

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 27th 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 held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor Cllr. Gareth John presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Baba Gana (video link), Peter Hughes Griffiths (video link), Gareth John, Alun Lenny (video link), Arwel Lloyd (video link), Ken Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone (video link), Jeff Thomas (video link), Matthew Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

418. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Tom Defis and Angharad Jones Leefe.

419. Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr. Miriam Moules for item 426 Review of Hall Charges
- (ii) Cllr. Ken Lloyd for item 426 Review of Hall Charges. Cllr. Lloyd noted that he had obtained a dispensation to be able to discuss the matter but not vote.
- (iii) Cllr. Matthew Thomas for item 426 Review of Hall Charges.
- (iv) Cllr. Alun Lenny for item 427 below as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

420. Questions from Members

None

421. Questions from the Public

None

422. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 30th March 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 30th March 2022 be accepted as a true record.

423. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 12th April 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 12th of April 2022 be accepted as a true record.

424. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

- (i) Page 103 – Item 402: Visitor Information Desk – St Peter’s Civic Hall
RESOLVED that the provision of tourist information in the foyer at St. Peter’s Civic Hall should be supported.

Cllr. Baba Gana joined the meeting at this point.

- (ii) Page 104 – Item 405: Public Rights of Way (PROW) Network Hierarchy
 Cllr. Miriam Moules proposed that the 5 footpaths recommended by committee should be approved. Cllr. Barry Williams seconded the proposal; all were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

- (iii) Page 104 – Item 406: Communication Boards Hywel Dda UHB
 Cllr. Ioan Matthews proposed that the communication boards should be approved for installation at various parks. Cllr. Miriam Moules seconded the proposal, all were in favour and the recommendation was **APPROVED**.

425. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 14th April 2022

It was proposed by Cllr. Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 14th of April 2022 be accepted as a true record.

426. To consider the Committee recommendations or matters arising.

- (i) Page 107 – Item 416: Purchase of outdoor furniture for the Tea Shop
 Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that the recommendation should be supported and was seconded by Cllr. Alun Lenny. All were in favour and the recommendation was **APPROVED**.

- (ii) Page 107 – Item 417: Review of hall charges
Cllr. Miriam Moules declared an interest in this matter and left the room while it was discussed. Cllrs. Ken Lloyd and Matthew Thomas also declared an interest.
 Cllr. Ioan Matthews proposed that the recommendation should be approved but the option for the Mayor to offer the hall for free to local charities should be maintained for up to three times per year. Cllr. Barry Williams seconded the proposal and all who were able to vote, were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

Town Clerk’s Report**427. Planning**

- (i) **PL/03901** - Proposed 'Well-Being Pod' to be Timber Construction for use by Fire and Rescue Service Personnel - Fire Brigade Headquarters, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 1SP.
SUPPORTED
- (ii) **PL/03685** - Proposed Single Storey Extension and Associated Works – Annaley, Alltynap Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3QY. **NO OBJECTION**

- (iii) **PL/03837** - Single storey extension to existing training hall to create teaching facilities. Demolition of existing modular buildings - Picton Barracks, Picton Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 3BS. **SUPPORTED**
- (iv) **PL/03885** - Attached single storey residential annex, additional first floor bedroom and dressing room, and ground floor sun lounge - Carne, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3QU. **NO OBJECTION**
- (v) **PL/03926** - Demolition and removal of two redundant polytunnels and the construction of a new four-bedroom house and outbuilding. Mile End, Trevaughan, Carmarthen, SA31 3QL. **NO OBJECTION if the proposed build does not infringe on the Public Right of Way at the property.**

428. Highways

None

429. Licensing

- (i) Application Type:- Minor Variation Application,

Premise Name And Address:- **Booker Cash & Carry, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA31 3NB**

Details of the application:- Application for:
To amend the operating hours to open earlier and close earlier.

Members recorded **NO OBJECTION** to the application.

- (ii) Application Type:- Application For Premise Licence,

Premise Name And Address:- **Calon Lan, Unit 2, Tawelan, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3PY**

Details of the application:- Application for:
Supply of Alcohol Monday - Sunday 10:00 - 23:00

NO OBJECTION to the application.

Cllr. Emyln Schiavone joined the meeting at this point

430. Letter of Appreciation – Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership

Council **NOTED** the correspondence.

431. Correspondence

None

432. Mayor's Report

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

April
13

Bro Myrddin Bowls Club – Opening of new Outdoor Green.

Members **NOTED** the report.

This being the last meeting of the Council term, the Mayor reflected on the last five years and thanked all members for their contribution during that time. Four councillors have chosen not to return for the new term and while regret was expressed at the loss of those members, the Mayor wished them well for the future. The Mayor also thanked everyone for their support over the last two years while he was Mayor.

Cllr. Ioan Matthews echoed the Mayor's comments noting that Cllrs. Ken Lloyd and Phil Grice had served 50 years collectively on Council, taking half a century of experience with them as they leave.

433. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Miriam Moules had attended a governing body meeting at Myrddin Primary School and recorded details of a trip to the library organised by the school.
- (ii) Cllr. Ken Lloyd had provided a written update on two One Voice Wales meetings he had attended, giving a verbal summary in the meeting.
- (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 again until the end of September, when it is hoped celebrations can be held.
- (iv) Cllr. Arwel Lloyd shared an update about Gwyl Canol Dre which was due to take place again this year on the 9th of July.
- (v) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone expressed his thanks to retiring members of council.

The Mayor also thanked Council staff for their continuing support, and noted that the first meeting of the new Council would be held on Wednesday 25th May 2022.

The Mayor's Fun Run will be held on Monday 2nd May 2022, members were urged to come along for the event if possible.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm