

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 11 JULY 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. Peter Hughes Griffiths presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny (Video) Miriam Moules (Video), Russell Sparks (Video), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams.

Mrs Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council

Mrs Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

Mr Tudur Jones – Translator (Video)

83. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mark Ingram, Arwel Lloyd and Emlyn Schiavone.

84. Declarations of Interest

None

Town Clerk's Report

85.Planning Applications

- i. **PL/06204** - Separation of the first floor flat into 2 flats, ground floor to remain as a take- away restaurant - Flat, 119 Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1NB – **NO OBJECTION.**
- ii. **PL/06216** – Change of use from shop to Beauty Salon and makeup artist training facility – 21 Mansel Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1QX – **SUPPORTED.**

86. Highways Matters

Following the decision of the Welsh Government to introduce a mandatory speed limit of 20 M.P.H. on restricted roads in Wales Carmarthenshire County Council have published notices of the County Council's proposals to introduce 20 and 30 M.P.H speed limits along roads throughout the County. The period of objection to each proposed Order expires on the 28th of July, 2023. Members discussed the matter, and it was **AGREED** that the matter would be referred to the Full Council meeting at the end of the month to allow the opportunity for others to comment. Information would also be provided regarding the status of

the Carmarthen West link road and comments previously made by the Town Council about this road.

87. Licensing Matters

None

88. Review of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessments.

Members discussed the review, with Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noting the improvements in Lammas Street following the introduction of measures during the previous consultation in tackling alcohol related Crime and Disorder in the area and the continued need for it to be included. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that Nott Square, King Street and Queen Street should also be included, and that the review and Cumulative Impact Assessment should revisit the need to include Coracle Way. This was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas with all members in agreement and the matter was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

89. Model Standing Orders.

The Clerk presented the revised model, produced by One Voice Wales to the Members, outlining the most recent changes, and noted the comprehensive nature of the document. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths commented on the importance of having such a document to refer to as a Council. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that the document be **RECOMMENDED** to Council, and this was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas.

90. Unclaimed S106 funding for parks in the vicinity of Pentremeurig, Lime Grove and College Road.

Members discussed the S106 funding available and considered various options. Cllr. Miriam Moules commented that the Maes y Wennol play area would benefit from an upgrade with Cllr. Russell Sparks supporting the use of funds to improve Johnstown Park. Cllr Miriam Moules proposed that the matter should be referred to the September meeting (time permitting) and this was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and it was **AGREED** to defer the discussion.

91. Shared Prosperity Fund – 1st Round application (information only)

The Clerk advised the Members that an email had been received confirming, subject to due diligence checks, that the application for the 1st round of funding had been successful. The funds will be utilised to make improvements to The Bandstand at Carmarthen Park. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, on behalf of the members thanked the Clerk for her hard work in submitting and making this application successful.

The meeting closed at 8:03 pm.