

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 14 MARCH 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 Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe, Miriam Moules (video), Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams, Russell Sparks (Video)

Emma Smith – Town Clerk
 Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk

398. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dai Evans, Marc Ingram, Alun Lenny and Arwel Lloyd.

399. Declarations of Interest

None

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

None

Town Clerk's Report

401. Planning Applications

- (i) **PL/05435** - Change of use of existing vacant first and second floor offices into first and second floor self-contained flats - 62 King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BA – **NO OBJECTION**
- (ii) **PL/05410** - Conversion of former Offices to 9no. Flats, including Demolition of detached Labs Offices and side lean-to toilets and boiler room additions and the construction of 3no. Detached Dwellinghouses and 2no. Detached Bungalows - Lime Grove House, Lime Grove Avenue, Carmarthen, SA31 1SW – Members agreed that **NO OBJECTION** would be raised as previously submitted for the last application at this site, but full consultation with local residents should be ensured.
- (iii) **PL/05492** - Erection of nine dwellings - To the rear of Brombil, Llysonnen Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3RP – **NO OBJECTION**
- (iv) **PL/05471** - A temporary natural larch wood pagoda to stand outside restaurant - Sloppy Joes - 4-6 Gerddi Llydaw, Jacksons Lane, Carmarthen, SA31 1QD -

Committee resolved to **SUPPORT** the application for a temporary period until the development of this area would necessitate its removal.

- (v) **PL/05507** - Alternative layout for Gwili Railway Car Park approved under W/19935 with 293 spaces with joint use West Wales General Hospital and with associated pedestrian link - Gwili Junction Station Car Park, Abergwili, Carmarthen, SA31 2PN - **IN SUPPORT**
- (vi) **PL/05242** - Change of use from office to 4 flats - 6 Quay Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JX - **SUPPORT.**
- (vii) Carmarthenshire County Council has commenced work on a **Revised Local Development Plan (LDP)** for the period 2018-2033.

The **Deposit Revised Local Development Plan (LDP)** has been published.

The consultation on the 2nd Deposit Revised LDP will take place between 17th February and 14th April 2023.

Members **AGREED** that the matter would be brought in front of the Full Council during the next meeting to discuss further and comment accordingly.

402. Highways Matters

None

403. Licensing Matters

None

404. Community Review for Town / Community Councils in the County of Carmarthenshire

Carmarthenshire County Council is conducting a Community Review under S31 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (the Act) of all its Town and community Councils.

The formal stage one public consultation will commence on Monday 13 March 2023 and will end six weeks later on Monday 24 April 2023.

Members **NOTED** the review and **RECOMMENDED** that a no proposals for change should be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council.

405. To consider partnership working with Carmarthen BID for hanging baskets and Christmas lights

Staff have recently met with Carmarthen BID to discuss partnership working on the provision of an extended hanging basket scheme and a bigger Christmas lights display. This will mean that the BID will cover the costs of the baskets rather than

passing those costs on to businesses. It will also mean a larger Christmas lights display with funding from the BID to cover all additional costs.

Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths commented on improvements made to the appearance of King Street over the last few weeks.

Cllrs. Commented on the possibility of extending the Christmas lights into key streets leading into Carmarthen Town with Priory Street and Spilman Street being highlighted.

Cllr Wyn Thomas had received a request from traders outside the market for the hanging baskets to be extended to that area.

Members **RECOMMENDED** that Council should support the partnership.

406. Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the town

Concerns have been raised at the monthly police meeting regarding youths in the town behaving inappropriately and causing damage to properties. It is suggested that the Town Council should write to the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioner to raise these matters on a higher level.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk would write to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner to request better enforcement tempered with the improvement of youth provision in the town to support young people.

407. Operations Officer report

Members **NOTED** the report and commented that further use of the velodrome by regional and national bodies would be welcomed.

408. Next meeting date.

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting would be held on the 18th of April 2023 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm