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CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 26th APRIL 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, 26th April 2017 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Dorothy Bere, Reverend Tom Defis, Dr Dewi Evans, Philip Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Alun Lenny, Kenneth Lloyd, Emlyn Schiavone, Douglas Rose, and Barry Williams.

The Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas announced the sad passing of former Mayor John Williams. The Mayor advised that he would write a letter of condolence on behalf of the Council to Mr Williams' widow.

572. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dr Baba Gana, Dr Richard Edwards, Anthony Jenkins, Arwel Lloyd and Dr Ioan Matthews.

573. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in agenda item 10(a) Planning Applications as Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.

574. QUESTIONS

No questions were reported.

575. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 29 MARCH 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Doug Rose, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on the 29th March 2017 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

576. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

577. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 APRIL 2017.

Cllr Philip Grice asked why the minutes did not contain more detailed information regarding the Town Clerk's report. Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths advised that the Town Clerk's report would be archived with the minutes so greater detail was not required.

It was proposed by Cllr Philip Grice, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 11th April 2017 be signed and accepted as a true record. All agreed.

578. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 565: Footway Lighting.

It was proposed by Cllr Philip Grice, seconded by Cllr Alun Lenny and **RESOLVED** that the Council postpone any further review of the matter until any future local government re-organisation. All agreed.

Minute 566: Laying Wreaths

It was proposed by Cllr Philip Grice, seconded by Cllr Barry Williams and **RESOLVED** that the Mayor attends the identified events although any future arrangements should be reviewed to consider their impact on Remembrance Sunday. All agreed.

579. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 APRIL 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Philip Grice, seconded by Cllr Tom Defis, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 13th April 2017 be signed and accepted as a true record, subject to the amendment below. All agreed.

Minute 573 – Text should read Chipperfield not Chesterfield

580. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 566: Transfer of Council Business Bank Account

After a discussion Cllr Alun Lenny stated his objections to the transfer as the instruction to the Clerk by the Finance Committee was to investigate the matter further and he did not feel that the consent was given to undertake the transfer of the accounts. Cllr Reverend Tom Defis advised that there had been no transfer and that the Clerk had correctly carried out the instruction of the Finance Committee in reviewing this matter to date.

It was proposed by Cllr Reverend Tom Defis, seconded by Ken Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that Council transfer their Bank Account. 9 in favour, 1 abstention and 1 against.

Minute 567: Upgrading of Clerk's Office, St Peter's Civic Hall

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Alun Lenny and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's office should be upgraded. All agreed.

Minute 568: Purchase of SMART Television for the Committee Room, St Peter's Civic Hall

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that Council should purchase a SMART Television for the

Committee Room. All agreed.

Minute 569: The Living Wage Foundation

It was proposed by Cllr Emyln Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that Council should increase relevant salaries in line with the Living Wage Foundation Salary Scales. All agreed.

581. PLANNING MATTERS – CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

35391 – Full Planning, Port Meirion, Springfield Road. Rear Balcony - **NO OBJECTIONS**

35419 – Full Planning, 54-55 Water Street - **NO OBJECTIONS**

582. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Temporary road closure of Blue Street, Lammas Street, Morley Street & Mansel Street for the Mayor's Race 1st May 2017 – **SUPPORTED**

583. LICENSING MATTERS

Application for Premise Licence, Days Department Store, 2-5 Guildhall Square, Carmarthen. Application for the supply of alcohol, Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 23:00

It was agreed that further information should be requested before a decision could be made by Council.

584. ONE VOICE WALES LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS MEETING AT LLANDRINDOD WELLS 5TH APRIL 2017

In light of the report presented by Cllr Ken Lloyd, it was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk arrange a Business Planning seminar for the new Council. All agreed.

585. ONE VOICE WALES MATTERS

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

586. TRAINING OF COUNCILLORS

After a discussion it was agreed that training for Councillors should be arranged via One Voice Wales. Training currently advertised by One Voice Wales is being delivered mainly in English, due to a shortage of Welsh speaking trainers. It was proposed by Cllr Reverend Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths and **RESOLVED** by Council that the Town Clerk should write to One Voice Wales asking them to reconsider their Welsh Language provision.

587. ARRANGEMENTS OF THE NEW COUNCIL

It was **NOTED** that the Town Clerk asked that all Councillors make arrangements to attend the office to sign their Declaration of Office during the week commencing 8th May.

588. MAYORS RACES MONDAY 1ST MAY 2017

This matter was **NOTED**.

589. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

The engagements of the Mayor, Cllr Wyn Thomas had been circulated as Appendix 5 to the agenda.

590. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths reported that the next twinning visit would be on the 2nd June and gave a brief outline of their timetable.

Cllr Doug Rose had attended meeting as a Governor at Johnstown School and reported on the recent successful recruitment of a new Deputy Head teacher.

Cllr Wyn Thomas thanked Cllrs Dorothy Bere, Angharad Jones Leefe, Anthony Jenkins, Dr Richard Edwards and Alan Speake for their work and wished them well. It was agreed that he would write to thank them officially, in his capacity as Mayor.

591. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Not actioned.

592. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.