

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10th JULY 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 attended by means of remote attendance.

Cllr. Gareth John presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Heledd ap Gwynfor (Video), Gareth John, Andy King (Video), Emlyn Schiavone (Video), Wyn Thomas, Aled Williams.

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

98. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

99. Declarations of Interest

None

100. To authorise the signing of the Order for Payment of Accounts Schedule for July 2024.

Members scrutinised the payments and were satisfied with the schedule. Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor proposed the schedule of payments totalling **£165,616.57** should be approved and signed by two members of Council and the Clerk. Cllr. Aled Williams seconded the proposal. All members agreed and it was **RESOLVED** that all payments should be approved.

101. Town Clerk's Report

(a) Financial Report

Council's Bank balances on the 30th of June 2024 were as follows:

HSBC Current Account	£44,790.39
HSBC Reserve Account	£558,705.57
Total Cash in Bank	£603,495.96

Balances in Other Accounts on 21st of June 2024:

Mayor's Allowance - £4,850.00
 Mayor's Fun Run - £14,471.12

- Gross expenditure for the period 1st April 2024 to the 30th of June 2024 totalled £208,719.94.
- Income for the same period totalled £76,728.84. The overall net expenditure is therefore £132,991.10.
- The Net Budget/Precept requirement for 2024/25 is £874,221.00, of which £291,407.00 has been received. Members will note from the above that Council is within budget on 30th June 2024.

The financial report was **NOTED**.

102. Quarterly Bank Reconciliations.

Cllr. Aled Williams proposed that the bank reconciliations for the quarter be **APPROVED**, and the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas, with all members in agreement.

103. Monthly budget update.

Members **RESOLVED** that the quarterly budget update should be approved.

104. List of Debtors

The schedule was **APPROVED** by Committee.

105. Arrangements for making payments due in August 2024.

The Town Clerk requested delegated powers for two members, and the Clerk to approve accounts due for payment in August, when no meeting of committee is due to be held. Members discussed and **RESOLVED** that authorisation of payments should be delegated to either the Chair of Finance Committee, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and the Clerk for August 2024, with payments presented to committee in September for information.

106. Applications for small grants and financial assistance

The Clerk advised Members that an application had been received from Dr Mz for financial assistance. Members discussed the application, and it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone that the leader of Dr Mz be invited to the next Council meeting to elaborate further how the funds would be utilised. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Andy King with all Members in agreement.

107. Red Court Solar Panel Grant

- i) Caerfyrddin Gyda'n Gilydd/ Carmarthen Together

The Clerk advised Members that an application had been received from Carmarthen Together for a grant to reclaim and enhance an existing area in Carmarthen Park. The area would have disabled access and be used as an area of Community engagement helping to develop a sense of Community and also awareness of the environment.

Cllr. Wyn Thomas proposed a contribution of £500 and this was seconded by Cllr. Aled Williams. All members present **AGREED**.

108. Charges for the Park

The Clerk shared with Members suggested rates for various services offered at Carmarthen Park.

Members reviewed the charges and, with all Members in agreement, the suggested rates were **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.