

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 24th MAY 2023
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING

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. Wyn Thomas presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Heledd ap Gwynfor, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John (Video), Andy King (Video), Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Wyn Thomas and Luned Voyle.

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

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Tom Defis, Dai Evans, Angharad Jones-Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd and Barry Williams.

25 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Ioan Matthews for item 29 (ii) due to a family member working for the University of Wales Trinity St David and Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone for item 29 (ii) as a Council member for the University of Wales Trinity St David.

26 Questions from Members

None

27 Questions from the Public

None

28 To confirm and sign the minutes of the monthly Meeting of Council held on 26th of April 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone seconded by Cllr. Gareth John and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th of April 2023 be accepted as a true record.

Town Clerk's Report

29 Planning

- i. **PL/05716** - Double storey side extension and single storey rear - 31 Heol Rudd, Carmarthen, SA31 1ST - **NO OBJECTION**
- ii. **PL/05889** - Construction of floodlit 4G pitch, new car park and vehicular access and associated infrastructure works - Trinity College Playing Fields, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen - **NO OBJECTION**
- iii. **PL/05844** - Proposed foul pumping station and associated infrastructure - Land south of Frondeg, Carmarthen West, Carmarthen, SA31 3EA - Members **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to comment on concerns regarding possible flooding in Johnstown.
- iv. **PL/05915** – Removal of garage door (internal garage in house) brick up and window installed. Drive extended to 3 parking – 8 Maes Pedr, Carmarthen, SA31 3BR. - **NO OBJECTION**
- v. Safle / Site: 4 Heol Salem, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3HJ
Datblygu / Development: Proposed Removable catering trailer / unit in corner of rear garden to serve hot drinks and food.
Cyfeirnod / Reference: CAS-02179-C8P6W9
Penderfyniad ar yr Apêl / Appeal Decision: **Dismissed**
- vi. Safle / Site: Land adjacent to, Penlan Fach, Alltynap Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3QY
Datblygu / Development: 1. A commercial South-Facing Polytunnel, 9.14 metres wide x 18.29 metres long (Total 167.17 Square metres) 2. No gate at the farm access, 15 metres wide x 30 metres long hardstanding for loading, parking and vehicular manoeuvring. (Total 450 Square metres) 3. Private way, 3.6 metres wide x 100 metres long, will be built to link the farm entrance and the Polytunnel location in next parcel of land supporting farming activities within this agricultural land unit. (Total 360 Square metres)
Cyfeirnod / Reference: CAS-02181-M1K1J2
Penderfyniad ar yr Apêl / Appeal Decision: **Dismissed.**

Members **NOTED** the Report.

30 Highways Matters

None

31 Licensing Matters

None

32 Financial Report.

Council's Bank balances on the 30th of April 2023 were as follows:

	£
HSBC Current Account	£136,574.38
HSBC Reserve Account	£597,723.18
Total Cash in Bank	£734,297.56

Balances in Other Accounts on 30th April 2023:

Mayor's Allowance	-	£1,627.50
Mayor's Fun Run	-	£7,441.13

- Gross expenditure for the period 1st April to the 30th of April 2023 totalled £21,046.20.
- Income for the same period, including the Park Tea Shop, totalled £8,861.51. The overall net expenditure is therefore £12,184.69.
- The Net Budget/Precept requirement for 2023/24 is £793,011, of which £264,337.00 has been received. Members will note from the above that Council completed the year within budget on 30th April 2023.
- Bank transfers. £100,000 was transferred from the Reserve on the 13th of April and £250,000 was transferred to the Reserve Account following receipt of the precept.

The financial report was **NOTED**.

33 Monthly accounts May 2023.

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor proposed that the schedule of payments totalling **£109,959.65** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk. Cllr. Andy King seconded the proposal. All members agreed and it was **RESOLVED** that all payments should be approved.

34 Annual Audit 2021/2022.

The Clerk reported recorded a successful conclusion to the 2021/22 external audit with Audit Wales have confirming completion and issuing an unqualified audit opinion. No other matters were raised for the attention of Council. Cllr. Wyn Thomas proposed that Council congratulate all staff involved with the work to successfully complete the audit.

35 Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councils.

The Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

36 One Voice Wales Motions for 2023 Annual General Meeting.

No motions were offered.

37 Members Allowances.

RESOLVED that the details presented to members should be approved for publication and submission to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

38 Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Dafydd Llywelyn, Dyfed Powys Police Crime Commissioner outlining the work that has already and continues to take place to tackle the anti-social behaviour by young people in Carmarthen Town. It was noted that Council members were welcome to attend the Police Headquarters to witness first-hand the ongoing work.

39 Mayors Report.

Since the last meeting, the Mayor, provided a report of attendance at the following engagements:

May

1	Mayor's Race
5	World Peace Race – Welcome runners to Ysgol y Dderwen
6	Plas y Dderwen – Coronation celebrations
12	Mayor Making Ceremony
13	Carmarthenshire Y. F. C. – County Rally
14	Civic Service
17	Wesley Church– Coffee morning in aid of Tanzania
18	Haverfordwest Town Council– Moyral Ceremony and luncheon

Members **NOTED** the Report.

40 Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies.

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone recorded attendance at the Mayor Making ceremony and at Tŷ Hapus.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths recorded that Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone would be visiting Lesneven and presenting the Mayor of Lesneven with a framed picture of the Guildhall Carmarthen.
- (iii) Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor recorded that she would be attending "Gwyl Canol Dre" in her capacity as the Town Sheriff on the 8th of July.

The meeting closed at 8:31 pm