

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 26th OCTOBER 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: Tom Defis, Dai Evans (video), Angharad Jones Leefe (video), Gareth John (video) Andy King, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks (video), Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams and Luned Voyle.

Emma Smith –Town Clerk
 Catrin Llwyd – Translator

221. Presentation by Llinos Jones yr Egin, 'Llais Caerfyrddin'

Llinos Jones reviewed the Llais Caerfyrddin community consultation that had been held over the summer in certain areas of Carmarthen, Johnstown and Traveller's Rest. A presentation was given explaining how and where the consultation the was held and the initial findings, with a final report expected shortly. The findings of the report will inform how the LocalMotion will develop over the next 10 years.

An opportunity for questions was also provided at the end of the presentation. It was noted that there would be a project to reach out to schools also. Members thanked Llinos for her time and the informative presentation.

222. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Heledd ap Gwynfor, Marc Ingram and Arwel Lloyd.

223. Declarations of Interest

None

224. Questions from Members

None

225. Questions from the Public

None

226. To confirm and sign the minutes of the monthly Meeting of Council held on 28th September 2022.

With an amendment to the names of those present, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 28th of September 2022 be accepted as a true record.

227. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th October 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on the 11th of October 2022 be accepted as a true record.

228. Matters arising

- (i) Page 55: Item 193 - Christmas and New Year Holiday – Town Council Closure Period
- (ii) Page 55: Item 194 - Review of the Town Council's website
- (iii) Page 55: Item 195 - Council Capital Projects and Priorities 2023/24
- (iv) Page 55: Item 196 – Christmas Event 2022
- (v) Page 55: Item 198 – Sports Awards

RESOLVED that the five recommendations noted above should be approved as noted by the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 11th of October 2022.

229. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 13th October 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 13th of October 2022 be accepted as a true record.

230. Matters arising

Cllr Ioan Matthews declared an interest in item (i) below as the same internal auditor has responsibility for the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

- i. Page 59: Item 209 - Appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2022/23
- ii. Page 59: Item 210 - Council Capital Projects and Priorities 2023/24
- iii. Page 59: Item 212 – Hanging Basket Cost

RESOLVED that the three recommendations noted above should be approved as noted by the Finance Committee minutes for the 13th of October 2022.

Town Clerk's Report

231. Planning

- (i) **PL/04842** - Change of use of a Commercial Property. Property currently is an A1 (hairdressers) planning sought to change to A2 to open a solicitor's office - Andrew Price, 20 Bridge Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JS **NO OBJECTION**
- (ii) **PL/04893** - Proposed siting of a GRP enclosure size 1.100 x 2.345(h). To house electrical control gear for the supply of power to a rectification unit and 3 no independent standalone high power electric vehicle charging points - Fire Brigade

Headquarters, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 1SP **SUPPORT** due to the development of infrastructure to charge electric vehicles.

- (iii) **PL/04507** - Demolish 2 no chimneys and make good with slates to match existing - 47 Myrddin Crescent, Carmarthen, SA31 1DX Members decided to **SUPPORT** the application as the community uses less and less fossil fuels to heat homes.

- (iv) **PL/04717** – Members **RESOLVED** to comment that as the developer has removed several trees in the area that consideration should be given to making it a condition of planning that trees are replanted on the site for environmental benefit and also to reduce noise from the A40. Section 106 funds from the development should also be queried with the provision of a play area raised as an additional facility to the one at Maes Pedr.

232. Highways

None

233. Licensing

None

234. Electoral Administration and Reform White Paper

Members **NOTED** the white paper and **REFERRED** the consultation to the General Purposes Committee.

235. Reports from meetings

- (i) Carmarthen Town Forum
The Clerk updated members on the discussions of the Carmarthen Town Forum meeting held on the 6th of October.
- (ii) One Voice Wales – Larger Councils Committee
The Clerk provided an update on the larger councils committee meeting attended by herself and Cllr. Jeff Thomas.

236. Carmarthen Recovery Group

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr. Dai Evans to the group.

237. Town Council Strategy 2022-27

An update was provided on the discussions at the first meeting of the sub-group to discuss the Town Council Strategy 2022-27. It was noted that the aim of the sub-group was to present a draft to council for consideration at the December meeting of Council.

238. Mayor's Report

Since the last meeting, the Mayor, Cllr. Miriam Moules provided a report of attendance at the following engagements:

October

3	Carmarthen Together - Meeting
21	Remembrance Sunday - Meeting Launch of Poppy Appeal Carmarthenshire Y.F.C. – Eisteddfod
24	Community Connection event – St. Peter's Civic Hall
26	Cost of Living event – Theatr y Ffwrnes

Members **NOTED** the report.

239. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone congratulated the Mayor for a very successful Community Connection event in St Peter's Civic Hall earlier that week. Cllr. Schiavone had also attended the cost of living event, hosted by Carmarthenshire County Council in Theatr y Ffwrnes. Cllr. Schiavone also provided an update on the Carmarthen Dementia Friends group.
- (ii) Cllr. Barry Williams had attended the launch of the poppy appeal at St Peter's Civic Hall on the 21st of September.
- (iii) Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe provided an update from the meeting of the Oriel Myrddin Trust.
- (iv) Cllr. Dai Evans had met with the newly formed Carmarthen Town Group in his capacity as a business owner in the town.
- (v) Cllr. Gareth John noted that there would be a meeting with the Lyric and the library next week to make links with King Street businesses.

240. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 18 October 2022.

Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone proposed that the minutes of the Management Committee should be approved as a correct record. Cllr, Gareth John seconded the proposal, and the minutes were **APPROVED**.

241. Exclusion of Public and Press – S.1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Tom Defis that due to the confidential items on the agenda (i.e., recruitment of a Deputy Town Clerk) the press and public would be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

242. Matters arising

- (i) Page 62: Item 218 – Recruitment to the post of Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

Members discussed the proposed recruitment exercise, recruitment pack and timetable for recruitment and **APPROVED** the proposed way forward. The

appointment would be subject to approval by Council in the meeting on the 14th of December 2022 should a suitable candidate have been found during the recruitment exercise.

The meeting closed at 20.40pm

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