

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**7.30pm 11 MARCH**  
**VIA REMOTE VIDEO LINK**

The meeting was held in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020, enabling meetings of local authorities held before 1 May 2021 to be held by means of remote attendance.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gareth John.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Julia Ault, Ken Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas, Matthew Thomas and Wyn Thomas.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council  
Mrs Melanie Phillips-Rees – Committee Services Officer  
Mrs Emma Smith, Deputy Town Clerk (designate)

**266. Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

**267. Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**268. Matters arising from minutes of the previous Finance Committee Meeting 11 February 2021**

The Town Clerk updated the Committee on the availability of a vehicle, the expenditure allowed is not sufficient to purchase a vehicle.

It was proposed by Cllr Jeff Thomas and seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and agreed by all, and **RESOLVED** that the amount allowed is raised from £10,000 to £15,000.

**269. To authorise the signing of the Order for Payment of Accounts Schedule for March 2021**

The Town Clerk informed the Committee regarding the SWALEC payment and explained that the payment is usually met by the Johnstown Fundraising Committee, but this organisation no longer exists. After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas, that the bill be paid by the Town Council, seconded by Cllr Miriam Moules and agreed by all.

Following on from making the payment, enquiries should be made to establish the precise position of the Johnstown Fundraising Committee and the Town Council

regarding the Pavilion and the Welfare Hall, proposed by Cllr Jeff Thomas, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd.

It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and seconded by Cllr Jeff Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the accounts included in the schedule submitted and amounting to £50,435.11 for the month of March 2021 be hereby approved and that the schedule be signed by two Members of Council and the Clerk as authority for payment of the respective sums.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that they have been advised to purchase Health and Safety equipment in relation to opening and reinforcing the sides of the open grave. This purchase had been recommended by the General Purposes Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Jeff Thomas and agreed that the required equipment is purchased as reported by the Town Clerk's report, and the purchase is made immediately.

## Town Clerk's Report

### 270. Financial Report

Council's Bank balances as at the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were as follows:

	£
HSBC Current Account	67,261.80
HSBC Reserve Account	275,574.84
<b>Total Cash in Bank</b>	<b>342,836.64</b>

### Balances in Other Accounts on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

Mayor's Allowance	-	£ 3,177.14
Mayor's Fun Run	-	£ 6,959.75
Carmarthen Park Tea Shop	-	£22,339.84

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

### 271. Schedule of Monthly Income

The schedule was **NOTED**.

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm.**