

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15 JUNE 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 attended by means of remote attendance.

Cllr. Luned Voyle presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Andy King (Video), Gareth John (Video), Wyn Thomas, a Luned Voyle.

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

53. Election of a Chair

Cllr. Luned Voyle proposed that Cllr. Jeff Thomas, in his absence, be elected as Chair of Committee, and the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gareth John and the matter was **RESOLVED** subject to the acceptance of Cllr. Thomas.

54. Election of a Vice Chair

On the motion of Cllr. Gareth John, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Luned Voyle would be elected as Vice Chair of Committee.

55. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Heledd Ap Gwynfor, Tom Defis, Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone and Jeff Thomas.

56. To authorise the signing of the Order for Payment of Accounts Schedules June 2023.

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. **RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments totalling **£73,143.63** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk.

57. Town Clerk's Report

(a) Financial Report

Council's Bank balances on the 31st of May 2023 were as follows:

HSBC Current Account	£46,593.80
HSBC Reserve Account	£598,304.39
Total Cash in Bank	£644,898.19

Balances in Other Accounts on 31st May 2023:

Mayor's Allowance - £1,627.50

Mayor's Fun Run - £7,441.13

- Gross expenditure for the period 1st April 2023 to the 31st of May 2023 totalled £113,068.53.
- Income for the same period totalled £20,964.38. The overall net expenditure is therefore £92,104.15.
- The Net Budget/Precept requirement for 2022/23 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 31st May 2023.

The financial report was **NOTED**.

58. Regular payments and Direct Debits.

In accordance with financial regulation 5.6, a list of regular payees and the typical costs per month or quarter for those suppliers was presented to committee. Approval was sought to facilitate payment to these suppliers ahead of Finance Committee meetings, if necessary. Members **APPROVED** the list.

A list of direct debit payments was also included for the information of members and was **NOTED**.

59. Town Centre Activities and Financial Assistance.

Three applications were presented to committee and the following contributions were **RESOLVED**:

- Gŵyl Canol Dre – Cllr. Gareth John proposed a contribution of £2000 as budgeted which was seconded by Cllr. Andy King. All members **AGREED**.
- Carmarthen River Festival – Cllr. Wyn Thomas proposed a contribution of £2000 as budgeted which was seconded by Cllr. Gareth John. All members **AGREED**.
- Carmarthen Town AFC – Cllr. Wyn Thomas proposed a contribution of £250 which was seconded by Cllr. Andy King. All members **AGREED**.

60. Storage Shed for Tea Room Furniture.

Members **APPROVED** the purchase of a storage shed for the outdoor furniture up to the value of £1000.

61. Purchase a Cherry Picker.

Members **APPROVED** the purchase of a Cherry Picker at short notice should a replacement vehicle become available within the allocated budget of £20,000.

62. Shared Prosperity Fund-Sustainable Communities 3rd round of applications.

Members considered possible projects and it was agreed that ideas would be submitted to Council in the meeting on the 28th of June.

63. Gŵyl y Daffodil.

The clerk outlined the proposed plans for the planting and the event and highlighted the various parties and organisations that would be working together. Cllr. Andy King proposed a contribution of £5000 which was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas. Cllr. Gareth John amended the motion to allow for additional expenditure to be incurred up to £10,000 subject to the approval of committee. All members were in favour and the proposal was **AGREED**.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.