

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 14 JUNE 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 Dai Evans, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Marc Ingram, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny (video link), Miriam Moules, Russell Sparks (video link), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

42. Election of a Chair for 2022/23

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe should continue in the role as Chair of Committee. Cllr. Miriam Moules seconded the proposal, all members were in favour and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

43. Election of a Vice Chair for 2022/23

Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, in his absence, should be elected as Vice Chair for the 2022/23 Civic Year. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

44. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Arwel Lloyd.

45. Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr. Miriam Moules for Item 47(i) Planning Application PL/04076 as a neighbour of the property.

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

No matters arising.

Town Clerk's Report

47. Planning Applications

- i. **PL/04076** - Proposed first floor side extension above existing garage to provide new bedroom / ensuite facility / with alteration works to provide gym to the rear of the garage - 2 Nant Yr Arian, Carmarthen, SA31 3JG – **NO OBJECTION.**
- ii. **PL/04098** - Change of use from Offices (Class E) to Tattoo Studio (Sui generis) - 28A, Lammas Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3AL – **NO OBJECTION.**
- iii. **PL/04087** - Extension to dwelling, patio/decking area and internal alterations - Villa Piave, Cwmoernant, Carmarthen, SA31 1EG – **NO OBJECTION.**
- iv. **Publicity And Consultation Before Applying For Planning Permission - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(Wales) Order 2012 – Frondeg, Carmarthen West.** Persimmon Homes West Wales gives notice that it is intending to apply for planning permission for the proposed construction of 92 dwellings and associated landscaping and infrastructure works at land at Frondeg, Carmarthen West, Carmarthenshire.

Numerous comments were made about the proposed development. It was **AGREED** that comments would be sent to the developer regarding:

- the assessment of potential flood risk
- the need for an archaeological survey
- property density
- clarification about the number of affordable houses proposed to be built
- clarification about access to medical services (there are no such services available at St David's Park)
- the limited variety of homes on offer

Other matters, regarding the provision of services for the wider area, would be raised with Carmarthenshire County Council on receipt of the formal planning application.

- v. **Notification of Appeal Outcome: Appeal Ref: CAS-01640-T3J9S4**

Site address: Lime Grove House, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen SA31 1SW. Notification has been received from the Planning Inspectorate that an appeal against a decision made by the local planning authority regarding the refusal to grant permission to remove 2 trees at the site has been dismissed.

Members **NOTED** the information.

48. Highways Matters

Notification has been received of road closures between 1pm and 2.15pm on Friday 17th June 2022 in Carmarthen Town Centre for the University of Wales Trinity St. David's parade, which forms part of the bicentenary celebrations.

Members **NOTED** the closure.

49. Licensing Matters

None

50. St David's Church Cemetery

The Clerk provided information to members regarding previous discussions and relevant background information relating to the request from the Thomas & Elizabeth Mayhook Charity. Estimated annual costings for the Town Council taking responsibility for the cemetery at St David's Church were also provided.

A lengthy discussion was held, and the options considered once more. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that committee should retain the recommendation made by the committee in January 2022 for the same reasons as outlined at the time. Cllr. Wyn Thomas seconded the proposal, which was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

51. Carmarthen Antiquarian Society

Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that the project should be supported in principle and that the society should be asked to submit a funding application before the September Finance Committee meeting. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths seconded the proposal which was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

52. Annual Health and Safety Reviews

No areas of concern had been identified during the annual health and safety review.

Members **NOTED** the review and asked that a periodic external review be considered in future.

53. Fire Risk Assessment

Members **NOTED** the report and its findings, with the updates provided by the Operations Officer and requested that the landlord of a neighbouring property be identified, if possible, to discuss matters related to the fire escape.

54. Carmarthen Cemetery – Opening Hours

Members noted the comments from a member of the public and **AGREED** that the current opening hours were appropriate.

55. Purchase of speed monitoring equipment

A request has been received via Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone to purchase speed monitoring use by volunteers to deal with speeding issues in Fountain Hall Terrace. Community Speed Watch is a volunteer-based project, where volunteers are vetted and trained to use a small handheld device to record any vehicles speeding over a threshold.

Cllr. Miriam Moules proposed that the application should be supported, seconded by Cllr. Russell Sparks and **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.