

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 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 Dai Evans (Video), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe (Video), Arwel Lloyd (Video), Alun Lenny (Video), Miriam Moules (Video), Russell Sparks (Video), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams (Video)

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

208. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Emlyn Schiavone.

209. Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr Russell Sparks for item 211 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

210. Matters arising from minutes of the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting

None.

Town Clerk's Report

211. Planning Applications

i. **PL/06786** – The erection of a steel framed shed for the storage of agricultural machinery – Mile End, Trevaughan Road, Cynwyl Elfed, Carmarthen, SA31 3QL – **NO OBJECTION.**

ii. **SNN/01753** – Development of a new site with 93 new addresses and 2 new street names, Land at Frondeg, Carmarthen West, Carmarthen, SA31. An application has been received from the developer of the above development to name the site officially – A discussion took place whereby the Chair outlined the history of the area with the field originally being known as Frondeg, and the neighbouring farm being known as Trebersed. The name Bersed was suggested by a Member to originate from 1291.Cllr

Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that Maes Frondeg would be an appropriate name for one Street with the other being known as Maes Bersed, a motion seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules with all Members in agreement.

iii. **SNN/01800** – Development of a new site with 21 new addresses and 1 new street name- Former Cattle Breeding Centre, Travellers Rest, Johnstown, Carmarthen.

An application has been received from the developer of the above development to name the site officially – Maes y Teirw – Members discussed the suggested name and agreed that Maes Norah would be preferred for two reasons, one as a tribute to Norah Issac, a Welsh author, drama producer and a campaigner for Welsh language education and also as other streets within the development were named after people, e.g., Maes Elen, Maes Pedr and Maes Macsen. Cllr. Alun Lenny proposed Maes Norah be put forward and the motion was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas.

iv. **PL/06824** – Replacement of timber windows and doors- Flat 3, Myrddin House, 16 Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1NA – **NO OBJECTION**

212. Highways Matters

None

213. Licensing Matters

None

214. Christmas event 2023 update

The Clerk advised Members of the arrangements for the Christmas event including a reception at St Peter's Civic Hall ahead of the switch on. Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths thanked staff for their hard work in preparing the town for the switch on.

Members **NOTED** the update.

215. ID Cards for Staff and Members

Members discussed the need for ID cards for Staff and Members. Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that whilst they would be of benefit to staff whilst on Town Council duties, there was no requirement for Councillors to be provided ID cards at this time. This could be reviewed in the future. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Russell Sparks and **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

216. Parc Hinds

Members were advised by the Clerk that the surveyor had visited and briefly assessed the site. Once the report was complete, the surveyor would outline

options available. The Clerk also said that it appears that the wall is Grade 2 listed which would need to be taken into consideration.

A site visit with the Conservation Department of Carmarthenshire County Council and CADW would also take place once a report had been received from the surveyor.

Members **NOTED** the update.

217. Carmarthen Castle Consultation

The Clerk advised Members that the Carmarthen Castle Consultation was now live, and that survey staff would also be outside the Castle during the “Christmas in Carmarthen” event on Saturday. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths urged members to take part in the survey and give their thoughts on the future of the Castle.

Members **NOTED** the information.

The meeting closed at 7:56 pm.