

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 26th 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 held by means of remote attendance.

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

PRESENT: Councillors: Heledd ap Gwynfor, Dai Evans (Video), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones-Leefe (Video), Andy King (Video), Alun Lenny (Video), Emlyn Schiavone, Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams.

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

108. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Mark Ingram, Gareth John, Arwel Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules and Russell Sparks.

109. Declarations of Interest

None

110. Questions from Members

None

111. Questions from the Public

None

112. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 28th of June 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 28th of June 2023 be accepted as a true record.

113. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th July 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 11th of July 2023 be accepted as a true record.

114. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.

- i. Page 25: Item No 88 - Review of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessments
- ii. Page 25: Item No 89 – Model Standing Orders

Members **RESOLVED** that the two recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 11th of July 2023.

- iii. Page 25: Item No 90 – Unclaimed S106 funding for parks in the vicinity of Pentremeurig, Lime Grove and College Road.

The Town Clerk confirmed there was no deadline for applications and that the matter would be discussed at the General Purposes Committee meeting in September.

115. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 13th June 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 13th of July 2023 be accepted as a true copy.

116. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 18th of July 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths , seconded by Cllr. Angharad Jones-Leefe and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 18th of July 2023 be accepted as a true record.

117. Matters arising from the Management Committee

- i. Revised Training Plan
- ii. Revised Employee Handbook
- iii. Update on Hall Keeper's role

Members **RESOLVED** that the three recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the Management Committee minutes for the 18th of July 2023.

Town Clerk's Report**118. Planning**

- i. **PL/06003** - Erection of solar array and all associated works - Wynnstay, Llysonnen Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3SG – **NO OBJECTION**

- ii. **PL/06258** - Change of use from a dwelling to a 5-bedroom HMO with a double story extension - 20 Hafod Cwnin, Carmarthen, SA31 2AT – **OBJECTION** on the basis that the change of use would create parking issues for other residents.
- iii. **PL/06268** - Variation of Condition 2 on PL/00032 (Revised plans) - Land part of Hawthorns, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3QY – **NO OBJECTION**

119. Highways Matters

- i. Mandatory speed limit of 20 M.P.H. on restricted roads in Wales.

The Clerk confirmed that the “Class III Road Carmarthen West Link Road” was included in the 30mph speed limit. Members **NOTED** the update.

- ii. Temporary Road Closure.

The Clerk confirmed that King Street would be closed on the 29th of July between the hours of 10-3 due to the “Top of the Town” event. Members **NOTED** the update.

120. Licensing Matters.

None

121. To receive the Internal Auditor’s report and Annual Return to Audit Wales.

The Town Clerk presented the Annual Return, and Internal Auditor’s report to Council. The Town Clerk addressed the issues raised in the Internal Auditor’s report and presented the Annual Governance Statement to Council for approval as part of the Annual Return. On the motion of Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor, with all members in favour, it was agreed that the Internal Auditor’s report should be **NOTED**, and the Annual Return should be **APPROVED**.

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

- i. The development of a Carmarthen app.

Cllr. Dai Evans shared information on the development of a “Carmarthen App”. Members felt that further information was required to ascertain the ongoing costs involved in maintain the App.

- ii. Funding for a feasibility study for a community energy project.

The Clerk reported that discussions had taken place regarding the potential of a community energy project with several parties including Ynni Sir Gâr and Ynni Cymunedol Cymru with had been favourable. Council was in favour of exploring this further, time permitting for the SPF funding application deadline.

Members **RESOLVED** that both projects should be explored further with additional information being required prior to submitting an application in September.

123. Correspondence.

The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Menter Gorllewin Sir Gâr thanking Council for their financial assistance during the Gŵyl Canol Dre event on the 8th of July 2023.

124. The Mayor's Report.

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

List of Mayor's Engagements up to 26th July 2023

June

30

Model School – Presenting a Mayor's Race Certificate
Llangunnor School – Presenting Mayor's Race Certificates

July

2

Carmarthen Bowls Club – Bowling Tournament
University of Wales Trinity St David – Fellows' Banquet

3

University of Wales Trinity St David – Service, Lunch and
Graduation Ceremony

7

Ysgol y Dderwen – Presenting Certificates

8

Gŵyl Canol Dre – Opoening the festival

16

Llanelli Rural Council – Chairman's Civic Service

18

Cylch Cinio Cwm Tawe – Receive a group from the Cylch
Cinio

Members **NOTED** the report.

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

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone noted attendance at the Gŵyl Canol Dre event on the 8th of July 2023.
- (ii) Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor noted attendance at a Graduation Ceremony at the University of Wales Trinity St David. Cllr Heledd ap Gwynfor also attended the Gŵyl Canol Dref event, both in her capacity as Town Sherriff.
- (iii) Cllr. Barry Williams had attended a governors meeting at Richmond Park School.

- (iv) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noted his attendance at a One Voice Wales area committee meeting held in the Committee room at St Peter's Civic Hall.
- (v) Cllr. Alun Lenny received "Cylch Cinio Cwm Tawe" at the Guildhall. Cllr Alun Lenny also noted attendance at the opening of "Clip Corner" at Carmarthen Library.
- (vi) Cllr. Dai Evans noted attendance at the Carmarthen River Festival meeting.
- (vii) Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe noted attendance at an Oriel Myrddin trustees meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:22 pm.