

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 12 APRIL 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 attended by means of remote attendance.

Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Gareth John (video link), Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny (video link), Miriam Moules (video link) and Barry Williams.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

396. Apologies

None.

397. Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr. Miriam Moules for Item 399(ii) Planning Application PL/003786.
- (ii) Cllr. Gareth John for item 399(i) planning application PL/03576.
- (iii) Cllr. Alun Lenny for item 399 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

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

No matters arising.

Town Clerk's Report

399. Planning Applications

- i. **PL/03576** - 1. A commercial South-Facing Polytunnel, 9.14 metres wide x 18.29 metres long (Total 167.17 Square metres) 2. No gate at the farm access, 15 metres wide x 30 metres long hardstanding for loading, parking and vehicular manoeuvring. (Total 450 Square metres) 3. Private way , 3.6 metres wide x 100 metres long, will be built to link the farm entrance and the Polytunnel location in next parcel of land supporting farming activities within this agricultural land unit. (Total 360 Square metres) - Land adjacent to, Penlan Fach, Alltynap Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3QY. *Cllr. Gareth John declared an interest in this application as a neighbour of the property.* Cllr. Barry Williams proposed that the response to the Planning Department should note that the Town Council

is aware of concerns amongst the local community about this planning application and would like to request that the application is brought before the County Council's Planning Committee. Cllr. Miriam Moules seconded the proposal, all were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

- ii. **PL/03786** - Proposed single storey rear extension - 6, The Grove, Carmarthen, SA31 3JH. *Cllr Miriam Moules declared an interest as a neighbour of the property.* **NO OBJECTION.**
- iii. **PL/03679** - Proposed Two Storey Extension and Associated Works. 17 Heol Salem, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HS. *Cllr. Gareth John declared an interest as the property shares a boundary with a close family member.* **NO OBJECTION**
- iv. **PL/03604** - Change of use to residential. Installation of two bathrooms, one on the first floor, one on the second. Removing damp plasterboard and replacing rotten joists. **NO OBJECTION.**

400. Highways Matters

- (i) **Temporary road closure – The Avenue, Carmarthen.** Members **NOTED** the proposed closure.

401. Licensing Matters

- (i) Application Type:- Application For Premise Licence, Thai Wok, 18 Myrddin Crescent, Carmarthen SA31 1DX. Details of the application:- Application for deliveries only: Sale of Alcohol – Monday to Sunday 11:00-00:30 Late Night Refreshment – Monday to Sunday 11:00-00:30. Committee resolved to **OBJECT** to the license application pending clarity regarding the planning situation for the operation of this business.

Note: Notification was received from the Licensing Department at CCC that the applicant has withdrawn this application on 14.04.22.

402. Visitor Information Desk – St Peter's Civic Hall

Members considered the proposal to house and manage tourist information in the foyer of St Peter's Civic Hall. Cllr. Miriam Moules proposed that a wall mounted display would be the best way of displaying the information whilst minimising the disruption to any activity in the hall. Cllr. Gareth John seconded the proposal; all were in favour and the proposal was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

403. Request for Council's support for Free Parking

Correspondence has been received from Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar requesting a letter of support from the Town Council in respect of the day on which it holds its annual 'Gwyl Canol Dre', which is the 9th of July 2022. Members **SUPPORTED** the application.

404. Burials at Carmarthen Cemetery

Members **NOTED** the report and acknowledged the additional work for all staff members involved during the last year.

405. Public Rights of Way (PROW) Network Hierarchy

Correspondence had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council requesting input from each Town and Community Council seeking views; which PROWs in your Town or Community area does your Council consider to be a high priority? Members considered the footpaths which were not part of the Town Council's maintenance programme and **RECOMMENDED** that the following paths be prioritised:

- i. Footpaths 61/16 and 61/17 at Cwmoernant Ponds.
- ii. Footpath 61/22 in the area of Lime Grove Avenue and Mid and West Wales Fire Service Headquarters.
- iii. Footpaths 61/20 and 61/21 Trevaughan.
- iv. Footpath 61/23 Travellers' Rest area.
- v. Footpath 61/28 Davies Estate Johnstown to enable clearer access to the woods.

406. Communications Boards – Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda

Cllr. Miriam Moules proposed that the request to display the boards should be supported, seconded by Cllr. Gareth John, all were in favour and the proposal was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

407. Events and Well-being Officer Report

Members considered and **NOTED** the report. A short report on the LocalMotion initiative was requested for the next meeting of committee.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.