

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM

The meeting was held 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: Phil Grice (*Item 304 only*), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Alun Lenny, Ken Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas and Wyn Thomas

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council
 Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager
 Mrs Catrin Llwyd – Translator

305. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Phil Grice, Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd and Barry Williams.

306. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Ken Lloyd and Emlyn Schiavone for item 294 (below), relating to financial support for local organisations due to their roles as trustees of Oriel Myrddin.

307. Questions from Members

None

308. Questions from the Public

None

309. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 15th December 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Alun Lenny and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15th of December 2021 be accepted as a true record.

310. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 11th of January 2022 be accepted as a true record.

311. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

- (i) Page 69: Item 273 – St David’s Church Cemetery

A discussion took place raising the need for more detailed information about the potential costs to the Town Council for having some part in the management/maintenance of St David's Cemetery. Cllr. Ioan Matthews proposed that a decision on this matter should be deferred so that more information could be sought regarding the implications for the Town Council. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone seconded the proposal, and the deferment was **AGREED**.

- (ii) Page 70: Item 274 - Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils

RESOLVED that the revised protocol should be approved.

- (iii) Page 70: Item 275 – County War Memorial, Priory Street

Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed a revised wording which was in keeping with the memorial as the county memorial: *“In memory of all those from Carmarthenshire who suffered because of war”*. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone seconded the proposed revision; all members were in favour and the wording was **AGREED**.

312. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2022

It was proposed by Cllr. Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 13th of January 2022 be accepted as a true record.

313. To consider the Finance Committee recommendations or matters arising

Cllr. Ken Lloyd and Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone both declared an interest for the item regarding financial support for local organisations due to being trustees of Oriel Myrddin and withdrew from the discussion for this specific item.

The four recommendations noted below were discussed and taken forward as one for Council recommendation:

- (i) All of the capital projects as listed on the schedule be approved in principle.
- (ii) The list of expenditure on financial support for local organisations and town centre events as presented in the minutes for should be accepted.
- (iii) The draft budget for 2022/23 should be accepted
- (iv) An unchanged precept be implemented for 2022/23 i.e., £788,855.58 including the revised tax base.

RESOLVED that all four recommendations above relating to next year's budget and precept be approved. The Mayor recorded his thanks once again to Town Council staff for their work to prepare next year's budget.

Town Clerk's Report

314. Planning

- i. **PL/03279** - Demolition of the existing food store to facilitate residential redevelopment, together with associated vehicular and pedestrian accesses,

car parking, amenity areas, cycle and bin stores, landscaping and ancillary development: site preparation, clearance, treatment, re-profiling and the installation of new services and infrastructure - Lidl Supermarket, Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LS.

The Clerk noted that the details of the planning application were unchanged from the pre-planning stage in December when members had first viewed the plans. A discussion regarding the availability of parking in the area to support this development was held. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that comments should be submitted to the planning department about limited parking in the area and possible problems for health and social care workers needing to visit residents. Cllr. Ken Lloyd seconded the proposal and agreed that a query should be raised. All members were in agreement and it was **RESOLVED** that a comment should be made regarding parking in the area.

315. Highways

(i) Consultation about the Redevelopment of Carmarthen Bus Station

Members considered the proposals and **AGREED** that individuals should respond to the consultation if they have comments to make.

316. Licensing

Application Type: **Minor Variation Application**

Premises Name And Address: **Tenby Road Filling Station, Llysonnen Road, Bancyfelin, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA33 5DT**

Details of the application: **Amend conditions on premises licence.**

Consultation period begins: **13/01/2022** Any representations regarding this application must be submitted within **10 working days** of the above consultation start date.

RESOLVED that no comment should be made on the application.

317. Carmarthen St David's Celebrations 2022

Members **NOTED** the update from the Mayor and the Town Clerk's report.

318. Shared Housing Vision – Carmarthen

Members **NOTED** the update.

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Members **NOTED** and welcomed the update.

320. Carmarthen Business Improvement District – BID

The newsletter was **NOTED**.

321. Correspondence

None

322. Mayor's Report

Since the last meeting, the Mayor reported attendance at the following engagements:

December
24th

Christ Church – Reading at Christmas Eve Service

January

Santes Dwynwen competition prize collection and photograph –
Co-op, Jobs Well Road.
Various meetings relating to community initiatives.

Cllr. Phil Grice entered the meeting at this point.

323. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Ken Lloyd recorded attendance at the One Voice Wales Area Committee which included presentations on safety and preventative work from Mid and West Wales Fire Service, information about Heritage Lottery Funding availability and the Welsh Government Programme for Government.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths shared information about the upcoming publication and launch of 'The Town That Margaret Loved'. The proposed launch date is in early March and St Peters Civic Hall was proposed as a fitting location. Members welcomed the update and agreed with the proposed launch location.
- (iii) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone welcomed the update from Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and welcomed the progress being made by the loneliness group chaired by Cllr. Miriam Moules.
- (iv) Cllr. Miriam Moules had chaired another meeting of the loneliness meeting on the 10th of January; another meeting would be held in March. The well-being directory for Carmarthen has been completed by the students who had been assisting the Town Council with this project.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm