

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2023 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 (Video), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John (Video), Andy King, Arwel Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Luned Voyle, Barry Williams, Heledd ap Gwynfor, Russell Sparks (Video)

Emma Smith –Town Clerk
 Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk
 Catrin Llwyd – Translator (Video)

379. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Wyn Thomas, Alun Lenny, Jeff Thomas, Marc Ingram, Tom Defis and Angharad Leefe Jones

380. Declarations of Interest

None

381. Questions from Members

None

382. Questions from the Public

None

383. To confirm and sign the minutes of the monthly Meeting of Council held on 25th January 2023.

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 25th of January 2023 be accepted as a true record.

384. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th February 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on the 7th of February 2023 be accepted as a true record.

385. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.

Page 96: Item 360 – Revised Welsh Language Scheme

Page 96: Item 362 – Licence Carmarthen Castle Forecourt

Page 96: Item 364 – Council Tax Premium on Second Homes and Empty Properties

Page 97: Item 365 – King’s Coronation May 2023

Members **RESOLVED** that the four recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 7th of February 2023.

386. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9th February 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 9th of February 2023 be accepted as a true record.

387. Matters arising from Finance Committee.

- i. Page 100: Item 376 – Purchase of a new speaker
- ii. Page 100: Item 378 – Risk Management 2023/2024

On the proposal of Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** that the two recommendations noted above should be approved as noted by the Finance Committee minutes for the 9th February 2023.

388. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 9th of February 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 9th of February 2023 be accepted as a true record.

389. Matters arising from Management Committee.

- i. Page 98: Item 369 – Staff Training
- ii. Page 98: Item 370 – Introduction of software to manage annual leave and time off in lieu.
- iii. Flexible working hours scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Luned Voyle and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** that the two recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the Management Committee minutes for the 9th of February 2023.

Town Clerk's Report

390. Planning

- i. **PL/05170** – Retrospective Planning Permission is sought for siting of shed and its change of use to Dog Grooming Facility – 69 Maes y Wennol, Carmarthen, SA31 3EA. **NO OBJECTION**
- ii. **PL/05432** – Two Storey extension at Broad Oak, Carmarthen. **NO OBJECTION**

391. Highways Matters

None

392. Licensing Matters

None

393. Consultation – Introducing 20mph speed limits in Carmarthenshire.

Members **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would raise concerns regarding the exemption status of the Carmarthen link road given the number of houses and the planned further development in the future.

394. Nomination of Town Council Leaders for the Civic Year 2023/24.

1. On the motion of Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Barry Williams, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Wyn Thomas be elected as Town Major of Carmarthen for the year 2023/2024.
2. On the motion of Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Emlyn Schiavone be elected as Deputy Mayor 2023/2024.
3. On the motion of Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Heledd ap Gwynfor be appointed Sheriff of the Town for 2023/2024.

395. Mayor's Report

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

January

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Leonard Cheshire – “My Voice My Choice” celebration

Members **NOTED** the report.

396. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

- (i) Wendy Dickson, the new Deputy Town Clerk was welcomed by Councillor Emyln Schiavone, Cllr. Schiavone thanked the Clerk for the work in recent months to maintain the role of Deputy.
- (ii) Cllr. Dai Evans noted attendance for a Model School Governors meeting.
- (iii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths had attended a meeting of the Civic Society Committee.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

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