

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 17th MAY 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, 17th May 2017 at 8.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Julia Ault, Daniel Bartley, Dr Baba Gana, Phil Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, Dr Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Reverend Tom Defis and Angharad Jones Leefe.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in Agenda item 6 (a) and (b) of, as Chairman of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Ken Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda item 6(a) and (b), as a prospective member of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Daniel Bartley declared an interest in item 6 on the Agenda in relation to his work as a Watch Manager at Mid and West Wales Fire Rescue Service.

Cllr Jeff Thomas declared an interest in relation to School Governing Bodies as a Governor of Johnstown CP School.

19. QUESTIONS

No questions were reported.

20. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 26 APRIL 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Alun Lenny, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on the 26th April 2017 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

21. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

22. **PLANNING MATTERS – CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

W/35472 – (Full Planning) Carmarthen MOT Centre and Car Repair, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen. Change of use of rear part of buildings from car/repair/paint spray to 2 no. Class B8 unit use – **NO OBJECTIONS**

W/35473 – (Full Planning) 46 King Street, Carmarthen. New security door, new wall mounted bin and soffit light, edge protection, escape lighting, internal alterations and external redecorations – **NO OBJECTIONS**

W/35474 – (Full Planning – Listed) 46 King Street, Carmarthen. New security door, new wall mounted bin and soffit light, edge protection, escape lighting, internal alterations and external redecorations. – **NO OBJECTIONS**

W/35515 – (Full Planning – Listed) 3 St Peter's Street, Carmarthen. Carry out General Maintenance repairs to the fabric of the building – **SUPPORTED**

W/35516 – (Full Planning) Orthodontics Exclusively, Castle Hill, Carmarthen. Single Storey Extension and a new roof structure to create second floor accommodation – **NO OBJECTIONS**

23. **PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION**

The Town Clerk gave a brief overview of a proposed Residential Development of 29 varied homes at land off Lluest-y-Bryn. After a lengthy discussion it was understood that the development was within the Local Development Plan, however objections had already been received by the Town Council and directly by Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Alun Lenny, seconded by Cllr Gareth John and **AGREED** by all that Councillors should view the plans made available by JCR and make any objections directly to them.

24. **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

None reported.

25. **LICENSING MATTERS**

Application for Premises Licence, Days Department Store, 2-5 Guildhall Square, Carmarthen. Application for the supply of alcohol, Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 23:00 – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Vue Cinema, Catherine Street, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA31 1BD – Minor Application Variation – **NO OBJECTIONS**

26. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Daniel Bartley, seconded by Cllr Arwel Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that the accounts be accepted.
The Chair thanked Mr Clive Evans for his work in relation to the Annual Accounts.

27. **INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that Council accept the Internal Auditor's Report.

28. **ANNUAL AUDIT FEES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE 2016/2017 AUDIT**

The letter from the Welsh Audit Office was noted.

29. **RESIGNATION OF TOWN CRIER**

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that the Town Clerk should circulate a press release asking for nominations for Town Crier, and that Councillors should inform the Town Clerk of any possible candidates for the role.

30. **NHS WALES INFORMATION**

The correspondence was noted.

31. **THE MAYOR'S REPORT**

The report was noted.

32. **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 Phil Grice reported that Dr Mz's financial situation has improved.

Cllr Barry Williams advised that Ysgol Rhydygors had appointed a new Headteacher, following a staffing restructure.

33. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

There were no issues requiring this to be actioned.

34. MATTERS ARISING

With the permission of the Chair, the Town Clerk raised the following Issues:

(i) Permission was being sought by Carmarthenshire Young Farmers to sell alcohol in Carmarthen Park on Sunday 16th July. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Alun Lenny and AGREED by all that Council would not agree to their request or any other request to sell or serve alcohol in the Park.

(ii) The Town Clerk advised that the appeal by Shared Access (the developer) to erect a Telecoms Mast in Carmarthen Park had been upheld by the Welsh Planning Inspectorate.

(iii) The Town Clerk advised that Information Packs for all Councillors would be available after the meeting and that Induction Training with One Voice Wales will be held on the 6th June at 6:30pm at St Peter's Civic Hall. Additionally, Councillors should attend Code of Conduct Training taking place at County Hall, Carmarthen at 6pm on the 29th June 2017 and 6th July 2017. Councillors should inform the Town Clerk of their preferred attendance date.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.