CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 MARCH 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: Dai Evans (video), Peter Hughes Griffiths (video), Angharad Jones Leefe (video), Alun Lenny (video), Miriam Moules (video), Russell Sparks (video), Wyn Thomas, and Barry Williams (Video).

Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council Tudur Jones – Translator

359. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Arwel Lloyd and Emlyn Schiavone.

360. Declarations of Interest

(i) Cllr Russell Sparks for item 361 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

Town Clerk's Report

361. Planning Applications

- PL/07347 Full Planning Application for the Installation of 1no. Portacabin Building to be used as an additional office/consultation space - Carmarthen Veterinary Centre and Hospital, Llanllwch, Carmarthen, SA31 3SA – NO OBJECTION
- ii. PL/07338 Proposed Ancillary Garage to store and maintain applicant's classic car collection Hafod Hedd, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3QU. NO OBJECTION
- iii. PL/07317 Replacement single storey portacabin for Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire Trauma Recovery Centre - Glangwili General Hospital, Dolgwili Road, Carmarthen, SA31 2AF – NO OBJECTION
- iv. PL/07278 Proposed single storey shed to provide storage accommodation to the rear garden 14 Barnsfield Terrace, Carmarthen, SA31 1DJ NO OBJECTION
- v. **PL/07048** Single story side extension 2 Hafod Cwnin, Carmarthen, SA31 2AU **NO OBJECTION**

362. Highways Matters

None

363. Licensing Matters

None

364. Hanging Baskets

The Clerk advised Members that Carmarthen BID had agreed to fund 220 hanging baskets, additional tiered planters and cover the cost of employing a third party to water the baskets and planters within the BID area for 2024. They would also arrange to water baskets outside the BID area, the cost of which would be covered by the Town Council.

The Chair, Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noted his support for the community partnership working and was grateful for the benefits it brought to the community.

Members **RECOMMENDED** that Council should support the partnership.

365. Martyn's Law - Standard Tier Consultation

The Clerk explained the background to the Home Office consultation on the new Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill. This legislation would impact all premises with a capacity of 100+ people with an enhanced tier for premises of 800+ capacity. A discussion was held, and members **NOTED** the consultation. The Clerk will update members as the bill progresses through parliament and the requirements of the legislation are finalised.

366. Parc Hinds Wall

The Clerk advised Members that meetings with Cadw and the Heritage Officer from Carmarthenshire County Council had taken place following a further collapse of the wall at Parc Hinds. Responsibility funding for the work was discussed and it was **AGREED** that the safety of the wall and people in the park would be prioritised with discussions regarding ownership and responsibility to follow with Carmarthenshire County Council.

367. Community Well-being & Events Officer Report

Members **NOTED** the report and praised the positive work happening throughout the community with partner organisations.

The meeting closed at 8:12pm.