

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM

The meeting was held online 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 (video), Peter Hughes Griffiths (video), Marc Ingram, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny (video), Arwel Lloyd (video), Miriam Moules (video), Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams (video).

Emma Smith – Town Clerk

318. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Russell Sparks.

319. Declarations of Interest

None

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

None

Town Clerk's Report

321. Planning Applications

- (i) **PL/05259** - Installation of 3 adjoining retail kiosks on existing public realm - Pavement adjacent to Unit 2 Red Street, Chapel Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1RA. **SUPPORTED**
- (ii) **PL/05235** - The remodelling of the former kitchen and dining areas to create a large open plan office space will ancillary meeting rooms - County Hall, Castle Hill, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP. **NO OBJECTION**

322. Highways Matters

None

323. Licensing Matters

None

324. Revised Welsh Language Scheme

Members considered the revisions to the Town Council's Welsh Language Scheme. Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed that the provision of translation services should be extended to committee meetings in addition to the full council meeting. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths seconded the proposal, and the revision was **RECOMMENDED** to council subject to the Clerk exploring the feasibility of implementing this change in terms of availability of translators and costs.

Additional recruitment clauses were also to be included to extend further than the Clerk, with all revisions to be presented to committee next month.

325. Town Council Strategy Consultation Programme

Amendments to the wording were agreed to avoid confusion between the Town and County Council, who were also consulting at this time. It was also agreed that place names would replace the Council ward names as the public were not always aware of their council ward.

With the noted amendments the consultation programme was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

326. Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan 2022-23

Members **AGREED** to comment that an action plan for the delivery of the scheme needed to be produced to demonstrate what will be done to implement the policy commitments made in the plan.

327. A website for St. Peter's Civic Hall

Members commented that the website is excellent, accessible, and easy to navigate and thanked Cllr. Dai Evans for preparing it. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the development of the site should continue with the assistance of staff to provide content.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.