

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 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 attended by means of remote attendance.

Cllr Miriam Moules presided over the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Gareth John (video link), Alun Lenny (video link), Arwel Lloyd (video link) Miriam Moules (video link), and Barry Williams

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

**166. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Phil Grice and Angharad Jones Leefe.

**167. Declarations of Interest**

- (i) Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 169 (below) as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.
- (ii) Cllr. Miriam Moules declared an interest in item 174 below due to her husband having a plot at the allotments.

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

The Deputy Clerk updated members on the imminent installation of a new slide in Penllwyn Park play area.

**Town Clerk's Report**

**169. Planning Applications**

- i. **PL/02732** – Proposed shed – 7 Russell Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 1SX – **NO OBJECTION.**
- ii. **PL/02791** – Proposed side and rear extension – 10 St David's Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 3DW – **NO OBJECTION.**
- iii. **PL/02555** – Land adjacent to Penlan Fach, Alltynap Rd, Johnstown, SA31 3QY – **RESERVE COMMENT** at this time.

**170. Highways Matters**

None.

#### **171. Licensing Matters**

None.

#### **172. Actif Sir Gar – ‘Back on Your Bike’ Community Cycling Project**

Committee considered the proposal from Carmarthenshire County Council to hold an 8-week community cycling scheme to enable adults to cycle. Councillor Arwel Lloyd proposed that the Town Council should register an interest in the scheme, pending further details. Cllr. Gareth John seconded the proposal; all were in favour and the proposal was **RECOMMENDED** to Council. An initial expression of interest would be made by the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

#### **173. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr. Arwel Lloyd noted that other Town Councils were inviting ideas from the community. Members **AGREED** to look at the matter again when more information and ideas were available.

#### **174. Transfer of Five Fields Allotments from Carmarthenshire County Council**

*Cllr. Miriam Moules who had declared an interest in the matter left the meeting for this item, Cllr. Gareth John took the chair.*

Members considered the transfer of the allotments to Council and the implications of managing the asset. Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that the lease should be taken over by the Town Council if the conditions of said lease are acceptable. Cllr. Arwel Lloyd seconded the proposal, and all were in favour and the proposal was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

#### **175. Maintenance of Parc Myrddin Football Pitch**

Members considered the correspondence received from a nearby resident via Cllr. Ken Lloyd about litter problems at Parc Myrddin. **RECOMMENDED** that a response is sent to the resident noting that additional monitoring is taking place at the site.

#### **176. Letter from Cymdeithas yr Iaith**

Cllr. Gareth John proposed that the letter from Cymdeithas yr Iaith to the First Minister should be signed by the Town Council, as had been the decision for similar recent correspondence from Nefyn Town Council. Cllr. Arwel Lloyd seconded the proposal, and all were in favour of making the **RECOMMENDATION** to Council.

**177. Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation**

Members discussed the consultation in detail and felt that the matter needed further consideration. Cllr. Gareth John proposed that the committee should respond to the consultation following the November meeting and invite comments from full council in the meantime. All members **AGREED** and the matter was referred to next month's General Purposes Committee meeting.

**178. Community Wellbeing & Event Officer Report**

Members **NOTED** the report and **RECOMMENDED** in principle that the Welsh Food, Drink and Craft Festival could go ahead, pending further information and discussions.

**The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.**