

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**VIA VIDEO LINK**

The meeting was held in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, enabling meetings of local authorities held from 1 May 2021 to be held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor Cllr Gareth John presided over the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Julia Ault, Danny Bartley, Tom Defis, Baba Gana, Phil Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, 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

## **12. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Angharad Jones-Leefe.

## **13. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 17 as the Chair of the County Council's Planning Committee.

## **14. Questions from the Public**

None.

## **15. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr. Julia Ault and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 be accepted as a true record.

## **16. Matters Arising**

- (i) Item 326. Request to erect a marquee on Johnstown Welfare Field (deferred from previous meeting). *Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in this item due to his son's involvement in the sale of goods to the business concerned and was put in the virtual waiting room for the duration of the item.*

Members updated Council on the feedback they had received from the local community. Concerns had been raised about noise and the loss of a play area for children during the summer months. It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths and seconded by Cllr. Tom Defis that Council should decline the request. The matter was put to the vote 13 members were in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention. **RESOLVED** that the request to erect a marquee should be declined.

- (ii) Item 327. Outdoor eating facilities at Castle Forecourt. An update was provided by the Clerk Council. Cllr. Tom Defis proposed that the area continue to operate without formal arrangements in place and was seconded by Cllr. Julia Ault. It was **RESOLVED** that the Castle Forecourt continue to operate as an informal eating area for the public with no agreements in place for local businesses to have formal use of the area, or responsibility for, the management of it.

*Cllr. Baba Gana arrived at this point in the meeting.*

## 17. Planning

- a) **PL/01814** - Planning application for the change of use of the ground floor from Class A1 into a Flexible A1, A2, A3 & D1 usage - 5 Hall Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1PH. **SUPPORTED**
- b) **PL/01732** - Proposed disabled adaptations to terrace property to provide ground floor accessible bedroom and wet room - 5 Bro Hedydd, Brewery Road, Carmarthen, SA31 1TP. **SUPPORTED**
- c) **PL/01770** - Additional storage facility and staff parking - West Wales Lubricants, Alltynap Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HZ. **SUPPORTED**
- d) **PL/01883** - Balcony over flat roof and 2m timber fencing around part of the boundary wall - 45 Myrddin Crescent, Carmarthen, SA31 1DX. **SUPPORTED**
- e) **PL/01934** - Change of use for existing garage to wet room and create new parking bay - 2 Meysydd Y Coleg, Carmarthen, SA31 3GU. **SUPPORTED**
- f) **PL/01725** - Variation of Condition 8 on W/30060 (Solar park and associated development) - Solar Park and Associated Development, Redcourt Farm, Carmarthen, SA33 5DR. **SUPPORTED**
- g) **PL/01725** - Variation of Condition 8 on W/30060 (Solar park and associated development) - Solar Park and Associated Development, Redcourt Farm, Carmarthen, SA33 5DR. **SUPPORTED**
- h) **PL/01627** - Conversion of redundant commercial premises into 3 No 3 storey terraced dwellings within the volume and profile of the existing building - Talis Chambers, Little Water Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1ER. **SUPPORTED**

## 18. Highways

- a) Proposed conversion of footway to a cycletrack B4312 Monument Hill, Johnstown to Picton Terrace, Carmarthen. **NO OBJECTIONS**
- b) Proposed cycle parking installation across Carmarthen. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone proposed that the development should be supported, Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths supported the proposal and Council agreed that the installations should be **SUPPORTED**.

## 19. Licensing

None.

## 20. Bank Transfers

Members were updated regarding transfer of funds from Council's current account and the Tea Shop account to the reserves, totalling £163,000. Cllr. Tom Defis proposed, seconded by Cllr. Ken Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the transfers should be approved.

## 21. An invitation to adopt BT red telephone kiosks

Council discussed the adoption of the kiosks, the possible uses for them and maintenance requirements. Cllr. Baba Gana proposed that the 3 kiosks offered should be adopted initially with expressions of interest by other organisations to install defibrillators as a proposed second step. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Tom Defis and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

## 22. One Voice Wales Area Committee

Cllr. Ken Lloyd provided a report to Council on the committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Amongst the matters for consideration were the requirements of the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act.

The report was **NOTED**.

## 23. LocalMotion Project

Members were provided with an update on the project, Carmarthen is the only Welsh town included. The project will set up structures to enable the community to work together. Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

The report was **NOTED**.

## 24. The Mayor's report.

The Mayor's report was **NOTED**.

## 25. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Miriam Moules reported that Shopmobility were looking at the possibility of opening every day, volunteers would be needed.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths reported that the Twinning Association will meet in June and will be celebrating 40 years of twinning in 2022.
- (iii) Cllr. Ioan Matthews reported that a new Deputy Headteacher had been appointed at Ysgol y Dderwen due to the retirement of the current Deputy.
- (iv) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone provided an update on the oak trees project with local primary schools, Ysgol Bro Myrddin and QE High School.

**The meeting closed at 8.22pm**