

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

The Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas, presided over the monthly meeting of Carmarthen Town Council held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, on Wednesday, 22nd February 2017, at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Dorothy Bere, Reverend Tom Defis, Dr. Dewi Evans, Dr. Baba Gana, Philip Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Anthony Jenkins, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Kenneth Lloyd, Alan Speake and Wyn Thomas.

474. PRESENTATION BY MR STUART OWEN RE. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE "JOLLY TAR"

A pre-planning consultation presentation was given by Mr Stuart Owen on the proposed development of the Jolly Tar, The Quay Carmarthen.

475. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dr Richard Edwards, Dr Ioan Matthews, Emlyn Schiavone, Barry Williams and Douglas Rose.

476. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Phil Grice declared an interest in Agenda item 1 as a close personal friend of the Developer and Chairman of the Riverside Association.

Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe declared an interest in Agenda item 1 as the Grant Officer for the previous development.

477. QUESTIONS

No questions were reported.

478. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Dorothy Bere, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on the 25th January 2017 be accepted as a true record.

479. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

480. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2017.

It was proposed by Cllr Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Dorothy Bere, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 14th February 2017 be signed and accepted as a true record. All agreed.

481. MATTERS ARISING

It was proposed by Cllr Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Alan Speake and **RESOLVED** that the following proposals be accepted:

- (a) Minute 452: Transfer of Leases – Play Areas at Maes y Wennol, Pentre Meurig Road and Allt Iwan, Johnstown.

that Council engage a firm of solicitors to act on Council's behalf regarding the above and also other outstanding matters.

- (b) Town Centre Planting 2017 – Barrier Baskets and Flower Towers.

that Council purchase seven barrier baskets and two flower towers.

- (c) Dates for Christmas Events 2017.

that the dates for the Christmas Events for 2017 be as follows: Christmas Lights Switch-on, Friday 24 November and the Reindeer Parade be held on Saturday 25 November and that Santa's Grotto take place in St Peter's Civic Hall on Saturday 25 November 2017.

482. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Anthony Jenkins, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 16th February 2017 be signed and accepted as a true record. All agreed.

483. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Minute 463: Payment of the Street Lighting Invoice

Following advice from the clerk it was proposed by Cllr Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Phil Grice, and **RESOLVED** that Council pay the street lighting invoice for 2016/17 and that this matter be raised in the May 2017 Meeting (11 in favour, 2 abstentions).

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Dorothy Bere, and **RESOLVED** that Council accept the following proposals:-

- (b) Minute 467: 2017/18 Final Budget

that the contribution to the Guildhall be reduced to £7,000.00 and the contribution to Dr Mz's remain at £5,000.00.

(c) Minute 468: Review of Cemetery Charges

An amended proposal was put to Council

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Dr Dewi Evans, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd, and **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Charges are waived for the family plot when a burial of a child is undertaken (under 16) and that the Council, upon receiving an application for burial, ensures that the undertaker and the family are informed about charities that can help with the cost of a child's funeral as well as the financial aid offered by the UK government to families in receipt of benefits.
- (ii) The Cemetery charges are raised by 2.5% (rounded up to the nearest pound) for 2017/18.

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Dorothy Bere, and **RESOLVED** that Council accept the following proposals

(d) Minute 469: Review of St Peter's Civic Hall Charges

that the hall charges are increased by 2.5% (rounded up to the nearest pound).

(e) Minute 470: Review of Hanging Basket Charges

that the charges for the hanging baskets remain the same for 2017/18.

(f) Minute 471: Review of Carmarthen Park Charges

that the park charges are increased by 2.5% (rounded up to the nearest pound).

(g) Minute 472: Financial Regulations – Review

that the draft revised Financial Regulations as presented, be adopted.

484. PLANNING MATTERS – CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications

485. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

No matters

486. LICENSING MATTERS

There were no licensing matters

487. "YR ATOM" STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Tom Defis, and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe represent Council on the strategic committee at "Yr Atom"

488. REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**

489. MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE CLERK

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED**

490. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

The engagements of the Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas had been circulated as Appendix 3 to the agenda.

491. REPORT FROM CLLR. KEN LLOYD, RE ONE VOICE WALES CARMARTHENSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE 8 FEBRUARY 2017

Cllr. Ken Lloyd gave a report on the meeting and also reported on an SLCC meeting he had attended with the Town Clerk

The reports were **NOTED**

492. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Anthony Jenkins reported that he had attended a meeting in Myrddin CP School and he had as Chair of the Board of Governors and had been replaced by Mrs. Helen Smith and Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone had been elected Deputy Chair. He also stated that he would not be standing for the next Town Council elections.

Cllr Tom Defis as Chair of the Sian Johnson and Fair Trade reminded Members of the Coffee Morning to be held in Capel Westfa on the Morning of the 8 March 2017 also he had attended a Bee Friendly meeting

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone had submitted a written update prior to the meeting on his engagements during the previous month. He had attended meetings of Dr M'z Management Committee, Richmond Park School sub committee on the curriculum and staffing and a meeting of Tŷ Hapus and Tŷ Ni with CAFCAS.

493. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Cllr Dr Richard Edwards, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe, and **RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

494. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Alun Lenny, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of meeting of the Management Committee held on the 25th January 2017 be signed and accepted as a true record.

495. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

The Mayor reminded all about the Dydd Gwyl Dewi Parade on Saturday 25th February 2017, which will leave Carmarthen Park at 10.30am.

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm.