

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 28th 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 held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor, Cllr. Wyn Thomas presided over the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Heledd ap Gwynfor, Dai Evans, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John (Video), Angharad Jones-Leefe (Video), Arwel Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks (Video), Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams and Luned Voyle.

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

*There was one member of the public present via video link.*

**64. Discussion with Sergeant Dylan Davies, Dyfed Powys Police.**

The Mayor welcomed Sergeant Dylan Davies and PC Rhian James to the meeting. Sergeant Davies updated the Council on progress made in tackling the Anti-Social behaviour in the town by a minority of youths. Sergeant Davies confirmed that they had confiscated several e-scooters from youths again due to Anti-Social behaviour and that they were receiving less complaints regarding youths driving at speed late at night in the Town Centre and surrounding areas. Cllr Emlyn Schiavone thanked the Police on behalf of the Council for their time in attending the meeting and for their work in tackling these issues.

**65. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Andy King, Alun Lenny, and Jeff Thomas.

**66. Declarations of Interest**

None

**67. Questions from Members**

None

**68. Questions from the Public**

None

**69. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Arwel Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**70. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**71. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Dai Evans, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**72. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr. Barry Williams and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**73. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.**

- i. Page 15: Item No 50 - Gŵyl y Daffodil
- ii. Page 15: Item No 51 - CTC Strategy: Five Year Action Plan
- iii. Page 15: Item No 52 - Christmas in Carmarthen

Members **RESOLVED** that the three recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

**74. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gareth John, seconded by Cllr. Luned Voyle and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 be accepted as a true copy.

## Town Clerk's Report

### 75. Planning

- i. **PL/06121** – Change of use from a 13 HMO with retail unit to 12 apartments with retail unit – 137 Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LR. – Members **RESOLVED** to support the comments regarding archaeology, heritage (preservation of the fenestration) and parking concerns that had been received by Carmarthenshire County Council in response to this application.
- ii. **PL/06137** – 3 dwelling houses converted into 1 HMO for medical staff or medical students -15,16 and 17 Tanerdy, Carmarthen, SA31 2EP - **SUPPORTED**
- iii. **PL/06143** – Change of use from a vacant office into a Class C3 single residential house for rental- 32 Quay Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JT – **SUPPORTED**
- iv. **PL/06094** – Change of use of an office building to a single dwelling – 34 Quay Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JT (Listed Building Consent)– **NO OBJECTION**
- v. **PL/06144** – Change of use from a vacant office into a single residential house for rent (Listed Building Consent)– 32 Quay Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3JT – **SUPPORTED**

### 76. Highways Matters

None

### 77. Licensing Matters.

None

### 78. To receive the Internal Auditor's report, Statement of Accounts and Annual Return to Audit Wales.

The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts to the Council however, due to a delay with the accountant, it had not been possible to receive the Internal Auditor's report or prepare the Annual Return in time for the meeting. A notice had been prepared in accordance with Audit Wales guidelines to be placed on Council's website noting the delay. The return will be presented to the July meeting of Council. Members agreed that the Statement of Accounts should be **APPROVED** and **NOTED** the update on the Annual Return.

### 79. Annual Report.

The Clerk presented the Council with the bilingual Annual Report for 2023/2024. Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths thanked everyone for the hard work undertaken during the year and stated how proud the Council should be of the achievements. Members **APPROVED** the report.

## 80. Shared Prosperity Fund- Sustainable Communities 3<sup>rd</sup> round of applications.

Members were invited to suggest potential projects to submit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Sustainable Communities Fund.

- i. Cllr. Dai Evans proposed the development of an app for the town to support tourism which would also be a resource for local people and businesses.
- ii. Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor proposed that a feasibility study should be proposed for renewal community energy projects and consideration should also be given to seeking funding for net zero assessment for council to assist with 2030 net zero goal.

Members **RESOLVED** that these ideas should be explored further with further information provided in the July meeting of council.

## 81. The Mayor's Report.

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

<u>June</u>	
9	Carmarthen School of Art- Annual Further Education Show
24	Scouts – WestJam 2023

Members **NOTED** the report.

## 82. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies.

- (i) Cllr. Arwel Lloyd reminded all members of the Gŵyl Canol Dre event on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.
- (ii) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone noted his attendance at the recent Twinning Visit to Lesneven.
- (iii) Cllr. Heledd Ap Gwynfor noted her attendance at a LocalMotion event in Carmarthen as Town Sheriff. Cllr. Heledd Ap Gwynfor also attended a Questions and Answer session at the Egin Carmarthen.
- (iv) Cllr. Russell Sparks confirmed his appointment as a School Governor of Model School, Carmarthen.
- (v) Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths noted that he was working with Cllr Dai Evans to promote further activities to encourage future twinning links between Carmarthen Town and Lesneven, specifically looking at the business sector.

**The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.**