

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2017

The Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas, presided over the monthly meeting of Carmarthen Town Council held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, on Wednesday, 25th January 2017, at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Dorothy Bere, Philip Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Kenneth Lloyd, Dr Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone, Alan Speake and Wyn Thomas

429. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dr Richard Edwards, Dr Dewi Evans, Anthony Jenkins, Arwel Lloyd and Douglas Rose.

430. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in agenda item 8(a) Current Planning Applications, as Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Committee and as a trustee of Oriel Myrddin

Cllr Wyn Thomas declared an interest as a trustee of Oriel Myrddin.

Dr Ioan Matthews declared an interest in item 10 Safe Routes Project as a governor of Ysgol y Dderwen

Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone declared an interest in Tŷ Ni & Tŷ Hapus and also Dr M'z.

431. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Kenneth Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Tom Defis, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 14th December 2016 be accepted as a true record.

432. MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were dealt with in item 10(a) Current Planning Applications.

433. QUESTIONS

No questions were reported.

434. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 12th January 2017 be signed and accepted as a true record. All agreed.

435. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 421: Review of Investment Strategy

It was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Alun Lenny, and **RESOLVED** that all of Council's surplus money be retained in the Nat West Reserve Account. All agreed.

(b) Minute 423: Draft 2017/18 Town Council Budget

It was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, and **RESOLVED** (9 in favour, 1 against) that:-

- (i) Council keep the Band D rate at £126.50 for 2017/18
- (iii) the Town Clerk will notify Carmarthenshire County Council that the Town Council's precept for 2017/18 will be £674,286, which represents a Council Tax figure of £126.50 on a Band D property.

436. PLANNING MATTERS – CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Attached as Appendix 2 to the agenda was a list of current applications. With the Chairman's consent, further applications were tabled. These were discussed as follows:

- (a) W/34922, Land at Chapel Street (to rear of the O2 shop), installation of 3 adjoining kiosks on existing pedestrian public realm, full planning - **SUPPORTED**
- (b) W/34930, Land between 113 -117 Priory Street – Demolition of former vehicle sales showroom etc and the construction of residential apartments and dwelling houses (37 in total), **SUPPORTED** – subject to previous concerns about road safety measures in Priory Street and the utilisation of S 106 powers for local social amenities such as a children's play area being raised with the local authority.
- (c)
- (d) The Town Clerk reported that notifications of appeal had been received in respect of previous planning applications for the removal of conditions at the car park in Old Station Road and also the installation of a telecommunications antennae and accompanying equipment at Carmarthen Park. Both matters will be referred to February's General Purposes Committee.

437. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

No matters

438. LICENSING MATTERS

Application to vary Premises License – Sycamore Way Stores, 106 Sycamore Way, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire. SA31 3QG.
Application to: Supply alcohol Monday – Sunday 0700-22.00

It was proposed by Dr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Kenneth Lloyd that the license application be supported. All agreed.

439. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

The Town Clerk will attend the meeting at Lampeter on 2nd February 2017.

440. SAFE ROUTES PROJECT

Carmarthenshire County Council is requesting the Town Council's support for the introduction of road safety measures in the vicinity of Johnstown CP School and Ysgol y Dderwen.

It was proposed by Cllr Alun Lenny, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, and **RESOLVED** that the bid be supported and that the Clerk will respond on behalf of Council to the Safe Routes Project.

441. CARMARTHEN TOWN REGENERATION FORUM

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**

442. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

The letters of appreciation were **NOTED**

443. MINUTES OF THE SIAN JOHNSTON ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING AND THE FAIR TRADE MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE ON 12 TH JANUARY 2017.

The Clerk tabled the minutes of the Sian Johnston Environmental meeting and the Fair Trade Meeting that took place on 12th January 2017, Cllr Tom Defis noted that the date for coffee morning was the 8th March 2017.

The Minutes were **NOTED**

444. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES, TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The engagements of the Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas had been circulated as Appendix 5 to the agenda.

Cllr Wyn Thomas had attended the South Wales Larger Councils Forum along with the Clerk and reported that it was worthwhile attending and that he had learnt a lot from it, the next meeting of this forum will be held in Carmarthen this summer.

Cllr Alun Lenny had attended the Annual Civic Service held in St Peters Church, along with the Sheriff Emlyn Schiavone on behalf of the Mayor.

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone had attended the annual meeting of Tŷ Ni/Tŷ Hapus also the annual meeting of Dr Mz.

Cllr Phillip Grice had attended a meeting at Johnstown Primary School and also stated that the County Council has taken over the Town Tours

Cllr Barry Williams tabled a report from the Hywel Dda Community Health Council.

Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths reminded Members that Lesneven Twinning Association will be visiting Carmarthen over 2 nights and asked if any Members would provide accommodation to the visitors.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.