

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 24th APRIL 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: Peter Hughes Griffiths, Andy King, Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks (video), Wyn Thomas, Aled Williams, Barry Williams.

Emma Smith –Town Clerk
 Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk
 Catrin Llwyd - Translator (Video)

412. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Heledd ap Gwynfor, Angharad Jones Leefe, Arwel Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Jeff Thomas,

413. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Russell Sparks for item 423 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

414. Questions from Members.

None

415. Questions from the Public.

None

416. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 27th of March 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr. Andy King and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27th of March 2024 be accepted as a true record.

417. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9th April 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 9th of April 2024 be accepted as a true record.

418. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.

- i. Page 113: Item 397 – Plaques for historical unmarked baby graves in Carmarthen Cemetery

On the proposal of Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 9th of April 2024.

419. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 11th of April 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Aled Williams, seconded by Cllr. Andy King and **RESOLVED** that the minutes, of the Committee meeting held on the 11th of April 2024 be accepted as a true record.

420. Matters arising from the Finance Committee meeting.

- i. Page 115: Item 406 – Appointment of a Professional to complete the Bandstand Restoration

On the proposal of Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation noted above should be approved as noted in the Finance Committee minutes for the 11th of April 2024.

421. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 16th April 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 16th of April 2024 be accepted as a true record.

422. Matters arising from the Management Committee meeting.

- i. Menopause Policy
- ii. Flexible working Policy

On the proposal of Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation noted above should be approved as noted by the Management Committee minutes for the 16th of April 2024.

Town Clerk's Report

423. Planning.

- i. **PL/07480** - Proposed Boundary Walls - 90 Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3NR - **NO OBJECTION**

- ii. **PL/07538** - Change of porch roof from a flat to a pitched one - 30 Maesydderwen, Carmarthen, SA31 3LX - **NO OBJECTION**
- iii. **PL/07198** - Proposed single storey shed to provide storage and games room accommodation to the rear garden - 21 Nant Yr Arian, Carmarthen, SA31 3JJ – **NO OBJECTION**
- iv. **PL/07531** - External Parapet Gutter Replacement - 19 Spilman Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1JY - **NO OBJECTION**

424. Highways Matters.

None

425. Licensing Matters.

None

426. Meeting Reports.

The Clerk reported that she had recently attended the One Voice Wales Larger Council Committee meeting during which Deryck Evans Audit Manager shared recent Audit findings. There was an acknowledgement that whilst two out of every three audits were qualified, they should be seen as an opportunity to learn and improve. The meeting also looked at improving working arrangements with principal councils, and the arrangements in Carmarthenshire appear to be better on the whole than the picture in the rest of Wales. The next meeting will be the Innovative Practice Conference on the 3rd of July in Llanellwedd.

427. Correspondence.

(i) Carmarthen Cemetery.

Members discussed the correspondence and **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the next General Purposes Committee meeting.

(ii) Transfer of item to Carmarthen Museum

Following an email regarding a military uniform that once belonged to a resident of the town, it was **RESOLVED** that the current loan could be made a permanent transfer to the museum as a more appropriate home.

428. Replacement of RTV vehicle for the cemetery.

Members discussed potential options as a replacement RTV for the Cemetery. Members discussed the finance options and agreed that a 5-year lease would be the best option with a £10,000 deposit sourced from savings made elsewhere in the budget. Cllr. Aled Williams proposed that the cheaper option should be **AGREED** and the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone with all members in agreement.

429. 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 24th April 2024

March

28 National Autistic Society Carmarthen Branch

April

5 Carmarthen Twinning Association – Annual dinner

12 Beti Wyn James's Inauguration Service

16 Johnstown School - View their work on Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative Project

19 Ysgol y Dderwen – Promoting the Mayor's Race

20 Côr Seingar - Concert

Members **NOTED** the report.

430. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies.

- (i) Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone attended a dinner held by the Lesneven twinning Committee. Cllr Emlyn Schiavone also attended the inauguration of Beti Wyn James as minister at Heol Awst Chapel and Elim Ffynnondrain Chapel. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone also noted his attendance at a coffee morning held for the "Talking Books Wales" at the Ivy Bush Carmarthen.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noted attendance at a One Voice Wales meeting held at St Peter's Civic Hall for the Carmarthenshire Area Committee which was very informative.
- (iii) Cllr. Andy King reminded Members of an event being held on the 27th of April at Barn Road Carmarthen to celebrate the reopening of the St John's Ambulance Divisional Centre.

431. Date of next meeting.

Members **AGREED** that the Adjourned Annual Meeting and monthly meeting for May would be held on the 22nd of May 2024 at St Peter's Civic Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:07 pm.