

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER at 7.30PM**

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

Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe presided over the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe, Gareth John (via video link), Alun Lenny (via video link), Miriam Moules (via video link), and Barry Williams

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

**118. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Phil Grice and Arwel Lloyd.

**119. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 80 (below) as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

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

No matters arose.

**Town Clerk's Report**

**121. Planning Applications**

- i. **PL/02497** - Change of use from Use Class A1 (Shop) to A3 (Cafe) & D1 (Children's Play Area) - 2 Lammas Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3AD - **SUPPORTED**
- ii. **PL/02549** - Minor external repair works to the roof, windows, and rainwater goods to improve its condition and thermal efficiency - 46 King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BH - **NO OBJECTION**
- iii. **PI/02619** – Extension to existing balcony to include external stair access & alterations to rear elevation of dwelling house, 8 Ael-y-Bryn, Carmarthen - **NO OBJECTION**

**122. Highway Matters**

No matters for consideration.

### 123. Licensing Matters

**Application For Premise Licence:-** Tý Tân, 53 King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BD. Details of the application:- Application for: Recorded Music: Sunday to Thursday 11:00-24:00. Friday & Saturday 11:00-02:00; Supply of Alcohol: Sunday to Thursday 11:00-24:00. Friday & Saturday 11:00-02:00. New Year's Eve, Bank Holiday Weekends (inc. Easter) and Xmas 03:00. **SUPPORTED**

### 124. Lighting columns at Carmarthen Park

Members received information from the Town Clerk and **RECOMMENDED** that work to replace the broken lamps on the wrought iron lighting columns at Carmarthen Park should be supported by Council.

### 125. Operation London Bridge

Members considered the example guidance for Community and Town Councils and agreed that the policy should be **ACCEPTED** in principle and a tailored policy should be prepared for the Council.

### 126. Christmas Events 2021

- (i) A discussion regarding the dates of Christmas events was held and committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Reindeer Parade and Lights Switch be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to start a programme of events in the community up until Christmas, subject to Welsh Government Covid-19 restrictions.
- (ii) Members discussed an application from Clogau Gold to sponsor the main Christmas tree in town. Members were all in favour and the application was **APPROVED** subject to Carmarthen Town Council branding also being permitted around the tree. Committee also **AGREED** that other businesses should be offered the same opportunity to sponsor the other trees in the area.
- (iii) The Clerk confirmed that it is very unlikely that the Winter Wonderland event will go ahead this year.

### 127. Carmarthen Parks Survey

Members **NOTED** the report.

### 128. Dog fouling and anti-social behaviour at Penllwyn Park

Problems with dog fouling, littering and more specifically broken glass on the football pitch were discussed. It was proposed that the access gates to the field should be locked when it is not in use for football. Members voted unanimously

in favour of the proposal and the closure of the gates was **RECOMMENDED** for Council's consideration.

### **129. Training Policy**

The Clerk presented the training policy noting that a training plan would be prepared following the adoption of the policy. The policy was **RECOMMENDED** to Council for approval.

### **130. Remembrance Day Arrangements 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Working arrangements between the Town Council and Royal British Legion were discussed. **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council provide administrative support for 2021 and possibly future years if the arrangements work well. In view of the fact that the memorial in Priory Street is owned by the County Council and also that this is the Carmarthenshire County War Memorial, the Clerk is to write to Carmarthenshire County Council requesting that they take over the responsibility for the annual Remembrance Day Parade and associated events in Carmarthen at this venue. Other joint working arrangements would be discussed with the Legion prior to the Town Council meeting in September.

### **131. Operations Officer's Update**

Members **NOTED** the update.

### **132. Use of Town Council Social Media Accounts**

Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe noted that the hard work done on the Town Council social media sites was valued but a review would be appropriate as we approach a post Covid-19 period. Committee **AGREED** that a review of content and sharing policy should be completed.

**The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.**