

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2018

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, 31st January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Phil Grice, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, Miriam Moules, Wyn Thomas, Barry Williams, Dr Ioan Matthews, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Emlyn Schiavone, Gareth John, Dr Baba Gana, Revd Tom Defis, Angharad Jones Leefe and Dr Matthew Thomas.

Mr Alun Harries - Clerk to the Town Council
 Mrs Llinos Jenkins – Committee Services Officer
 Mr Tudur Jones – Translator
 Ms Hilary Jones – Carmarthen County Council (until 7:50)
 Ms Rhian Davies – Carmarthen County Council (until 7:50)

The meeting began with a presentation from Carmarthenshire County Council on the 'Promotion of Health and Sporting Opportunities in Carmarthen'.

359. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jeff Thomas (due to illness) and Cllr Julia Ault (work commitments).

360. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in Agenda item 10a as Chairman of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Ken Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda item 10a as a member of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in item 9 on the Agenda as a Trustee of Oriel Myrddin.

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone declared an interest in item 9 on the Agenda as a Trustee of Oriel Myrddin and Carmarthen Family Centres.

Cllr Wyn Thomas declared an interest in item 9 on the Agenda as a Trustee of Oriel Myrddin.

Cllr Ken Lloyd declared an interest in item 9 on the Agenda as a Trustee of Oriel Myrddin.

Cllr Phil Grice declared an interest in Agenda item 10a (W/36674) as a neighbour of the applicant.

361. Questions

Cllr Miriam Moules asked the following question - *What is the Town Council doing, in co-operation with other bodies (Chamber of Trade and the County Council for example) to address the issue of empty shops in the town centre?*

The Chair, Cllr Alun Lenny responded with the following information – The Carmarthen Town Regeneration Masterplan 2014-2030 in place as well as the work undertaken by the Town Forum. King Street has seen a 5% increase in footfall and window wraps are being used in empty shops to attract businesses to the area.

Funding is still available from the Rural Development Programme; the Palm Caye Café recently utilised this funding to open a business at Gerddi Llydaw.

Carmarthen BID is in progress and work will be starting soon on the Jackson's Lane development.

Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths highlighted that Carmarthenshire County Council has a team dedicated to the regeneration of underutilised areas.

362. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 13th December 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th December 2017 be accepted as a true record.

363. Matters Arising

None recorded.

364. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Arwel Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2018 be accepted as a true record.

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

Page 81 : 347 – Battle's Over – WW1

Page 82 : 349 Operations Officer Report - Planning Application for a Defibrillator in the External Wall of St Peter's Civic Hall.

Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews shared the history of how Parc Hinds was created in memory of the son of James Hinds who was killed by a sniper during WW1. The Council **AGREED** that it was important that this should be noted at the same time as the plaque is placed for the 'Fields in Trust' at Parc Hinds.

It was proposed by Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that the recommendations should be accepted.

366. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 11 January 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2018 be accepted as a true record.

367. To consider the following committee recommendations or matters arising

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It was proposed by Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that the recommendation be accepted.

In his capacity as Chair of the Finance Committee Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews thanked the Town Council staff for their work on the preparation of the 2018/19 budget.

368. Town Clerk's Report

Statutory Consultations

(a) Planning

W/36654 – 57 King Street, Carmarthen SA31 1BD - No objection

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W/36674 – 10 Heol y Delyn, Carmarthen. SA31 1EE - No objection

W/36675 – 40 Spilman Street, Carmarthen. SA31 1LQ- No objection

W/36683 – Time Coffee Bar, 2/3 King Street, Carmarthen. SA31 1BD - No objection

W/36691 – Riverside Garage, Heol Salem, Carmarthen. SA 31 3HT – No objection

W/36695 – Land between 113-117 Priory Street, Carmarthen. SA31 1NB - No objection

W/36712 – 1 Hall Street, Carmarthen. SA31 1PH – No objection

The listed responses to the noted statutory planning consultations were proposed by Cllr Dr Matthew Thomas, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas and **AGREED** by all.

(b) Highways

None reported.

(c) Licencing

None reported.

369. Richmond Park School – Nomination of Minor Authority Representative

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that Cllr Julia Ault (who was not present at the meeting) should be nominated to represent the council.

370. A Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys

Cllr Dr Baba Gana gave an overview of the current provision for trauma patients within Hywel Dda NHS Trust and highlighted the fact that there were 27 trauma centres in England and none in Wales. It was proposed by Cllr Dr Baba Gana, seconded by Cllr Ken Lloyd and **AGREED** by all that we should support the proposal of a Trauma Network in South and West Wales and Powys.

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

371. Expert Panel on Electoral Reform Report

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

372. Review of the Community and Town Council Sector

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Dr Ioan Matthews and **AGREED** by all that Council should wait until One Voice Wales circulate their draft response before discussing the matter further. However, the Clerk should respond to the online survey as necessary.

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

373. Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services

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

374. Letter of Appreciation

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

375. Report of the Mayor

The Mayor's report was **NOTED**.

376. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Barry Williams circulated a recent press release from the Community Health Council.

Cllr Williams' report was **NOTED**.

377. The exclusion of the Public and Press

Not proposed.

378. Matters Arising

None.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm