

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 28 JUNE 2017**

The Mayor, Cllr Alun Lenny, presided over the monthly meeting of Carmarthen Town Council held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30 pm.

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

**76. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Reverend Tom Defis and Angharad Jones Leefe, Dr Ioan Matthews, Arwel Lloyd.

**77. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in Agenda item 14a as Chairman of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Ken Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda item 14a as a member of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Phil Grice declared an interest in items relating to the River Festival/Riverside Association as Chair of the Riverside Association and Vice Chair of the River Festival.

**78. Questions**

No questions were reported.

**79. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

**80. Matters Arising**

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone raised the issue of changing the date of the next Full Council meeting from the 26<sup>th</sup> of July to the 19<sup>th</sup> of July due to the school holidays. It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Jeff Thomas. The proposal was rejected by 6 against, 4 abstentions and 2 in favour.

**81. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17 May 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

**82. Matters arising**

None recorded.

**83. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on 9 June 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Matthew Thomas, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be accepted as a true record. All agreed - subject to correcting one small typographical error.

**84. Matters Arising**

None recorded.

**85. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr Phil Grice, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2017 be accepted as a true record. All agreed. Subject to the following matter –

Cllr Ken Lloyd was not at the General Purposes Committee Meeting

**86. To consider the following committee recommendations or other matters arising –**

Cllr Ken Lloyd raised the issue of application W/35554 Jackson's Lane and asked that the following be noted –

*'I want to declare my interest on a planning matter but I want to make it clear that I will consider this matter at the Planning Committee of the County Council taking into account all relevant information. I have my views on the application and I want to say a few words, but I don't want anyone to think I have made up my mind and I will of course take into account any more information that may come before the Planning Committee, in which case I will take any new information in to account before I vote on the matter at County Council. These are my views but I may change my views later -*

*General Purposes minute number 50 referred to space, the management of screened events and also the inclusivity of the design. It looks as if this*

*development will destroy just about the only green space in town. Wouldn't Guildhall Square which is much bigger, be better for the screen? What about the residents of Cambrian Court. I am also concerned about the decorative steps that will impede or deny access for disabled people, people with wheelchairs or other mobility aids'.*

The issue, including the points raised by Cllr Ken Lloyd were discussed and noted. The Town Clerk advised that the issues raised at the General Purposes Committee had already been passed to Carmarthenshire County Council as the closing date for consultation had now passed.

Page 16 : 53 - Social Media Policy

It was raised by Cllr Jeff Thomas that Councillors not on the General Purposes Committee were being asked to agree on a Policy that they had not seen. Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths noted that the committee has devolved powers to recommend to Council on these matters.

It was proposed by Cllr Alun Lenny, seconded by Phil Grice and **RESOLVED** that the policy be accepted and a copy of the policy should be circulated ahead of the next Council meeting.

Page 16 : 57 - Code of Conduct – Local Resolution Protocol

It was proposed by Cllr Jeff Thomas, seconded by Cllr Dr Baba Gana and **RESOLVED** that the recommendation be accepted and a copy of the Protocol be circulated ahead of the next Council meeting.

Cllr Wyn Thomas asked for information regarding the Business Improvement District (BID). Cllr Emlyn Schiavone had represented the Mayor at a recent BID meeting and advised that the Ballot for the BID is to be held in December 2017-January 2018 with a view to raising £800,000 over five years.

**87. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee held on June 15 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2017 be accepted as a true record.

**88. To consider the following committee recommendations or matters arising**

Page 19 : 66 - Debtors Outstanding (2 recommendations)

Debts over 90 days - It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Gareth John and **RESOLVED** that any debts over 90 days be reported to the Finance Committee.

River Festival Debt – It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths and **AGREED** by all that the issue would be discussed in camera at the end of the meeting (Minute 47 & 48).

Page 20 : 70 – Request for Grant Funding Carmarthen Bowling Club

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Barry Williams and **RESOLVED** that the recommendation be accepted.

Page 20 : 71 – Request for Grant Funding Carmarthenshire Indoor Markets

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Jeff Thomas and **RESOLVED** that a donation of £100 should be granted.

**89. Town Clerk's Report (Appendix 1)**

**Statutory Consultations**

**(a)Planning**

Plas y Milwr (Naming of the Old Infirmary development)

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas that Council support the name 'Plas y Milwr'. Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd proposed the use of a bilingual name. Council voted as follows -

Ask Carmarthenshire County Council to consider a bilingual name	5
Support the use of 'Plas y Milwr'	7
Abstentions	2

**(b)Highways**

None to report.

**(c)Licencing – Hamilton's Wine Bar & Brasserie (Variance of premises licence)**

It was proposed by Cllr Jeff Thomas, seconded by Cllr Phil Grice and Agreed bar one abstention that there were no objections.

**90. Nomination of a Community Council Representative on the Carmarthen County Council Standards Committee (Appendix 2)**

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and **AGREED** by all, bar one abstention that Cllr Wyn Thomas be nominated. Cllr Ken Lloyd abstained from the vote as he had previously voted on the matter in a One Voice Wales meeting.

**91. Review of Town Council Committee Structure, Standing Orders, Strategy and Planning**

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Gareth John and **AGREED** by all that this review should take place and membership of the group should be -

Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, Cllr Miriam Moules, Cllr Dr Baba Gana and Cllr Alun Lenny.

**92. Community Representative on the governing body of St Mary's R C School, Carmarthen**

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas and **AGREED** by all that Cllr Matthew Thomas would be nominated.

**93. The Well-Being of Future Generation Act (Appendix 3)**

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

**94. Carmarthen Velodrome Redevelopment Project**

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

**95. CiLCA Qualification**

The Town Clerk's report was **NOTED** and congratulations were extended to the Clerk.

**96. Minutes of the Carmarthen Riverside Association and the Carmarthen River Festival held on 8 May 2017, 5 June 2017 and 19 June 2017 (Appendix 4)**

Discussed later in the meeting.

**97. Minutes of the Fairtrade meeting held on 8th June 2017 (Appendix 5)**

**NOTED**

**98. Minutes of the Sian Johnston Committee held on 8 June 2017 (Appendix 6)**

**NOTED**

**99. Report of the Mayor (Appendix 7)**

**NOTED**

**100. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies**

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone reported that he had attended a Ramadan celebration at Richmond Park, and thanked Cllr Dr Baba Gana for the warm welcome. Cllr Schiavone also advised that he had attended the Mayor's Race Committee Meeting, the Civic Service for County Cllr Irfon Jones, The Great Get Together and the Management Committee for Dr Mz.

Cllr Ken Lloyd reported that he had attended the One Voice Wales Committee meeting which encouraged Councillors to take places on public bodies.

Cllr Phil Grice advised that he had attended the Dyfed Schools Athletics Meeting. Cllr Grice also advised that arrangements for the Sheriff's Gathering were well under way.

#### **101. The exclusion of the Public and Press**

It was proposed by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, and **RESOLVED**, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Also under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Act.

#### **102. Matters Arising**

River Festival Debt – Cllr Phil Grice gave a detailed overview of the current situation in relation to the River Festival and answered question relating to the issue. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Gareth John, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas that any decision in respect of the outstanding debt should be postponed until after the festival to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, to include a review of the bank balances after the event.

**The meeting closed at 9:35**