

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 12 JUNE 2024 AT 6.30PM

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. Barry Williams presided over the meeting (item 40 onwards)

PRESENT: Councillors Heledd ap Gwynfor (Video), Dai Evans (Video), Alun Lenny (Video), Arwel Lloyd (Video), Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone (Video), Russell Sparks (Video), Barry Williams.

Emma Smith – Town Clerk

Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

Catrin Llwyd - Translator (Video)

39. Election of a Chair for 2024/25

It was proposed by Cllr. Alun Lenny and seconded by Cllr. Arwel Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that Cllr. Barry Williams be elected as Chair of the General Purposes Committee for 2024-2025.

40. Election of a Vice Chair for 2024/25

Cllr. Arwel Lloyd proposed that Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe, in her absence should be elected as Vice Chair for the 2024/25 Civic Year. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone seconded the proposal, and the matter was **RESOLVED**.

41. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Peter Hughes Griffiths, Ioan Matthews.

42. Declarations of Interest

- (i) Cllr Russell Sparks for item 43 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

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43. Planning Applications

- i. **PL/07811** – Change of use to dog day care centre- Land at the former BRS Depot, Johnstown, Carmarthen - **NO OBJECTION**.

44. Highways Matters

Temporary Road Closure: C2043 Bwlchnewydd SA33 6NA 14/8/24 for a period of 1 day.

Members **NOTED** the report.

45. Licensing Matters

None

46. Town Council Website and St Peter's Civic Hall Website

The Clerk reported that work on the new council website was progressing well, and that the website would shortly be live. Cllr. Dai Evans showed Members a preview of the new website and explained that it would allow the Council to share information with the public in a modern informative way. The website for St Peter's Civic Hall, which would be used as a platform to promote the hall for hire was also shared with Members. Cllr. Alun Lenny thanked Cllr. Dai Evans for all his hard work in designing and preparing the website and commented on how professional and user friendly it seemed. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone also wished to express his gratitude to Cllr. Dai Evans with Cllr. Arwel Lloyd commenting on how professional and appealing the new branding was and how it could be applied to all council publicity and stationery.

Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor joined the meeting at this point.

Members **RECOMMENDED** the websites to council for publication

47. A Website for Carmarthen Town

Cllr. Dai Evans demonstrated the Carmarthen town website and shared his vision of how the website would be used as a platform to promote what Carmarthen town has to offer to its residents and to visitors to the town. Information regarding events taking place in Carmarthen would be accessible via the website with the hope that it would attract more visitors to the town.

Cllr. Miriam Moules proposed that Council should support the development of the website via the Improving Carmarthen group, which included key partners who could be involved in the content and maintenance of the site. The proposal was his was seconded by Cllr. Russell Sparks and **RECOMMENDED** with all members in agreement.

48. Christmas in Carmarthen

On the proposal of Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr. Miriam Moules, with all members in favour, Saturday 23rd November was **RECOMMENDED** to Council for the Christmas light switch on and festivities in town.

49. Summer events programme – Carmarthen Park

Members **NOTED** the report.

50. Community Well-being and Events Officer Report

Members **NOTED** the Report.

51. Correspondence

The Clerk advised Members that correspondence had been received from Myrddin Security confirming that they intend to cease trading on the 30th of September 2024.

Members discussed the various roles undertaken by Myrddin Security and on the proposal of Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr. Alun Lenny, it was **RECOMMENDED** that a working group would be created to assess and determine the requirements of the role moving forward prior to potentially going out to tender.

The meeting closed at 7:04 pm.