

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 22 MAY 2024
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING

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 Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Heledd ap Gwynfor, Dai Evans (Video), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John (Video), Andy King, Arwel Lloyd (Video), Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules (Video), Russell Sparks (Video), Wyn Thomas, Aled Williams, Barry Williams and Luned Voyle.

Emma Smith –Town Clerk

Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk

25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Emlyn Schiavone, Angharad Jones Leefe.

26. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Russell Sparks to Item 30 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

27. Questions from Members

None

28. Questions from the Public

None

29. To confirm and sign the minutes of the monthly Meeting of Council held on 24th of April 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andy King seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 24th of April 2024 be accepted as a true record.

Town Clerk's Report

30. Planning

- i. **PL/07540** – Change of use from A1 (hairdressers) to a A3 (café) – 7B King Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1BD – **NO OBJECTION.**

- ii. **PL/07546** – Change of use from D1 to C3 Residential (2 bedroomed house). Internal alterations of building and repair works to the building envelope – 21 Chapel Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1QE – **NO OBJECTION.**
- iii. **PL/07684** – Construction of 12 industrial units (B1 AND B8 use) - Land Between A40 and Railway, Llanllwch, Carmarthen, SA31 3RB – **NO OBJECTION.**

31. Highways Matters

Road Closures

- i. Water Street, Carmarthen, from its junction with Lammas Street, for a distance of 150 metres in a north-westerly direction from the 10th of June for a period of 4 days.
- ii. Ffynnonrain, from a point 100 metres north of its junction with the U2080, for a distance of 280 metres in a northerly direction on the 10th June 2024 from 09:30 to 15:30.

Members **NOTED** the information.

32. Licensing Matters

None

33. Monthly accounts May 2024.

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. Cllr. Andy King proposed that the schedule of payments totalling **£86,368.92** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk. Cllr. Miriam Moules seconded the proposal. All members agreed and it was **RESOLVED** that all payments should be approved.

34. Annual Audit 2022/2023.

The Deputy Clerk reported recorded a successful conclusion to the 2022/23 external audit with Audit Wales have confirming completion and issuing an unqualified audit opinion. Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor proposed that Council congratulate all staff involved with the work to successfully complete the audit.

Members **NOTED** the audit report.

35. Members Allowances.

Members **RESOLVED** that the details presented to members should be approved for publication and submission to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

36. Correspondence.

The Clerk shared a letter of thanks received from the Chair of the Mayor's Charity Committee for the support received from Carmarthen Town Council during the year.

Members **NOTED** the correspondence.

37. Mayors Report.

Since the last meeting, the Mayor, provided a report of attendance at the following engagements:

List of Mayor's Engagements up to 22nd May 2024

<u>April</u>	
27	St. John's Ambulance Wales – Re-open their Carmarthen Division
29	Myrddin School – Promoting the Mayor's Race

Members **NOTED** the Report.

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

- (i) Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor recorded her attendance at the Children's Climate Conference held at Halliwell Conference Centre, University of Wales, Trinity St David. Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor found the event very informative.
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths noted that the Civic Society was producing a document that would list and celebrate the blue plaques on properties in Carmarthen. Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths also noted that Shirley Milford from Llansteffan, a loyal member of the Carmarthen Twinning Association had passed away recently.
- (iii) Cllr. Miriam Moules noted that there was a new Head Teacher at Myrddin School. Cllr. Miriam Moules also advised Members that the Shopmobility was introducing a "Discount Card" for a small fee. Holders of the card would benefit from reduced hire fees and also discounts at some shops in Carmarthen.
- (iv) Cllr. Dai Evans reminded Members that the River Festival was due to take place on the 20th of July 2024.
- (v) Cllr. Arwel Lloyd reminded Members of the Gŵyl Canol Dref event due to take place on the 6th of July 2024. Cllr. Arwel Lloyd advised Members that the organisers were looking for volunteers on the day and that there was a link on social media for those willing to help to express their interest.
- (vi) Cllr. Russell Sparks reminded Members of a "Breakfast Meeting" being held at St Peter's Civic Hall on the 23rd of May to launch Carmarthen Town Council's Energy Feasibility study.

The meeting closed at 8:13 pm