

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 29th MARCH 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: Peter Hughes Griffiths (Video), Andy King (Video), Arwel Lloyd (Video), Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Barry Williams, Heledd ap Gwynfor (Video) Russell Sparks (Video), Luned Voyle, Marc Ingram, Dai Evans (Video), Alun Lenny (Video), Jeff Thomas, Wyn Thomas.

Emma Smith –Town Clerk
 Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk
 Tudur Jones – Translator (Video)

423. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Angharad Jones-Leefe, Gareth John, Tom Defis.

424. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Emlyn Schiavone to item 431 (ii) due to a family member being affected and Russell Sparks to item 431(ii) due to the proximity of the development to his home.

425. Questions from Members

None

426. Questions from the Public

None

427. To confirm and sign the minutes of the monthly Meeting of Council held on 15th February 2023.

Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 15th of February 2023 be accepted as a true record.

428. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 14th March 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on the 14th of March 2023 be accepted as a true record.

429. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.

- i. Page 106: Item 403 – Community Review for Town/Community Councils in the County of Carmarthenshire.
- ii. Page 107: Item 404 – To consider partnership working with Carmarthen BID for hanging baskets and Christmas Lights.

Members **RESOLVED** that the two recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 14th of March 2023.

- iii. Page 107: Item 405 – Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the town

On the proposal of Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Ioan Matthews and with all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the Chief Constable and the local MP to highlight the direct effect that Government funding cuts are having on local young people through the lack of provisions.

430. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16th March 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 16th of March 2023 be accepted as a true record.

431. Matters arising from Finance Committee.

- i. Page 109: Item 414- Review of Town Council Grants Policy.
- ii. Page 110: Item 417 – Review of Council's Investment Strategy and Banking Arrangements.

Members **RESOLVED** that the two recommendations noted above should be approved as noted by the Finance Committee minutes for the 16th of March 2023.

- iii. Page 110: Item 420 – Shared Prosperity Fund.

Members discussed the request for funding to improve the Bandstand at Carmarthen Park. The Clerk shared details of the surveyor's recent report and potential costs to the work to be completed. The details and costs were discussed and after consideration of the situation, it was moved by Councillor Ioan Matthews and seconded by Councillor Jeff Thomas, and unanimously **DECIDED**, to submit an application. It was **AGREED** to identify 30% match funding as part of the application.

Town Clerk's Report

432. Planning

- i. **PL/05614** - Change of use from B8 (Storage or Distribution) to A2 (Professional Services) - 110A Lammas Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3AP - **NO OBJECTION.**
- ii. **PL/05616** – Proposed dwelling. Land adjacent to 42 Parc Starling, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HX – Members considered the application and agreed to respond with **NO COMMENT.**
- iii. **PL/05638** - Erection of a modest agricultural storage building of steel portal frame and box profile cladding. Mile End, Carmarthen, SA31 3QL – **NO OBJECTION**
- iv. **PL/05582** - Single story rear extension - 8 Waterloo Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 1DQ - **NO OBJECTION**
- v. **PL/05688** – Change of use from office to 4 flats – 6 Quay Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JX – **NO OBJECTION**
- vi. **PL/05697** – Change of use of disused office space to create two residential apartments, including the change of windows as approved in application reference: PL/00315 – 2 Spilman Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1JY – **NO OBJECTION**
- vii. **PL/05671** – Change of use of disused office space to create two residential apartments, including the change of windows as approved in application reference: PL/00315 – 2 Spilman Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1JY – **NO OBJECTION**
- viii. Carmarthenshire County Council has commenced work on a **Revised Local Development Plan (LDP)** for the period 2018-2033. Members **RESOLVED** that individual responses would be sent.

433. Highways Matters

None

434. Licensing Matters

None

435. Additional monthly accounts

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. Councillor Andy King proposed the schedule of payments totalling **£87,283.26** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk. Cllr Jeff Thomas seconded the proposal. All members agreed and it was **RESOLVED** that all payments should be approved.

436. Hywel Dda UHB – Public consultation dates for location of new planned and urgent care hospital.

Cllrs. **NOTED** the event dates.

437. Membership of One Voice Wales

Cllr. Jeff Thomas proposed that the membership of One Voice Wales should be renewed for 2022/23 and was seconded by Cllr. Luned Voyle. All members were in favour and the membership was **APPROVED**.

438. Carmarthen Town Council Strategy Consultation

Members **NOTED** the findings and **REFERRED** the consultation responses to the focus group to prepare a draft group to prepare a draft action for consideration by the General Purposes Committee.

439. Mayor's Report

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

February

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| 26 | Chapels and Churches in Carmarthen Town – St David's Service |
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March

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| 4 | St David's Parade |
| 17 | Llangunnor School – Mayor's Race |
| 17 | Vigil for Brianna Ghey |
| 25 | Magistrates' Court – Mock Trials competition |
| 28 | Abergwili School – Mayor's Race |
| | Climate conference |
| | Carmarthen Together – Speak at their 'Our Town, Our Future' conference. |
| 29 | Myrddin School - Mayor's Race |

Members **NOTED** the report.

440. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies.

- i. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone attended the St David's Day Parade and expressed his thanks to the Town Council staff for all their work leading up to and during the event.
- ii. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone noted his attendance at a Dr Mz meeting.
- iii. Cllr Barry Williams noted that a new citizen voice body called LLAIS would be launched in April 2023 in place of Community Health Councils across Wales.
- iv. Cllr. Alun Lenny noted an event in support of Dr Mz would be taking place on Saturday the 1st of April 2023.
- v. Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths noted his attendance at the annual general meeting of the Civic Society.
- vi. Cllr Dai Evans reported his appointment as chair for the River Festival committee and as a board member for Carmarthen BID.
- vii. Cllr Heledd ap Gwynfor noted her attendance at the St David's Day parade.
- viii. Cllr. Andy King noted his attendance at the St David's Day parade and thanked all staff for their hard work in preparing for the day.
- ix. Cllr. Ioan Matthews noted his attendance at the St David's Day Parade.
- x. Cllr Ioan Matthews noted his attendance at a Governors meeting at Ysgol y Dderwen.

The meeting closed at 20:39 pm.