

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> 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 held by means of remote attendance.

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

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

Emma Smith –Town Clerk  
Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk  
Tudur Jones - Translator (Video)

**376. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Aled Williams, Luned Voyle.

**377. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Tom Defis to Item 384(i) as the Treasurer of Ynni Sir Gâr.

**378. Questions from Members**

None

**379. Questions from the Public**

None

**380. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 28th of February 2024.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Alun Lenny, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 28th of February 2024 be accepted as a true record.

**381. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 12th March 2024.**

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 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 be accepted as a true record.

### **382. Minutes arising from the General Purposes Committee**

- i. Page 105: Item 364 – Hanging Baskets

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

Members **RESOLVED** that the recommendation noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

### **383. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.**

The Clerk advised of an amendment to the Small Grants and Financial Assistance contributions agreed during the Finance Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

The Carmarthen Youth Opera and 621 Squadron Air Training Corps will receive a donation as recipients from the Mayor's Race 2024 and therefore would not be receiving a donation from Council's Small Grants and Financial Assistance fund.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr. Andy King and **RESOLVED** that the minutes, subject to the amendment noted above, of the Committee meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 be accepted as a true record.

### **384. Minutes arising from the Finance Committee.**

- i. Page 107: Item 374 – Appointment of a Sustainable Energy professional to undertake a Community Energy Feasibility Study.

Members **RESOLVED** that the recommendation noted above should be approved as noted in the Finance Committee minutes for the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

#### **385. Planning**

None.

#### **386. Highways Matters**

None

#### **387. Licensing Matters.**

**Application Type: - Application for Premise Licence**

**Premise Name and address: - United Counties Showground, Llysonnen Road, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA33 5DR.**

**Details of Application: - Application for: Supply of Alcohol: Friday-Sunday 12:00 – 22:30.**

**Live Music: Friday – Sunday 16:00 – 23:00**

**Recorded Music: Friday – Sunday 12:00 – 23:00**

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**Consultation begins 18.3.2024.**

**Any representations regarding this application must be submitted within 28 days of the above Consultation date – NO OBJECTION**

### **388. Additional Monthly Accounts**

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. Cllr. Tom Defis proposed the schedule of payments totalling **£132,532.77** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk. Cllr. Russell Sparks seconded the proposal. All members agreed and it was **RESOLVED** that all payments should be approved.

### **389. Membership of One Voice Wales**

The Clerk advised Members that she had attended the National Awards Conference at Builth Wells on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March where Carmarthen Town Council received the following awards: -

- i. Youth Engagement Project – Support provided by staff at Carmarthen Tea Rooms for a pupil with a hearing impairment - Commended.
- ii. Community Engagement Project – Loneliness Project - Highly Commended.
- iii. Sustainability Project – Children’s Climate Conference - Highly Commended.

Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths proposed that the membership of One Voice Wales should be renewed for 2024/25 and was seconded by Cllr. Russell Sparks. All members were in favour and the membership was **APPROVED**.

### **390. 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

##### March

1

St David’s Day Celebrations  
Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council – Charity Cawl

##### Evening

2

St David’s Parade

7

His Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed – Awards Ceremony

15

Model School – Promoting the Mayor’s Race

20

Myrddin Unit – Judge Easter Bonnets

22

High Sheriff of Dyfed – Declaration of Office Ceremony

Members **NOTED** the report.

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

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone attended the St David's Parade and commented how lovely it was to see families attending the event.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noted attendance at the Gŵyl y Daffodil event and stated how pleased he was to see the event enjoyed by so many. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths wanted to thank all involved for their hard work both in the lead up and during the event. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths also advised members that the Civic Society were in the process of publishing a booklet to celebrate and remember the work of those individuals honoured with a blue plaque in Carmarthen. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths had also attended the AGM of Carmarthen Twinning society and congratulated Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone as the new Chairman. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths advised that it was hoped that the Lesneven Committee members would be visiting Carmarthen Town this year.
- (iii) Cllr. Tom Defis advised Members that a meeting of the Siân Johnson Committee would take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.
- (iv) Cllr. Andy King noted his attendance at the St David's Day parade.
- (v) Cllr. Dai Evans had attended a Carmarthen River Festival meeting and advised that it was hoped that the festival would take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.

**The meeting closed at 8:01 pm.**