

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2021 VIA REMOTE VIDEO LINK

The meeting was held in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 - enabling meetings of local authorities to be held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor Cllr Gareth John presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Julia Ault, Tom Defis, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council
Mrs Melanie Phillips-Rees – Committee Services Officer
Mr Catrin Llwyd – Translator

239. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Angharad Jones Leefe and Phil Grice.

240. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in Agenda item 11(a) as the Chair of the County Council's Planning Committee.

241. Questions

None.

242. Public Participation

None

243. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th January 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Jeff Thomas, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27th of January 2021 be accepted as a true record.

244. Matters Arising

None.

245. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9th of February 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Arwel Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 9th of February 2021 be accepted as a true record.

246. To consider the Committee recommendations or other matters arising

Page 57 : 223 - Annual Supply of Plants for Town Centre Borders

It was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Barry Williams and **AGREED** by all that the Town Council go ahead with the purchase of the plants for the town borders.

Page 57 : 224 - Purchase of Vehicle for the Maintenance Team

It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr Julia Ault and **AGREED** by all that the Town Council will proceed with the purchase of the vehicles in the reported manner.

Page 57 : 226 - NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Tom Defis and **AGREED** by all that the Town Council will be involved with events but will not lead.

247. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 11th of February 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 11th of February 2021 be accepted as a true record.

248. To consider the Committee recommendations or other matters arising

Page 59 : 235 - Annual Review of Council Insurances and Risk Management Scheme

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas and **AGREED** by all that the policy be accepted.

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Town Clerk's Report

249. Planning

PL/01205 - Demolition of Rear Single Storey Extension, with Two Storey Extension in Lieu. - 2 The Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 1LX , **no objection**, proposed Cllr Tom Defis, seconded Cllr Ioan Matthews – agreed by all

PL/01262 - New internal digital install to banking hall - Barclays, 9-10 Guildhall Square, Carmarthen, SA31 1PW - **no objection**, proposed Cllr Jeff Thomas, seconded Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths– agreed by all

PL/00665 - Retrospective Planning application for Single Storey Extension to Dwelling House - 43 St Non's Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 3DL – following consideration of this application by Members it was decided to make **no comment**, proposed Cllr Jeff Thomas, seconded Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths – agreed by all.

250. Highways

No matters arose.

251. Licensing

No Matters arose.

252. Nomination of Town Council Leaders for the Civic Year 2021/22

Cllr Arwel Lloyd proposed that all Officers remain in post due to the extraordinary year that has been with the Pandemic, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, all in agreement.

Mayor – Cllr Gareth John - proposed by Cllr Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, **AGREED** by all.

Deputy Mayor – Cllr Miriam Moules - proposed by Cllr Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Lenny, **AGREED** by all.

Sheriff – Cllr Wyn Thomas - proposed by Cllr Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Matthews, **AGREED** by all.

253. To appoint Members to propose and second the Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Member at the Mayor-making Ceremony

It was proposed by Cllr Arwel Lloyd that the Councillors who have proposed and seconded the appointment of Council leaders will subsequently provide the official word of thanks to the Mayor in the future, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths and agreed by all.

254. Meetings attended by Council Officers during January and February

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

255. 2021 Carmarthen St David's Celebrations

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**. Cllr Hughes Griffiths expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and also to Jenny Fox for the work that had gone into preparing and co-ordinating all of the activities.

256. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

257. Carmarthenshire CC Scrutiny Forum

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

258. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on Outside Bodies

- a) Cllr Barry Williams informed Members that the Community Health Board is now sending out information leaflets to update the public about its work.
- b) Cllr Ken Lloyd updated Members on the postponement of the Consultation of Welsh Medium education in The Model School.
- c) Cllr Schiavone wanted to acknowledge the work of the education staff during this challenging time.
- d) Cllr Hughes Griffiths informed Members that the required funding has now been raised for the book in memory of Margaret Evans.
- e) Cllr Arwel Lloyd informed Members that all Menter staff have returned to work.
- f) Cllr Ioan Matthews informed Members that a smaller group of Governors has been organised to support the headteacher and staff at Ysgol y Dderwen..
- g) Cllr Gareth John informed Members that the Town Forum will meet on Friday.

The meeting closed at 8:42 pm