

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM

The meeting was held in held via video link and in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, enabling meetings of local authorities held from 1st 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, Arwel Lloyd, Miriam Moules and Barry Williams

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

267. Apologies

No apologies.

268. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

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

No matters arising.

Town Clerk's Report

270. Planning Applications

- (i) **PL/03191** - Proposed two storey front extension - 21 Plas Y Ddôl, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3PL. **NO OBJECTION**
- (ii) **PL/03160** - Replacement of mobile catering unit with a new commercial building comprising a B1/B2 or B8 unit and a cafe (Class A3) - Land at the former BRS Depot, Johnstown, Carmarthen. **NO OBJECTION**
- (iii) **PL/03094** - Conversion of vacant antiques shop/showroom to 6 no. residential units - 1-2 The Mount, Carmarthen, SA31 1JW. Members resolved to unanimously **SUPPORT** the application. A request for section 106 contributions towards the development and maintenance

of public facilities and amenities within the town centre area – including Carmarthen Park - to be a requirement for this development should also be made to be made to the Planning Authority.

- (iv) **PL/03280** - Erection of building to be used for feed bin storage and all associated works. Wynnstay, Llysonnen Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3SG. **NO OBJECTION**

271. Highways Matters

- i) Public Notice - Proposed Imposition of a 20MPH Speed Limit Various Roadways - Carmarthen (HTTR-1663).

Name of Roadway	Name of Roadway
Blue Street, Carmarthen	Little Bridge Street, Carmarthen
Dark Gate, Carmarthen	Bridge Street, Carmarthen
Lammas Street, Carmarthen	Quay Street, Carmarthen
Mill Street, Carmarthen	St Mary's Street, Carmarthen
Friars Park, Carmarthen	Guildhall Square, Carmarthen
Notts Square, Carmarthen	Hall Street, Carmarthen
Queen Street, Carmarthen	King Street, Carmarthen
St. Peter's Street, Carmarthen	Church Lane, Carmarthen
John Street, Carmarthen	Red Street, Carmarthen
Cambrian Place, Carmarthen	Orchard Street, Carmarthen
Chapel Street, Carmarthen	Woods Row, Carmarthen
Little Water Street, Carmarthen	Furnace Road, Carmarthen
St Andrews Road, Carmarthen	

Members resolved to **SUPPORT** the proposal.

272. Licensing Matters

None.

273. St David's Church Cemetery

Members considered correspondence received from the Thomas & Elizabeth Mayhook Charity asking the Town Council to consider taking responsibility for the cemetery at St David's Church, Carmarthen. Members wished to congratulate the existing trustees and their volunteers for turning around the appearance of the cemetery during recent years.

Members discussed the request at length and concluded that it was not viable for the Town Council to take on responsibility for the cemetery. There would be a requirement to employ extra staff to be able to maintain the cemetery to the desired standard and there was also the risk of setting a precedent in terms of likely similar requests from other organisations, etc. Doing this would also

involve taking on a significant additional liability, including dealing with queries and requests for information regarding the cemetery. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that the request from the charity should be declined for the reasons noted above. Cllr Gareth John seconded the proposal, all members were in favour and the position was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

274. Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils

The protocol has recently been updated and members were requested to consider adopting the updated protocol. Minor changes to the model were considered and the revised protocol was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

275. County War Memorial, Priory St, Carmarthen.

Carmarthenshire County Council has requested that the Town Council considers a form of words to be placed on the County War Memorial which hasn't been updated since the Korean War. The following form of words was **RECOMMENDED** by committee: 'In memory of all those who have suffered from the effects of conflict everywhere'.

276. 'Spring Clean' of Carmarthen Town

The Mayor, Cllr. Gareth John addressed the committee regarding the proposed 'spring clean' that would happen in conjunction with organisations and businesses in the town. Members were invited to identify other local volunteers for litter picking and other relevant activities in their respective wards. Among those suggested were Menter Gorllewin Sir Gâr, University of Wales, Trinity Sant David, who may wish to get involved, along with Carmarthen BID. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe raised a query regarding risk assessments for the exercise. This would be addressed as part of the planning stages of the spring clean and would link into the structure adopted by the 'Pride in your Patch' initiative.

277. Carmarthen Town Guide

The Town Clerk noted that the publication had last been produced in 2018/19 as the company responsible for producing it had ceased production in the area. A modified form of the Guide could be published by the Town Council. to promote Carmarthen town and the local surrounding area, and to help to promote the work of the Town Council and the role it plays locally. Members considered the proposal and **AGREED** that the idea should be explored further, and a draft produced to be further considered by this Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.