

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 25th 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 held by means of remote attendance.

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Tom Defis, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Andy King, Alun Lenny (Video), Arwel Lloyd (Video), Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks (Video), Jeff Thomas, Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams.

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

**191. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Luned Voyle, Angharad Jones Leefe, Dai Evans.

**192. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Russell Sparks to Item 199 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

**193. Questions from Members**

None

**194. Questions from the Public**

None

**195. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Andy King and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**196. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Barry Williams and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 be accepted as a true record.

### 197. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.

- i. Page 50: Item No 178 – Christmas Closure Period

Members **RESOLVED** that the recommendation noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023.

- ii. Page 50: Item No 179 – Parc Hinds

The Clerk advised members that issues with the sewer at a property in Parcel Terrace have since been resolved with Welsh Water confirming responsibility.

Members were also advised that the Clerk was waiting for the Surveyors report regarding the wall at Parc Hinds. Cllr. Alun Lenny suggested that the Clerk contact the Conservation Department with Carmarthen County Council for further advice and guidance.

### 198. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andy King, seconded by Cllr. Gareth John and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 be accepted as a true copy.

### Town Clerk's Report

#### 199. Planning

- i. **PL/06740** – Double Storey rear extension and single-story side – 31 Heol Rudd, Carmarthen, SA31 1ST – **NO OBJECTION**
- ii. **PL/06716** – Demolition of the former Lidl Foodstore, Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LS – Members **NOTED** the information.
- iii. **PL/06729** - Change of use to residential – 1 Queen Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1JR – **NO OBJECTION**
- iv. **PL/066683** -Existing 17.5m Monopole to be removed and replaced with a new 17.5m Monopole and Headframe which will support 6No. Antenna along with ancillary equipment - Carmarthen Park, Morfa Lane, Carmarthen, SA31 3AX - **NO OBJECTION**
- v. **PL/6760** – Listed Building Consent - Repair of the original windows to the Chapel. Repair of the render to the property. Repairs and replacement of coping stones and finial. Repair and replacement of guttering - Capel Dental Practice, Mansel Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1QX - **NO OBJECTION**

#### 200. Highways Matters

The Clerk advised members that the two lay-bys in Spilman Street would be conjoined in a bid to ease traffic issues.

Members **NOTED** the update.

**201. Licensing Matters.**

None

**202. Carmarthen Park Bandstand.**

Members **APPROVED** that the Bandstand should remain closed for safety reasons and in a bid to prevent further vandalism following the recent damage.

**203. Meeting Reports.**

Members **NOTED** the reports.

**204. Christmas Grotto.**

Members **APPROVED** that there would be no charge for Santa's grotto this year to support the free event during the cost-of-living crisis. Donations would also be accepted for Carmarthenshire County Council's Toybox Appeal which proved to be a success during last year's event.

**205. Democratic Health Call for Evidence.**

The Clerk advised Members of a consultation being undertaken by a Democratic Health Task and Finish Group into increasing interest in, and representation on, Community and Town Councils. Members **AGREED** that they would respond individually.

**206. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report 2024.**

Members considered the draft report from the IRPW, no amendments to the current arrangements were proposed at this time. Management Committee would also consider the report prior to budget setting.

**207. 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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023**September

27 MacMillan – Coffee morning

October

5 Tenovus Cancer Care Choir – Celebration Concert  
6 Cawl a Chân evening  
8 Laugharne Corporation – Breakfast  
13 Carmarthenshire Y.F. C. – Eisteddfod  
15 Ten minutes of Silence  
20 Launch of Poppy Appeal

21	Royal Naval Association – Trafalgar Night Dinner
23	Farmers' Union of Wales – Eve of Welsh Dairy Show function

**208. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies.**

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone noted his attendance at an event at the English Baptist Church held to promote residents to grow and produce their own fruit and vegetables.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noted that he would be attending the One Voice Wales Area Committee.
- (iii) Cllr. Russell Sparks noted that he had been confirmed as a School Governor at Queen Elizabeth High School in Carmarthen.

**The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.**