

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 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), Alun Lenny (Video), Miriam Moules (video), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams (video).

Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council

Tudur Jones – Translator

323. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Arwel Lloyd, Emlyn Schiavone and Russell Sparks.

324. Declarations of Interest

None

Town Clerk's Report

325. Planning Applications

i. **PL/07136** - New shopfront with a new sign above - 132B Priory Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LR - Members considered the application and the observations made by the Built Heritage Officer. It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment at this time while the planning department resolved the issues identified.

ii. **PL/07046** - Installation of Air Source Heat Pump - 9 Friars Park, Carmarthen, SA31 3AN - **NO OBJECTION**

iii. **PL/07194** - Retrospective planning for the change of use and internal works to convert the first and second floors of 19-20 Lammas Street to 4 self-contained residential flats - 19-20 Lammas Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3AL. Members **SUPPORTED** the application to bring more residential accommodation to the town centre but requested that potential noise pollution from neighbouring pubs and nightclubs we considered as a material planning consideration.

iv. **PL/07018** - Reserved Matters Consent for phase 1 of outline consent W/27776 and PL/01626 for the approval of 123 residential dwellings, associated infrastructure and POS provision - Land to the north of Old St Clears Road

(B4312), south of Pentremeurig Road and west of Carmarthen known as Pentremeurig Farm South - Careful consideration was given to the application and while **NO OBJECTION** was raised to this phase of the development, members queried the lack of additional services provided for all the extra houses in this expanding development site. There is currently no additional health care provision to cater for all the new properties. Members also queried when work would commence on the new school that had been approved for this area. It was also raised that there was no provision for amenities such as shops in a development that was equivalent to a village or a small town in size.

326. Highways Matters

None

327. Licensing Matters

None

328. To consider the rule concerning headstone colours at the cemetery

Members were advised that a catalogue of all colour options has been provided and the Administrative Officer will check colours when contacted by monumental masons to ensure that the shades are within an acceptable range of grey (or black), rather than shades such as off-white, stone or cream. Members **RECOMMENDED** this approach to council.

329. Review of gate closure at Penllwyn Park

Members reviewed the closure of the pitch area at Penllwyn Park as agreed in September 2021. Due to reduction in dog fouling on the pitch and the increased costs associated with the opening and closing of the gate, committee **RECOMMENDED** that the current arrangement of leaving the gates closed should continue.

330. Review of Polling District and Polling Places 2023 – Carmarthenshire County Council

Members considered the review and **NOTED** the document accepting the one proposed change in the North/South ward.

331. SPF - Sustainable Communities Funds Updates

Members **NOTED** the update on the bandstand and community energy projects that had secured SPF funding.

332. St David's Day Celebrations

Members expressed thanks to council and staff for the arrangements and **NOTED** the plans for the events during February and March.

333. Risk Assessment Policy

Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe proposed changing the wording to lines 12 and 13 to reflect the external factors which impacted on these areas, that are outside the control of council. With the noted proposed amendment, committee **RECOMMENDED** the risk assessment and schedule to council.

334. Operations Officer Report

Members **NOTED** the report. More information was requested regarding the play area in Penllwyn Park. The Clerk will provide an update in the full council meeting at the end of February.

The meeting closed at 8:13pm.