

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 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 Heledd ap Gwynfor (Video), Dai Evans (Video), Peter Hughes Griffiths, Angharad Jones Leefe, Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone (Video), Barry Williams.

Emma Smith – Clerk to the Town Council

Wendy Dickson – Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Manager

There was one member of the public present via video link.

139. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Miriam Moules and Russell Sparks.

140. Declarations of Interest

None.

Town Clerk's Report

141. Planning Applications

- i. **Statutory Pre-Application Consultation for land at Llest y Bryn, Carmarthen.** - Documentation relating to the development of 33 homes with a pond on site. - **MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE APPLICATION AND REQUESTED THAT THE TOWN CLERK COMMENT ON THE CONCERNS RAISED BY NEARBY RESIDENTS.**
- ii. **PL/08134** - Variation of Condition 1 on W/38323 (Hybrid application seeking outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except access, for the erection of up to 14 residential dwellings with associated access, landscaping and ancillary works and full planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings and the proposed internal access road) to extend the period for the submission of reserved matters by a further 3 years - Former MAFF Depot, Abergwili Road, Carmarthen, SA31 2HP – **NO OBJECTION**

142. Highways Matters

- i. A40 Trunk Road, Glangwili Roundabout Derestriction Traffic Order

Members **NOTED** the Information

143. Licensing Matters

None

144. Remembrance Sunday arrangements

Members discussed the success of last year's event, and it was proposed by Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe and seconded by Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths that supporting the event this year should be **RECOMMENDED** to Council with all members in agreement.

145. Licence Relating to land at Carmarthen Castle Forecourt

Members were asked to consider if they would like to renew the license for the castle forecourt area.

On the proposal of Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe, members **RECOMMENDED** that a decision would be deferred pending the completion of proposed work by Carmarthenshire County Council at the Castle forecourt.

146. Annual ROSPA Safety Inspection of Council Play Equipment

The Deputy Clerk advised Members that during June 2024 the annual ROSPA inspection of all council managed play equipment at the various public parks had taken place. A comprehensive report had been received from the consultant. Whilst there were no major findings there were several maintenance issues that needed to be addressed.

Members **NOTED** the report.

147. Control of dogs at Carmarthen Park.

The Clerk read a letter from a town resident who raised concerns regarding the safety of park visitors due to dogs being allowed by their owners to roam freely off the lead. Members agreed that it was a difficult situation with there not being a bylaw in place currently. After much discussion, Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe proposed that signs would be erected advising that dogs should be kept on a lead whilst at the park. This was seconded by Cllr. Ioan Matthews with all members in agreement the matter was **RECOMMENDED** to council.

148. Proposed asset transfer of Public Toilets.

The Clerk shared with Members the details regarding the proposed asset transfer of the public toilets at St Peter's and John Street car parks to Carmarthen Town Council. Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths raised concerns regarding the cost implications of maintaining the toilets and the buildings, especially given the current financial situation. Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe noted her fears should the facilities be withdrawn and the implications on people visiting Carmarthen Town. After much discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe, members **RECOMMENDED** that the current proposition was not financially viable and that the Clerk should advise Carmarthenshire County Council of their decision.

It was noted that should the current proposal from Carmarthenshire County Council be amended, Members would be prepared to discuss the matter further.

149. Operations Officer Report

Members **NOTED** the report.

The meeting closed at 7:09 pm.