

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30PM

The meeting was held in held in via video link 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, 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

209. Apologies

No apologies.

210. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 212 (below) as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

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

No matters arising.

Town Clerk's Report

212. Planning Applications

- (i) **PL/02897** - Demolition of existing farmhouse and adjoining outbuildings and construction of replacement dwelling - Penybont Farm, Abergwili Road, Carmarthen, SA31 2HJ. **NO OBJECTION**
- (ii) **PL/02922** - Oak Garden room - Maesyderi, Springfield Road, Carmarthen, SA31 1DZ. **NO OBJECTION**
- (iii) **PL/02617** - New signage - Sukar Beauty Salon, 57 Lammas Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3AL. Members resolved that **NO OBJECTION** should be made but comments submitted to encourage the applicant to install bilingual signage.

- (iv) **PL/02855** - Double storey rear extension - 16 Plas y Ddol, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3PL. **NO OBJECTION**
- (v) **PL/02944** - Change of use - office building to 6 flats - 7 The Parade, Carmarthen, SA31 1LY Members offered **NO OBJECTION** to the application but wished to express concern about the availability of parking in the area. Members also wished to raise the matter of the availability of Section 106 funds from the development and potential benefits for the community.
- (vi) **PL/02887** - Single storey rear extension - 8 Fountain Hall Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 1RW **NO OBJECTION**
- (vii) **PL/02995** - Single story rear extension - 13, The Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 1LX. **NO OBJECTION**
- (viii) **PL/02955** - Listed building consent and planning application for the demolition and reconstruction of the rearmost section of the rear extension, changing of windows and doors to the entire property, alteration to some internal partitions to the rear extension and creation of a new ground floor cloakroom. Reinststate replica of original fireplace to front lounge - 8, The Esplanade, Carmarthen, SA31 1NQ. **NO OBJECTION**
- (ix) **PL/02947** - Listed building consent and planning application for the demolition and reconstruction of the rearmost section of the rear extension, changing of windows and doors to the entire property, alteration to some internal partitions to the rear extension and creation of a new ground floor cloakroom. Reinststate replica of original fireplace to front lounge - 8, The Esplanade, Carmarthen, SA31 1NQ. **NO OBJECTION**
- (x) **PL/02788** - Change of north elevation paving, canopy installation above seating area and railings to provide protection to public - 10 Nott Square, Carmarthen, SA31 1PG. **NO OBJECTION**

213. Highways Matters

None.

214. Licensing Matters

The Licensing Authority has received the following application:

Application For Premise Licence

Andrew Price Auction Rooms Salon, 2 St Mary's Street, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA31 1TN

Application for: Supply of Alcohol Monday - Saturday 09:00 - 20:00

NO OBJECTION

215. Maintenance of Certain Green and Floral Areas within the Town Centre.

A general discussion around the possible increase of maintenance of areas in the town centre was held. Various approaches to achieve the objective were discussed. The matter would be revisited once more information, such as the consideration of responsibility for different projects by the Town Regeneration Forum and the availability of apprentices, became available.

216. Review of Town Council Policies

The following policies were reviewed by committee:

- a) Information Security Policy
- b) Information & Data Protection Policy
- c) Subject Access & Data Breach Policy
- d) Management of Transferable Data
- e) Document Retention & Disposal

RECOMMENDED that the five policies listed above be approved without amendment and reviewed every five years unless it became necessary to do so before then.

- f) Internet Use, Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths **proposed** that section 3.7 of this policy be revised to note that the Town Council will not promote private businesses. Cllr. Alun Lenny seconded the proposal; all were in favour and the amendment was **RECOMMENDED** to Council. **RECOMMENDED** that the policy continue to be reviewed every three years to keep on top of likely changes in this area.

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

After a discussion on the content and format of the consultation, members **AGREED** that individuals could respond and consideration to sending a response from council would be given in the next stage of the process.

218. Remembrance Sunday Arrangements

A discussion was held about a last-minute problem that had arisen regarding the marshalling of road closures for the Remembrance Sunday procession. Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that the Town Council act as guarantor for the Carmarthen Branch of the Royal British Legion for the payment of a local security company to marshal the road closures. This would enable the

procession to continue as planned without changing arrangements at this late stage. Cllr. Gareth John seconded the proposal, a vote was held, and the proposal was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.