

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 12 JULY 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, Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd (video link), Miriam Moules (video link), Russell Sparks, Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

96. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Marc Ingram.

97. Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr. Barry Williams for item 104 below, as a member of the Royal British Legion.

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

No matters arising.

Town Clerk's Report

99. Planning Applications

- i. **PL/04180** - Side single-storey extension and front porch - 48 Crispin Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 3EH - **NO OBJECTION**
- ii. **PL/04168** - Replacement detached garage - 9 Heol Y Delyn, Carmarthen, SA31 1EE - **NO OBJECTION**

100. Highways Matters

None

101. Licensing Matters

None

102. Carmarthen Town Council Annual Report

Members considered and discussed the content of the annual report. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths praised all the hard work undertaken during the year and proposed that the report should be approved for recommendation to Council. Cllr. Russell Sparks seconded the proposal, all were in favour and the report was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

103. ‘Diolch o Galon’ at Carmarthen Park & Carmarthen Town Summer Music Festival 27th August 2022

The Mayor’s ‘Diolch o Galon’ event to recognise the contribution made by local people during the pandemic is to be held on the Saturday of the summer bank holiday at Carmarthen Park and the planning for the event is being progressed. Amongst the entertainers will be the ‘Welsh Whisperer’ and this will mark the end of the summer events programme at Carmarthen Park. This would be followed by a wider music festival around town organised by Carmarthen Round Table.

A significant public consultation event – ‘Llais Caerfyrddin’ – is also being carried out during August under the auspices of the LocalMotion initiative. One part of this consultation will take place in the park a week earlier on the 20th of August.

Members **NOTED** the update.

104. Remembrance Day Arrangements – Sunday 13th November 2022

A discussion was held around the current situation with the Royal British Legion Branch in Carmarthen which has dissolved this year. Practicalities and responsibility for different matters were also considered. While there were more matters for discussion and decision, Cllr. Russell Sparks proposed that a meeting with interested parties should be arranged by the Town Council in the first instance, this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules, all were in favour and **RECOMMENDED** the way forward to Council. Cllr Williams and Cllr Sparks volunteered to assist with the arrangements.

105. Christmas Lights Switch-on and Reindeer Parade Day

On the proposal of Cllr. Russell Sparks, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, with all in favour, Saturday 26th November was **RECOMMENDED** to Council for the Christmas light switch on and festivities in town. More consideration of the details to follow.

106. Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans – Carmarthen Town

Correspondence had been received relating to a webinar/meeting taking place on Thursday 7th July to discuss the above. Members considered the content of the correspondence which was **NOTED**.

107. Carmarthen Town Regeneration Forum 7th July 2022

An update on the meeting was provided by those present and **NOTED** by members. A request was made to establish reporting arrangements from these meetings.

108. Information for Town Council 'Clerk's Board'

Members **RECOMMENDED** the content of the Clerk's board, as presented to Council for display in the Town Clerk's office.

109. Carmarthen Town Council Flag Protocol

Cllr. Russell Sparks proposed that the draft protocol should be adopted, seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules with all in favour, the protocol was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm.