

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 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 held by means of remote attendance.

The Mayor, Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors Heledd ap Gwynfor, Dai Evans (Video), Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe (Video), Andy King (Video), Alun Lenny (Video), Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone, Russell Sparks, Wyn Thomas, Aled Williams, Barry Williams, Luned Voyle.

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

158. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Peter Hughes Griffiths, Arwel Lloyd, Miriam Moules.

159. Declarations of Interest

None

160. Questions from Members

None

161. Questions from the Public

None

162. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 31st of July 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gareth John, seconded by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 31st of July 2024 be accepted as a true record.

163. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th September 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 11th of September 2024 be accepted as a true record.

164. Matters arising from the General Purposes Committee.

- i. Page 40: Item No 144 – Remembrance Day Arrangements
- ii. Page 40: Item No 145 - Licence relating to land at Carmarthen Castle Forecourt
- iii. Page 40: Item No 147 – Control of Dogs at Carmarthen Park

Members **RESOLVED** that the three recommendations noted above should be approved as noted in the General Purposes Committee minutes for the 11th of September 2024.

- iv. Page 41: Item No 148 - Proposed Asset Transfer of public toilets

Members discussed the possible consequences of not accepting the proposed asset transfer from Carmarthenshire County Council but noted again that should the proposal be amended, that the Town Council would be prepared to discuss the matter further. The motion was put to the vote with ten in favour of the recommendation to not proceed with the asset transfer and three abstentions, the matter was **RESOLVED** as recommended in the General Purposes Committee minutes.

165. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11th September 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gareth John, seconded by Cllr. Aled Williams and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 11th of September 2024 be accepted as a true record.

Town Clerk's Report**166. Planning**

None

167. Highways Matters

None

168. Licensing Matters

None

169. Governor – Johnstown School

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Aled Williams be nominated as the Additional Community Governor on the Governing Body of Johnstown School, Carmarthen.

170. Mayors Report.

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

List of Mayor's Engagements up to 25th September 2024August

17 Riverside Association – River Festival
24 Meet Jessica Roberts in Mayor's Parlour

September

17 Presentation to Mr Lyn Davies on the occasion of 40 years of service for the Council.

Members **NOTED** the report.

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

- i Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor recorded her attendance at the Carmarthen Pride event on the 31st of August and stated that the day had been very enjoyable. Cllr. Heledd ap Gwynfor wished to thank Jenny Fox for her involvement in ensuring the day was a success
- ii Cllr. Angharad Jones Leefe noted that she was now the Chairman of the Oriol Myrddin Trust and advised that the capital redevelopment programme was progressing well.
- iii Cllr. Dai Evans noted his attendance at the Carmarthen River Festival held on the 17th of August. Cllr. Dai Evans also wished to express his gratitude, as the Chairman of the Carmarthen River Festival, to Carmarthen Town Council for their continued support.

172. Correspondence.**i. Carmarthen Park Toilets**

The Clerk advised members of correspondence received from a member of the public calling for the hygiene standards and the facilities at the toilets in Carmarthen Park to be improved. Members were advised that the toilets were cleaned daily, checked periodically throughout the day and that some minor repair works were planned.

Members were also reminded that the toilets at the park were made from stainless steel to reduce damage caused in the past by vandalism. The Clerk would reply to the correspondence noting the above.

ii. Penlan Workhouse

The Clerk shared with Councillors correspondence received from a member of the public regarding the former workhouse in Carmarthen. The correspondence noted,

with sadness, the current poor condition of the site and highlighted the historical importance of the building to Carmarthen Town. Members noted that the building was now under new ownership and hoped that this would lead to the redevelopment of the site in the future. The Clerk will update the correspondent on the discussions.

iii. Entry into Carmarthen Park during Carmarthen Quins match days

The Clerk advised members of a letter received from a member of the public who had visited Carmarthen Park with his grandchildren with the view to attending a free event being held at the park but was approached by officials seeking payment believing that they were attending a rugby match. Members discussed the issue and agreed that whilst the member of the public was reimbursed, a letter should be sent to the officials reminding them that members of the public visiting the park and not wishing to watch the rugby game were entitled to do so without the need to pay an entrance fee. It was also stated that each entrance to the park should remain open to the public during match days.

Members **NOTED** the Correspondence.

173. Exclusion of Public and Press – S.1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wyn Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Ioan Matthews and **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential items on the agenda, the press and public would be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm