

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> 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 held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor, Cllr. Miriam Moules presided over the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Dai Evans, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Marc Ingram, Gareth John (video) Andy King, Alun Lenny (video), Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone (video), Russell Sparks (video), Jeff Thomas and Wyn Thomas.

Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council  
 Emma Smith – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager  
 Catrin Llwyd – Translator

**125. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Tom Defis, Heledd ap Gwynfor, Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd and Barry Williams

**126. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr, Peter Hughes Griffiths for item 133 below as Chair of Carmarthen Twinning Association.

**127. Questions from Members**

None

**128. Questions from the Public**

None

**129. To confirm and sign the minutes of the monthly Meeting of Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 be accepted as a true record.

**130. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 be accepted as a true record.

**131. Matters arising**

(i) Page 32: Item 102 - Carmarthen Town Council Annual Report

(ii) Page 32: Item 104 - Remembrance Day Arrangements

(iii) Page 32: Item 105 - Christmas Lights Switch-on and Reindeer Parade Day

(iv) Page 33: Item 108 - Information for Town Council 'Clerk's Board'

(v) Page 33: Item 109 - Carmarthen Town Council Flag Protocol

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations in respect of the five items above should be approved.

**132. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be accepted as a true record.

**133. Matters arising**

*Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths left the room for this item.*

(i) Page 36: Item 118 – The Finance and Local Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils

(ii) Page 36: Item 119 = Review of earmarked reserves

(iii) Page 36: Item 120 - Visitors from Lesneven, Carmarthen Town Council

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations in respect of the three items above should be approved.

**Town Clerk's Report**

**134. Planning**

(i) **PL/04291** - Proposed conversion of garage/utility/sunroom into utility/snug - sitting room - 2, Ystrad Close, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3PE. **NO OBJECTION.**

(ii) **PL/04404** – Proposed rear porch with garden store. 5 Long Acre Road, Carmarthen. **NO OBJECTION**

**135. Highways**

None

**136. Licensing**

None

### 137. Mayor's Report

Since the last meeting, the Mayor, Cllr. Miriam Moules reported attendance at the following engagements:

#### July

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| 1  | Centre Stage Theatre – Production of 'Matilda Jr'                                      |
| 2  | Carmarthen Guide Dogs Fundraising Group – Open Guide Dogs Fun Dog Show                 |
| 3  | University of Wales Trinity Saint David – Reception and Fellows' Banquet               |
| 4  | University of Wales Trinity Saint David - Graduation Ceremonies                        |
| 5  | University of Wales Trinity Saint David – Graduation Ceremonies                        |
| 6  | Crisp & Fry – Opening of new shop  |
| 7  | Menter Gorllewin Sir Gâr – Judging art competition for schools for Gŵyl Canol Dre      |
| 9  | Gŵyl Canol Dre – Open 'Llwyfan Berfformio'   |
| 11 | Carmarthenshire County Council – Official Opening of Carmarthenshire Archives          |
| 12 | Meeting Lesley Frances Evans   |
| 17 | Llanelli Rural – Civic Service   |
| 28 | Just Good Friends Theatre Group – Production of 'Agatha Crusty – Village Hall Murders' |

Members **NOTED** the report.

### 138. Councillor Vacancy – co-option of a member

Members considered four applicants and voted on each. With a total of 10 votes cast, plus two abstentions, it was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Luned Thomas should be co-opted to Council.

### 139. Members allowances

**RESOLVED** that the details presented to members should be approved for publication and submission to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

### 140. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Gareth John expressed his thanks to the Town Council staff responsible for painting the railings in Carmarthen Park and complimented the improved appearance of the park as a result of their hard work.
- (ii) Cllr Gareth John noted attendance at the Carmarthen Town Forum and supported the call for an arrangement to be out in place to report back to Council
- (iii) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone recorded attendance at a Dementia Friends meeting, noting that two people living with dementia were now in

attendance, which gave an added focus to the group. Members were invited to the next meeting.

**141. To appoint a representative from Council to One Voice Wales**

**RESOLVED** that the matter should be deferred to the next meeting of council and consideration to members sharing the role, or other arrangements should be considered.

**142. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone proposed that the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED**.

**143. Matters arising**

(i) Recruitment of a new Town Clerk

A discussion was held regarding the recruitment process was held. It was noted that the interviews would be held 3 days later than planned, and now on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. With the noted amendment to dates, Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that the arrangements for the recruitment of the new Town Clerks should be approved. Cllr. Russell Sparks seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED**

**The meeting closed at 20.08pm**