

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2022 AT 7.30PM

The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall and 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: Baba Gana (video link), Phil Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths (video link), Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe (video link), Alun Lenny (video link), Ken Lloyd (video link), Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules (video link), Emlyn Schiavone (video link), Jeff Thomas (video link), Matthew Thomas (video link), 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

377. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Arwel Lloyd.

378. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Alun Lenny for item 385 below as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

379. Questions from Members

i) Cllr Phil Grice: Sports Awards

Cllr Grice enquired if there would be a Sports Awards Night in the coming year. The Clerk confirmed that the evening would be reinstated this year, coronavirus regulation permitting.

ii) Cllr Phil Grice: Historic Town Tours

Cllr. Grice enquired about the recommencement of the historic town tours. The matter was **DEFERRED** to the General Purposes Committee for discussion.

380. Questions from the Public

None

381. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 23rd February 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 23rd February 2022 be accepted as a true record.

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

Cllr. Barry Williams noted an amendment to the Welsh version of the minutes requesting that his presence be changed to physical rather than via video link. With the noted amendment, it was proposed by Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe, seconded by Cllr. Barry Williams and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 8th of March 2022 be accepted as a true record.

383. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

(i) Page 93 – Item 364: Review of Conservation Areas in Carmarthen

RESOLVED that the review be supported by agreeing to facilitate an event at St. Peter's Civic Hall, pending more information from Carmarthenshire County Council.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 10th of March 2022 be accepted as a true record.

Town Clerk's Report

385. 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 comment was made as consent had already been given by Carmarthenshire County Council.*
- ii. **PL/03644** - Proposed side/rear, side single storey kitchen extension with demolition of existing garage and minor alteration to existing floor plan. 48, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 1SN. **NO OBJECTION**
- iii. **PL/03619** - Change of use from office accommodation to residential dwelling. 3 St Peters Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LN. **NO OBJECTION** to the development if the Conservation Officer at the County Council is satisfied that the criteria to proceed has been met.
- iv. **PL/03567** - New glass fascia with chiselled gold lettering, New 3D white letters on brick façade, New circular hanging signage on existing post Rear signage and New 3D white letters applied to existing façade. 47-48 King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BH. **NO OBJECTION**
- v. **PL/03718** - Proposed 2 storey side & rear extension to provide new utility room & garage at ground floor with bedroom en-suite/games room to first floor - 21, Nant Yr Arian, Carmarthen, SA31 3JJ. **NO OBJECTION**
- vi. **PL/03743** - Conversion of office space (Class B1) to 12no. self-contained residential flats with minor external upgrades and relocation of disabled parking bays - 5-8 Spilman Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LE. **SUPPORTED**

386. Highways

None

387. Licensing

None

388. Nomination of Town Council Leaders for the Civic Year 2022/23

Cllr. Phil Grice proposed that the nomination should be postponed until after the election. Cllr. Alun Lenny seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

389. Members to propose and second the Vote of Thanks

In accordance with the decision noted in item 388, members **AGREED** that this matter would also need to be deferred until after the election.

390. Community Governor – Richmond Park School

Cllr. Ioan Matthews proposed that the appointment should be made after the election to allow any new councillors to take up the position. Cllr. Phil Grice seconded this proposal, all were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

391. Letter of Appreciation from St Peter's Church

Members **NOTED** the letter.

392. Membership of One Voice Wales

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that the membership of One Voice Wales should be renewed for 2022/23 and was seconded by Cllr. Ken Lloyd. All members were in favour and the membership was **APPROVED**.

393. Correspondence

None

394. Mayor's Report

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

February

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| 24 | Carmarthen & District Youth Opera – Production of "Grease" |
| 27 | Bro Myrddin Bowls Club – Meet with representatives of the Club |

March

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| 2 | Helo Blod – Judging Best Business Window competition for St David's |
| 3 | Litter picking
Carmarthen Civic Society – Launch of book about Margaret Evans |
| 5 | St David's Parade |
| 6 | Disability Sport Wales – Launch of insport series – Actif paracycling sessions |

- 12 Carmarthen Peace Vigil
Bro Myrddin Bowls Club – National Tournament “Champion of
Champions”

**395. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside
bodies**

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone recorded attendance at regular police meetings.
- (ii) Cllr. Miriam Moules gave an update on the Loneliness project and plans for the second phase.
- (iii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths shared information about the Twinning Society’s plans to celebrate 40 years of twinning with Lesneven. Visitors from Lesneven have postponed until the end of June, due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- (iv) Cllr. Baba Gana provided an update on the ongoing pandemic and the situation within Glangwili Hospital.
- (v) Cllr. Phil Grice thanked all involved with the publication and launch of the book ‘Only Blue Skies: The Town That Margaret Loved’
- (vi) Cllr. Barry Williams informed Council that the Carmarthen Branch of the Royal British Legion had ceased to function due to officers stepping down and no replacements having come forward.
- (vii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths informed members that copies of the book ‘Only Blue Skies...’ was available at St Peter’s Civic Hall for all members.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm