

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 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, Arwel Lloyd (Video), Miriam Moules (Video), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams.

Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council (Video)
Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager
Tudur Jones – Translator (Video)

172. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Emlyn Schiavone, Angharad Jones Leefe.

173. Declarations of Interest

None

Town Clerk's Report

174. Planning Applications

- i. **PL/06644** – Agricultural barn for the storage of farm machinery and implements- Mile End Farm, Carmarthen, SA31 3QL – **NO OBJECTIONS**
- ii. **PL/06329** – Change of roof angle to create first floor bedroom accommodation and erection of attached garage – 7 Courtlands Park, Carmarthen, SA31 1EU – **AS PREVIOUS COMMENTS, NEIGHBOURS PRIVACY CONCERNS TO BE CONSIDERED.**

175. Highways Matters

None

176. Licensing Matters

None

177. Siân Johnston Sub-committee report

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths congratulated the sub-committee on its work and commented on the positive steps being taken towards sustainable living. The Clerk commented on the success of the “exchange event” held at the Civic Hall last year and requested members permission to offer the hall free of charge to show our support for this year’s event. Cllr Arwel Lloyd proposed that the hall be offered for free, and this was seconded by Cllr Miriam Moules with all members in **AGREEMENT**.

Members **NOTED** the report.

178. Christmas Closure Period

Members **RECOMMENDED** that the offices close from Monday 25th December 2023 to 9am Tuesday 2nd January 2024 with the Clerk and Administrative Officer being accessible throughout this period.

179. Parc Hinds

The Clerk advised that the report investigating the drain/ sewer issues at a property in Parcel Terrace had not yet been received and that an application had been made for sewer and drainage plans of the area from Welsh Water to establish ownership and responsibility for the issues.

Members were advised by the Clerk that the solicitor who had examined the lease had confirmed that responsibility for the collapsed wall would appear to rest with the Town Council. The Surveyor’s report once received, would detail the extent of the damage, and assess the likelihood of a further collapse along the wall.

Members **NOTED** the update.

180. Council Capital Projects and Priorities 2024/2025

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths commended the various Capital Projects noted in the minutes of the Siân Johnston Committee and requested the Members submit any suggestions for future projects to the Town Clerk prior to recommendation to Full Council.

The Clerk advised that Budget Planning was becoming a concern due to the increasing costs incurred by Council, and this would need to be considered when planning future projects.

181. Installation of Replacement apparatus at Carmarthen Park (Mobile Phone Mast)

Members discussed the contents of a letter received from Pegasus Group regarding the Installation of replacement apparatus at Carmarthen Park to support the provision of upgraded mobile connectivity. The Clerk confirmed that there would be no material change to the existing base station. Cllr. Miriam Moules proposed to allow the change and the motion was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas with all members in agreement.

The meeting closed at 7:51 pm.