

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2024 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 (Video), Arwel Lloyd (Video), Alun Lenny (Video), Miriam Moules (Video), Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks (Video), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams (Video)

Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council

Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

**276. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**277. Declarations of Interest**

- (i) Cllr Russell Sparks for item 278 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

**Town Clerk's Report**

**278. Planning Applications**

It was **NOTED** that Cllr. Russell Sparks took no part in discussions held regarding Planning applications due to his role as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

- i. **PL/07013** - Double storey side extension (Resubmission of PL/06552 Refused on 14/11/2023) - 20 Hafod Cwnin, Carmarthen, SA31 2AT - **NO OBJECTION** was made to the application due to the change in status from HMO which was welcomed by members to help alleviate parking issues on the street.
- ii. **PL/06916** - Variation of Condition 2 (Amended Plans) and Removal of Condition 3 (Detail of the Cladding) on PL/01226 to allow a Reconfiguration of Window and Door Openings, and Alterations to Existing Facades - Myrddin House, 16 Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1NA - **NO OBJECTIONS**
- iii. **PL/07077** - Change of use of ground floor from A1 to A2 – 11 Lammas Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3AD – **NO OBJECTIONS**

- iv. **PL/07076** – Change of use of first and second floors from tattoo parlour to two residential (one bedroom) flats- Regent House, Nott Square, Carmarthen, SA31 1PG - Members wished to raise their concerns regarding possible noise pollution from surrounding establishments due to an active nightlife and therefore the need to ensure that soundproofing measures are taken by the developers completing the conversion to prevent this being an issue.

**279. Highways Matters**

None

**280. Licensing Matters**

None

**281. To consider the rule concerning headstone colours at the Cemetery**

Members discussed the rules regarding the current permitted headstone colours at Carmarthen Cemetery and agreed that a lighter shade of grey could be permitted. Cllr. Barry Williams suggested that clear guidance would be required to ensure that variations of grey were acceptable. Members requested that the Clerk consult with local stone masons and report back during the next Committee meeting.

**282. Tree and hedge planting at Johnstown Park**

The Clerk outlined the discussions that have been held with the Local Places for Nature Officer from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the planting of trees and a hedgerow at Johnstown Park/Welfare Field. Cllr Emlyn Schiavone welcomed the plans and hoped that the trees would improve the overall outlook of the park and with all Members in agreement, the project was **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

**283. Shared Prosperity Fund – Sustainable Communities 4<sup>th</sup> round of applications**

The Clerk shared with Members details and costings of potentially suitable outdoor activities which would be inclusive to all ages and abilities. An outdoor table tennis table was shown to committee which would be wheelchair accessible and a ‘teen shelter’ incorporating a basketball hoop providing an area for socialising and for physical activities. These would be situated at Carmarthen Park and Johnstown Park with the Clerk suggesting that an application for S106 funding could be submitted to provide the ‘Teen Shelter’ for Johnstown Park.

Members discussed the suitability of these items, and with all Members in favour, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would prepare and submit an application as outlined above.

**The meeting closed at 8:04 pm.**