

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 JUNE 2021
VIA REMOTE 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.

Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Miriam Moules, and Barry Williams

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

26. Election of a Chair for 2021/22

Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths proposed that Cllr. Angharad Jones-Leefe continue as Chair of Committee for the 2021/22 civic year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gareth John and **AGREED** by committee.

27. Election of a Vice Chair for 2021/22

Cllr. Gareth John proposed that Cllr. Miriam Moules continue as Vice Chair of Committee for the 2021/22 civic year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths and **AGREED** by committee.

28. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Phil Grice.

29. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 32 (below) as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

30. Matters arising from minutes of the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting

No matters arose.

31. Carmarthen Parks Survey

The student who had completed the survey was unable to attend the meeting, it was **AGREED** that she should be invited to speak to Full Council later in the month.

32. Planning Applications and section 106

- i. **PL/01888** - Proposed two storey side and rear extension with demolition and alteration works to the existing internal layout - Green Acre, Heol Salem, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HS **NO OBJECTION**.
- ii. **Section 106**. A lengthy discussion was held regarding section 106 money and how Town and Community Councils could access the money or influence how it is spent. It was **AGREED** that Carmarthenshire County Council be approached to provide a briefing for Town and Community Councils regarding section 106 money.

33. Highway Matters

No matters for consideration.

34. Licensing Matters

- (i) **Application for Premise Licence** - CK's Supermarket, Johnstown Filling Station, Old St Clears Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HL. **NO COMMENT**.

35. 'Diolch o Galon'/ Building Back Better Event – Cllr. Miriam Moules

Cllr. Moules was awaiting feedback on the viability of an event being held this summer or next. A further update will be provided in the July committee meeting.

36. Annual report

The draft report was **NOTED**, members thanked the Clerk for his work to prepare the report and praised the amount of work that had been undertaken during the year. It was **AGREED** that a press release be prepared to be published alongside the report. The final report would be presented to Council for ratification later in the month.

37. Building a healthier future after COVID – 19: Have your say.

Members **AGREED** that a response should be prepared focussing on the key areas of community provision at Glangwili Hospital, and the impact of Covid-19 on the recovery of health services.

38. Cemetery Lodge rental

AGREED that the full valuation for both sale and rental on the open market be acquired ahead of the Town Council meeting at the end of June.

39. Local Government & Elections Act (Wales) 2021

- a) Public Access to Meetings. Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that the necessary equipment to facilitate hybrid meeting be purchased, Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths seconded the proposal, and the purchase was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.
- b) Reporting on Council Meetings. Members **NOTED** that a report on the decisions made in all committee and Council meetings would need to be published online within 7 days.
- c) General Power of Competence. More will be done to implement use of the power next year.
- d) Annual Report. Members **NOTED** the requirement to prepare an annual report, which is already undertaken by Council.
- e) Training Plans. The Clerk reported that a draft plan would be prepared by the September meeting of the General-Purposes Committee.

40. Possible Event Dates for 2021

The 19th and 20th of November were **AGREED** (respectively) for the Christmas lights switch-on and Reindeer Parade, if possible.

The meeting closed at 8:52 pm.