

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 28th JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM
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: Baba Gana, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, 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

97. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Tom Defis, Phil Grice and Ioan Matthews.

98. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Ken Lloyd declared an interest in item 112 (below) relating to second homes due to a close personal associate whom this would affect.

99. Questions from Members

None

100. Questions from the Public

None

101. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 30th June 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 30th of June 2021 be accepted as a true record.

102. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Arwel Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 13th of July 2021 be accepted as a true record.

103. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

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Cllr. Moules updated Council of the aim to hold an event to thanks to the NHS and key workers on a Bank Holiday in 2022. An update was also provided on the establishment of a Brains Trust to tackle loneliness and promote social cohesion in the town.

104. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2021

It was proposed by Cllr. Jeff Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 15th of July 2021 be accepted as a true record.

105. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Management Committee held on 5th July and 15th July 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Jeff Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee meetings held on the 5th of July and 15th of July 2021 be accepted as a true record.

106. To consider the five Management Committee recommendations.

The five recommendations relating to job evaluations, an interim pay increase, changes to the organisational structure and the appointment of an apprentice were considered and discussed by Council. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that the recommendations of the committee should be accepted. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe seconded the proposal, all members were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

Town Clerk's Report

107. Planning

- a) **PL/02236** - Adaption of existing shop/post office and garage buildings to form a new supermarket with post office, ATM with petrol filling station. Installation of CK signage to front, linking 2 existing buildings together. Installation of ATM in front elevation with "Halo" lighting - Johnstown Filling Station, Old St Clears Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HL. **RESOLVED** that the application should be supported with comments submitted regarding the need for Welsh language signage on the exterior of the shop.
- b) **PL/02271** - Retrospective application for retention of garden building - 18 Lon Hir, Carmarthen, SA31 1SL. **NO OBJECTION**
- c) **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** as previously agreed in the meeting of Council held on the 28th of April 2021.
- d) **PL/02317** - *Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone declared an interest in this application as Chair of the Trust.* Redevelopment of Oriel Myrddin Gallery to include extension into 26/27 King Street to form new shop, café, social, office and ancillary spaces and 'art hub' - Oriel Myrddin, Church Lane, Carmarthen, SA31 1LH. **SUPPORTED**

- e) **PL/02247.** 6 Pantglas, Carmarthen, SA31 2AY. Proposed extension of the first floor over existing garage at rear of the property. Councillor Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that **NO OBJECTION** be made but the concerns of neighbouring residents should be given consideration. The proposal was **AGREED** by members.
- f) **PL/02320.** 61 Brynmefys, Trevaughan Rd, Carmarthen, SA31 3QN. Replacement unstable gabion basket wall with concrete shuttered wall. **NO OBJECTION**

108. Highways

None

109. Licensing

None

110. Annual Report

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths congratulated everyone involved with the hard work that was included in the annual report. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that the report should be approved and published, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED**.

111. To receive the internal Auditor's report, Statement of Accounts and Annual Return to Audit Wales

Members had received and considered the Internal Auditor's Report, Statement of Accounts and Accounting Statements for the annual return prior to the meeting. Consideration was given to the Annual Governance Statement and Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone proposed that the Annual Return, Internal Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts should be approved by Council. Cllr. Ken Lloyd seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

112. Second Homes – Developing New Policies in Wales

Cllr. Ken Lloyd declared an interest and left the meeting for this item due to a close personal associate with a second home.

The Clerk explained that the above report written by Dr Simon Brooks of Swansea University, has been published and it contains several recommendations to the Welsh Government. Nefyn Town Council is sending a letter of petition to the Welsh Government requesting that all of the recommendations within the report be implemented, Nefyn Town Council is also seeking support for their action from all town and community councils by adding their name to the letter of petition. Cllr. Arwel Lloyd proposed that Council should support Nefyn Town Council, Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone seconded the proposal, all members were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Ken Lloyd rejoined the meeting.

113. Update - Consultation by Hywel Dda UHB regarding Review of Service Delivery.

Following Council's recent response to Hywel Dda University Health Board's consultation a response has been received from the review team.

The response was **NOTED** by members.

114. Update – Local Boundaries Wales Review

Responses have been received to the Town Council's correspondence regarding this matter from the Chief Executive of Carmarthenshire County Council and the Chief Executive of the Local Boundary Commission for Wales.

Members **NOTED** the responses.

115. Correspondence

- (i) Letter of thanks for the financial assistance contribution from Carmarthenshire YFC.

Members **NOTED** the correspondence.

116. The Mayor's report.

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

117. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Ken Lloyd provided written reports following his attendance of One Voice Wales, Carmarthenshire Area Committee and Carmarthenshire Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum.
- (ii) Cllr. Miriam Moules informed Council that she has been appointed as a trustee of Shopmobility. A meeting will be held soon to agree the future direction of the organisation.
- (iii) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone provided an update on the ongoing work to plant oak trees in conjunction with the W.I. and an update from the Alzheimers' Society who will be holding a Memory Walk event in November in Cardiff. Community events will be held elsewhere and it is hoped Carmarthen can be a part of this.
- (iv) Cllr, Angharad Jones Leefe updated members on the ongoing work to develop Oriol Myrddin. The new Trust will no longer have representatives from Town and Community Councils.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm