

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10 JULY 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.

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe (Video), Arwel Lloyd (Video), Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone (Video), Russell Sparks (Video), Barry Williams.

Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council
Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager
Catrin Llwyd – Translator (Video)

91. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ioan Matthews.

92. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Russell Sparks to Item 93 as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

Town Clerk's Report

93.Planning Applications

PL/07917 - New signage to external elevations and to shopping centre elevation - 7 Cambrian Way, John Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1QN – **NO OBJECTION**

94. Highways Matters

None

95. Licensing Matters

None

96. Update on SPF Funding

i. Bandstand

The Clerk advised Members that construction work has started on the bandstand with some of the cast iron panels having been removed to cast a new mould. The remaining panels and other cast iron sections have been sandblasted and coated in red oxide to protect them from the elements. Work has also begun on the roof and at this point the project is on target to be completed before the end of August.

The Clerk advised that once the work was completed, that there would be a launch event and publicity to showcase the refurbished Bandstand.

ii. Feasibility Study

The Clerk advised Members that the launch event was held on the 23rd of May at the hall. Seven expressions of interest have been received and further work to promote and target specific properties is now being undertaken. A roof top survey will identify the best candidate sites and the any community benefit will also form part of the assessment.

Members **NOTED** the update.

97. Review the action plan for council's strategy

Members considered the plan in detail.

Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe commented that an area that needed further investment was communicating digitally, and it was agreed that the communication budget would be reviewed in November 2024. Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone agreed and wished to thank the Clerk for her hard work in preparing and presenting the plan.

Cllr. Barry Williams also wished to express his thanks to the Clerk for providing such an informative professional document and it was agreed by all Members that it should be **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

The meeting closed at 7:00 pm.