

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 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, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams

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

342. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Tom Defis, Baba Gana, Ioan Matthews.

343. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Alun Lenny for item 351 below as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

344. Questions from Members

None

345. Questions from the Public

None

346. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 26th January 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Jeff Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Ken Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th of January 2022 be accepted as a true record.

347. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 8th of February 2022 be accepted as a true record.

348. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

(i) Page 84 – Item 330: Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022

Cllr. Phil Grice proposed that the recommendation should be approved by Council and was seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules. All were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

(ii) Page 84- Item 331: Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment 2022/23.

Cllr. Phil Grice proposed that the risk assessment should be approved by Council and was seconded by Cllr. Ken Lloyd. All members were in favour, and it was **RESOLVED** that the risk assessment should be approved by Council.

349. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 10th February 2022

Cllr. Ken Lloyd noted a small amendment to Council's bank account totals. With this amendment, it was proposed by Cllr. Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 10th of February 2022 be accepted as a true record.

350. To consider the Finance Committee recommendations or matters arising

(i) Page 86 – Item 338: Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment 2022/23
RESOLVED that the risk assessment should be approved as agreed in 348(ii) above.

(ii) Page 87 – Item 340: Purchase of new inclusive play equipment for Parc Hinds and Penllwyn Park

Cllr. Ken Lloyd proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee should be approved and was seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone. All were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

Town Clerk's Report

351. Planning

- (i) **PL/03348** - Proposed extension to front and rear of existing dwelling to provide additional WC facility and improved bathroom/shower room along with additional living space to rear of dwelling - 1 Heol Drindod, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3NU. **NO OBJECTION**
- (ii) **PL/03532**. Erection of a private garage. Carne, Llansteffan Rd, SA31 3QU. **NO OBJECTION**.

352. Highways

None

353. Licensing

None

354. Future Council Meetings.

The Town Clerk explained that it was a legal requirement to enable members, the press and public access to both physical and virtual council and committee meetings. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that a phased return to these hybrid meetings should commence in March, Cllr. Angharad Jones-Leefe seconded the proposal, all were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

355. Correspondence

None

356. Mayor's Report

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

February

- 8th Spring Clean meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council officers.
- 8th Riverside Association meeting regarding the river festival
- 23rd Salvation Army Carmarthen – Re-opening of the shop in Lammas Street

357. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Phil Grice attended a meeting of the Riverside Association; more details will follow regarding the River Festival 2022.
- (ii) Cllr. Alun Lenny reported that he had published a press release regarding the St. David's Day parade, the details of which had been included in this week's Carmarthen Journal.
- (iii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths shared information about the upcoming launch of the book 'Only Blue Skies: The Town That Margaret Loved'. The launch will take place on the 3rd of March at St Peters Civic Hall. Members and staff were all invited to attend. Generous sponsors had ensured that all costs linked to publishing the book had been met.
- (iv) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone provided an update regarding the dementia group in Carmarthen which had met recently and was due to meet again at 11am on the 23rd March 2022. The meetings are open to those living with dementia and/or their carers. Council members are welcome to attend.

Prior to the close of the meeting, the Clerk advised that Carmarthen Park had re-opened that day after being closed due to the storm and clear up of fallen trees.

The Clerk also noted that Town Council staff would be partaking in the Spring Clean campaign being promoted by Council on Thursday 3rd March and members are welcomed to join.

Cllr. Alun Lenny noted that all arrangements were in place for the St David's Day parade. Cllr. Lenny also asked that replacement of the fallen trees be considered.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm