade and other measures to improve sustainable development and the environment
- Carmarthen Town Council is also an integral member of the Carmarthen Town Regeneration Forum which was established in October 2013 to provide a strong point of contact between Carmarthenshire County Council and the town’s key stakeholders in terms of development and delivery of future plans to grow the town’s economy.

In addition to the above the Mayor undertakes hundreds of visits to different organisations and people throughout the year as part of his/her civic responsibility, often also helping them financially.

The Town Council consists of eighteen Members<sup>2</sup> (Councillors) covering three Wards<sup>3</sup>. North Ward has seven Members, South Ward five and West Ward six.

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<sup>2</sup> The Town Council currently consists of 12 Plaid Cymru members, five Labour and one Independent.

<sup>3</sup> North Ward covers most of the areas in the town west of a line from Limegrove Avenue to Water Street but north of Catherine Street and Richmond Terrace, including Pentrefelin, Russell Terrace and Park Hall. It also includes the areas of Tanerdy, Bronwydd Road and the Glangwili Hospital. North Ward has seven councillors.

South Ward consists of those areas to the south of Catherine Street/Richmond Terrace and Priory Street, and also Johnstown and Llanllwch, and it has five town councillors.

The Council elects a Mayor, a Deputy Mayor and a Sheriff every year, and is supported by a team consisting of 19 operational and administrative full and part time employees.

The Council operates on a committee structure with the three main elements being the General Purposes, Finance and Management Committees. All Committees report to the Full Council, which meets in public on the last Wednesday in each month (excluding August).

**Alun J Harries - Clerk, Carmarthen Town Council**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

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West Ward includes Travellers Rest, Pentremeurig, Trinity Saint David, Bro Myrddin, College Road, Sycamore Way and the area west of Water Street and Limegrove Avenue, up to Trevaughan. West Ward has six councillors.