

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2021 VIA REMOTE VIDEO LINK

The Mayor Cllr Gareth John presided over the meeting.

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

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council
Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager
Mrs Catrin Llwyd – Translator

309. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Grice and Arwel Lloyd.

310. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in Agenda item 11(a) as the Chair of the County Council's Planning Committee and items 16 and 17 as contacts of his son.

311. Questions from members.

None.

312. Public Participation

None.

313. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24th March 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones-Leefe and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24th of March 2021 be accepted as a true record.

314. Matters Arising

None.

315. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13th of April 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Barry Williams, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 13th of April 2021 be accepted as a true record.

316. To consider the Committee recommendations or other matters arising

None.

317. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 15th of April 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 15th of April 2021 be accepted as a true record.

318. To consider the Committee recommendations or other matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe, and agreed by all that the noted amendment to the Town Council's Grant Policy be approved.

Town Clerk's Report

319. Planning

- a) **PL/01606** - New truck wash, new jet wash, relocation of fuel dispenser - Tenby Road Filling Station, Carmarthen, SA33 5DT - **NO OBJECTION.**
- b) **PL/01665** - Detached garage with first floor games room - 45 Heol Rudd, Carmarthen, SA31 1ST – **NO OBJECTION.**
- c) **PL/01677** - The scheme consists of the widening and resurfacing of an existing public right of way to the north east of the Glangwili General Hospital. New lighting columns, post and rail timber fencing and an access gate will also be installed as part of the scheme - Public Footpath 61/14, r/o Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen, SA31 2AG – **SUPPORTED.**
- d) **PL/01626** - Variation of Condition No. 3 of W/27776 - Land to the north of Old St Clears Road (B4312), south of Pentremeurig Road and west of Carmarthen known as Pentremeurig Farm South – **NO OBJECTION.**
- e) **APP/M6825/A/21/3273194** Planning Appeal. Site: 2 Quay Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JT. Development: Change of use of offices to residential - conversion to 4 flats - **SUPPORTED.**
- f) Correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council concerning changes to the administration of section 106 monies was **NOTED.**

For the **INFORMATION** of members.

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe and **RESOLVED** that a discussion on potential section 106 projects be referred to the General-Purposes Committee.

320. Highways

No matters arose.

321. Licensing

- a. Minor Variation Application - Golden Lion Hotel, 101 Lammas Street, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA31 3AP. Application for: Change to plan of premises - **NO COMMENT**.

322. Annual Meeting

The Clerk suggested that in view of the Covid restrictions that the annual meeting scheduled to take place on 7th May be postponed until Wednesday 26th May, to take place at the same time as the scheduled adjourned annual meeting and monthly meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Ioan Matthews, and **RESOLVED** that the meeting be postponed until the 26th of May 2021.

323. Building Back Better – an update from Cllr Miriam Moules

Cllr Moules provided an update for Council regarding the initiative including the scoping of an event, outreach to minority and under-represented groups and tackling loneliness in the community.

The report was **NOTED** and Cllr Moules was thanked by the chair for her work on the project. The matter will now be progressed via the General Purposes Committee.

324. Code of Conduct Training

A request had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council for expressions of interest in virtual Code of Conduct training. It was proposed by Cllr Gareth John that a training session for all members of Council be commissioned. Cllr Tom Defis seconded the proposal, and it was **RESOLVED** that the training should be arranged during an evening.

325. Nomination of a Minor Authority Representative – Johnstown School

RESOLVED that Cllr Baba Gana, who was absent from the meeting, be invited to continue in the role.

326. Request for the Erection of a Marquee in Johnstown Welfare Field

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in the next two items due to his son's involvement in the sale of goods to the two businesses concerned and left the meeting at this point.

Members held a lengthy discussion on the matter. It was proposed by Councillor Angharad Jones-Leefe, seconded by Cllr Ioan Matthews, and **RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Council to allow time for community consultation by local councillors and staff.

327. Outdoor Eating Facilities, Castle Forecourt, Nott Square

A detailed discussion was held on the proposal to allow nearby cafes and bars to jointly manage the area for outdoor eating. Discussions with the Licensing Department (CCC) and police were relayed to members for information. The Chair explained the options to members and invited a proposal to be put forward.

Cllr Ioan Matthews proposed that a decision be postponed as indoor opening for the hospitality sector would be permitted from the 17th of May. Cllr Wyn Thomas seconded the proposal.

A counterproposal was made by Cllr Miriam Moules that the cafes and bars be allowed to proceed for a trial period of four weeks to be reviewed at the next meeting of Council. Cllr Angharad Jones-Leefe seconded Cllr Moules' proposal and the matter was put to the vote.

Cllr Miriam Moules' proposal was carried forward with a vote of 6 in favour, 2 against and 5 abstentions. **RESOLVED** that the management of the area by the cafes and bars proceed on a trial basis until the next meeting of Council on the 26th of May 2021.

Cllrs Julia Ault and Jeff Thomas left the meeting at this point.

328. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

No reports.

The meeting closed at 9:17 pm