

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 25th MAY 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING

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. Miriam Moules presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Heledd ap Gwynfor, Dai Evans, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Marc Ingram, Angharad Jones Leefe, Gareth John, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks, Jeff Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council
 Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager
 Mrs Eleri James – Administrative Officer and Mayor's Secretary
 Mrs Catrin Llwyd – Translator

Two members of the public were present via video link

16. Apologies for Absence

None.

17. Declarations of Interest

None.

18. Questions from Members

None.

19. Questions from the Public

None

20. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 27th April 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27th April 2022 be accepted as a true record.

21. Matters arising

No matters arising.

Town Clerk's Report

22. Planning

- i. **PL/03861** - Replacement of sub standard extension and material alterations - 8, Penllwyn Park, Carmarthen, SA31 3BU. **NO OBJECTION**
- ii. **PL/03995** - Change of use from office accommodation to residential (dwelling) - 3 St Peters Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LN **SUPPORT**
- iii. **PL/03993** - Material alterations & removal of existing extension - 8, Penllwyn Park, Carmarthen, SA31 3BU **NO OBJECTION**
- iv. **PL/04010** - Proposed Retention of existing Marguee/Gazebo used for dining in conjunction with Florentino's Restaurant - 6-11, Jacksons Lane, Carmarthen, SA31 1QD. **SUPPORT**
- v. **PL/03911** - Change of use from 7 Bed HMO and Residential Dwelling to 13 Bed HMO - 137 Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LR. Members accepted the need for housing of this type but expressed concerns about the numbers in this development.
- vi. **PL/04056** - Proposal for bin store area at rear end of existing pub. 47-48 King St, Carmarthen, SA31 1BH. Members recorded **NO COMMENT** as insufficient information was available on the planning portal inform a decision.
- vii. **Pre-planning.** The residential development of 21 dwellings (including 4 affordable), on land known as Maes Y Teirw, situated off the northern flank of Llysonnen Road, Carmarthen. Consultation before applying for planning permission. Notice under Article 2d of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (amended 2016).

Members **RESOLVED** to reply to the developer noting the following:

- I. The community benefits arising from this development need to be identified and clearly articulated in the formal planning application. In particular, what contribution will be made via S.106 Town and Country Planning Act to enhance local facilities and amenities? There needs to be a commitment throughout the developmental/construction stage to adhere to all such requirements made in any planning consent granted.
- II. Affordable housing – It is requested that the number of affordable houses be increased from the four presently identified on the development plan.
- III. The affordable houses should not all be located together in one area; they should be integrated across the development site.
- IV. No further action should be taken to destroy or damage trees, hedges, etc at the site.
- V. The views of the local community should be sought in respect of the 'green' aspects of the development, in particular the planting of appropriate numbers

and types of trees, hedges, lawns/gardens etc to ensure that maximum measures are taken to mitigate the carbon footprint of this development.

- VI. 6. A clear plan should be in place to prevent and minimise the impact of any release of phosphates into local waterways.

23.Highways

None

24.Licensing

Cllr Arwel Lloyd expressed an interest in the following licensing application as Chair of the Gwyl Canol Dre Festival.

Cllr Ioan Matthews expressed an interest in the following licensing application as Vice Chair of the Gwyl Canol Dre Festival

Cllr Heledd ap Gwynfor expressed an interest in the following licensing application as an employee of Mentrau Iaith Cymru

- (i) The Licensing Authority has received the following application:

Application Type: **Application For Premise Licence,**

Premise Name And Address: **Parc Myrddin, Richmond Terrace, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA31 1HQ**

Details of the application:- **Application for Gwyl Canol Dre – to take place on 1 Saturday between May and August for:**

Drama, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance – Saturday 11:00-21:00; Sale of Alcohol – Saturday 11:00-20:30

Opening hours - Saturday 11:00-21:30

Consultation period begins:- **11/05/2022**

Any representations regarding this application must be submitted within **28 days** of the above consultation start date.

Members **SUPPORTED** the application following positive experiences in previous years of the festival and effective engagement with neighbouring houses.

25. Financial Report

Council's Bank balances on the 30th of April 2022 were as follows:

	£
HSBC Current Account	93,729.28
HSBC Reserve Account	558,638.50
Total Cash in Bank	652,367.78

Balances in Other Accounts on 30th April 2022:

Mayor's Allowance	-	£3,682.04
Mayor's Fun Run	-	£7,889.23 (3 rd May)
Carmarthen Park Tea Shop	-	£16,684.63

Gross expenditure for the period 1st April to the 30th of April 2022 totalled £17,265.53

Income for the same period, including the Park Tea Shop, totalled £12,101.07. The overall net expenditure is therefore £5,164.46.

The Net Budget/Precept requirement for 2021/22 is £788,855.58, of which £262,951.86 has been received. Members will note from the above that Council completed the year within budget on 30th April 2022.

Bank transfers. £300,000 was transferred to the Reserve Account following receipt of the precept.

Members **NOTED** the report

26. Monthly accounts May 2022

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. Councillor Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that the schedule of payments totalling **£59,839.29** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk. Cllr. Ioan Matthews seconded the proposal. All members agreed and it was **RESOLVED** that all payments should be approved.

27. Annual Audit 2020/21

The Clerk reported recorded a successful conclusion to the 2020/21 external audit with Audit Wales have confirming completion and issuing an unqualified audit opinion. No other matters were raised for the attention of Council. Cllr. Gareth John proposed that Council congratulate all staff involved with the work to successfully complete the audit.

28. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Members considered the format for the proposed event to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr. Gareth John proposed that the format of the event should be approved and was seconded by Cllr, Ioan Matthews. Members voted, with one against and the remainder in favour the motion was carried, and the event was **APPROVED**.

29. Letter of appreciation

A letter of thanks has been received from Carmarthen Quins RFC thanking Town Council staff for their work in support of them.

Members **NOTED** the correspondence

30. Mayor's Report

Since the last meeting, the retiring Mayor, Cllr, Gareth John reported attendance at the following engagements:

May

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Mayor's Race

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Towy Riders - Anti Dog Fouling Campaign

Members **NOTED** the report.

31. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Miriam Moules had attended a Shopmobility meeting and noted that the organisation was looking for ways to expand provision and be more visible.
- (ii) Cllr. Wyn Thomas congratulated the five members of the Town Council who had also taken seats at Carmarthenshire County Council.
- (iii) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone recorded attendance at a Dementia Friends group meeting. Cllr Schiavone extended an invitation for all members to attend the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm