

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2021 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 held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor Cllr Gareth John presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Baba Gana (video link), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny (video link), Arwel Lloyd (video link), Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules (video link), Jeff Thomas (video link), 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

139. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Tom Defis, Ken Lloyd and Emlyn Schiavone.

140. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Barry Williams declared an interest in item 145(v) below. Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 147 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

141. Questions from Members

None

142. Questions from the Public

None

143. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28th July 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 28th of July 2021 be accepted as a true record.

144. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe, seconded by Cllr. Barry Williams and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 14th of September 2021 be accepted as a true record.

145. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

(i) Page 30 - Item 124: Lighting columns in Carmarthen Park

Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that the recommendation for repair work to the lighting columns near the Morfa Lane entrance should be approved by Council. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths seconded the proposal, all were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

(ii) Page 30 – Item 126: Sponsorship of Christmas trees

Cllr. Arwel Lloyd proposed that recommendation to accept sponsorship of the main Christmas tree, with an opportunity for other businesses to sponsor other trees, should be approved by Council. Cllr. Miriam Moules seconded the proposal and with all in favour the matter was **RESOLVED**.

(iii) Page 30 – Item 128: Closure of Penllwyn Park gates

Cllr. Jeff Thomas proposed an amendment to the committee's recommendation to close the football field gates, when organised football was not being played. Cllr. Thomas proposed that the gates to the football field should be closed temporarily, meanwhile activity in the other part of the park should be monitored and the closure reviewed accordingly. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe seconded the proposal. A vote was held, and the amended proposal was carried and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

(iv) Page 31 – Item 129: Training Policy

RESOLVED that the training policy should be approved by Council.

(v) Page 31 – Item 130: Remembrance Sunday arrangements

RESOLVED that the proposed arrangements for Council to support Remembrance Sunday should be approved.

146. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 16 September 2021

It was proposed by Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 16th of September 2021 be accepted as a true record.

Town Clerk's Report

147. Planning

- i. **PL/02659**. Retention of existing chapel living accommodation as a private dwelling house, including the extension and change of use of the existing chapel floor space into residential accommodation associated with the main dwelling (use class D1 to C3(A) dwelling house) - Union Street Chapel, Heol Undeb, Carmarthen. **SUPPORTED**.
- ii. **PL/02638** - Demolition of existing building and construction of 4No. new dwellings with associated landscaping and boundary treatments - Wauniago House, Beech Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3PR. **SUPPORTED**.
- iii. **PL/02624** - Extension to Existing Commercial Garage - Morgan Motors, Lon Hir, Carmarthen, SA31 1SL. Amendment to previous plans to address a highways matter. **SUPPORTED**.

- iv. **PL/02676** - Variation of Conditions 2 and 6 of W/39215 to amend design of proposed roof terrace - Yr Hen Dderwen, 47 - 48 King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BH. **NO OBJECTION.**

148. Highways

None

149. Licensing

Application Type: Application to Vary Premises Licence,
Premise Name And Address: Yr Hen Dderwen (Wetherspoons), 48 King Street, Carmarthen SA31 1BH
Details of the application: To amend the plan to include the roof terrace and to license the first-floor internal area. **NO OBJECTION.**

150. Green Infrastructure Master Planning - Local Consultation Questionnaire – Jackson’s Lane Gardens

Carmarthenshire County Council are seeking views on how to incorporate green infrastructure into the future redevelopment of Jackson’s Square Gardens, responses required by 11th October 2021. The Chair encouraged members to respond individually to the survey.

151. Member Allowances

Members reviewed the list of the allowance payments and **APPROVED** the list for submission to the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales.

152. Members’ declarations of interest

Members **NOTED** the report.

153. Member Attendance at Council Meetings

Members noted the report, and it was **RESOLVED** that the report would not be published.

154. Correspondence

No correspondence.

155. The Mayor’s report.

The Mayor’s report was **NOTED**. The Mayor expressed his thanks to members for attending the Mayor’s Sunday service, and special thanks Mrs Eleri James for her work to organise the event and Rev. Beti-Wyn James for her services as Chaplain.

156. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Alun Lenny thanked the Mayor for the invitation to pray in the Mayor's Sunday service.
- (ii) Cllr. Miriam Moules attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning held by Carmarthen Quins. Cllr. Moules also updated members on the loneliness group meeting she had chaired earlier in September.
- (iii) Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe recorded attendance at the Oriol Myrddin Trust meeting.
- (iv) Cllr. Ioan Matthews had attended a Governors' meeting at Ysgol y Dderwen, noting that schools are still facing many challenges due to the pandemic. Cllr. Matthews also noted the sad passing of a teacher – Mrs Sian Axford - who had been at the school for over 20 years.

The Mayor thanked everyone for a successful hybrid meeting, the first full council meeting of its type, and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm