

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER 2014

The Mayor, Cllr Arwel Lloyd, presided over the monthly meeting of Carmarthen Town Council held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, on Wednesday, 29th October 2014, at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Philip Grice, Anthony Jenkins, Arwel Lloyd,
Kenneth Lloyd, Douglas Rose, Alan Speake, Wyn Thomas,
Barry Williams, Baba Gana, Dr Richard Edwards, Alun
Lenny, Dorothy Bere, Catrin Howells Lloyd

267. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dr. Ioan Matthews, Non Edwards, Tom Defis, Dr. Dewi Evans and Peter Hughes Griffiths

268. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

269. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 24th September 2014 be accepted as a true record.

270. MATTERS ARISING:

No Matters arose.

271. QUESTIONS

No questions were reported.

272. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 14th October 2014 be signed and accepted as a true record.

273. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 243: Licensing Matters-Friends' Arms, Johnstown

It was **RESOLVED** that Council objects to the extension of the permitted hours of the Friends' Arms in Johnstown due to its proximity to residential properties

(b) Minute 244(a): First Liaison Group Meeting held on 24 September 2014 – Penllwyn Park

Following a lengthy debate it was agreed that a long term plan be implemented. Part of the discussion centred around the placing of Dog Control Orders at both gates. The Town Clerk reported that he was awaiting the correct legal wording from the County Council in this respect. Cllr Alan Speake wished it be recorded that the £56,000 relating to Play Equipment under Minute 244(c) (Section 106 funds) referred to the three Parks and not just Penllwyn Park.

It was proposed by Cllr Anthony Jenkins seconded by Cllr Doug Rose that the Penllwyn Park Liaison Group continue to meet and that the park fencing is reviewed at the end of the current season.

274. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 16th October 2014 be signed and accepted as a true record.

275. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 256: Internal Audit 2014/15

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr. Lyn Llewellyn be commissioned to undertake the Internal Audit of Council's accounts for 2014/15 following a review of Council's accounts by external commercial auditors.

(b) Minute 259: Bro Myrddin Indoor Bowls Centre

It was **RESOLVED** that Council commission LHP Chartered Accountants to undertake a financial report and business plan to be presented to Members at a later date. Cllr Anthony Jenkins requested that a 'due diligence process' be undertaken in respect of the Indoor Bowls Club.

(c) Minute 260: Purchase of Defibrillators for St Peter's Civic Hall and Carmarthen Park

It was proposed by Cllr Doug Rose seconded by Cllr Richard Edwards and **RESOLVED** that Council buy defibrillators for St Peters Civic Hall and Carmarthen Park at a cost of £1,900.

(d) Minute 261: Purchase of collar for Deputy Mayor's Chain.

It was proposed by Cllr Anthony Jenkins seconded by Cllr Alun Lenny and **RESOLVED** that Council buy a collar for the Deputy Mayor's chain at a cost of £225.00.

(e) Minute 263: Application for Funding(i) Urdd Gobaith Cymru

It was proposed by Cllr Anthony Jenkins seconded by Cllr Alun Lenny and **RESOLVED** that Council contribute £200.00 (two hundred pounds) to the Urdd Gobaith Cymru Carmarthen group, in accordance with powers granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

(f) Minute 265: Red Court Farm-Benefit to Council/Bribery Act Compliance.

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in this matter. The Town Clerk is awaiting legal advice from the County Council in respect of compliance with the Bribery Act.

276. PLANNING MATTERS: CURRENT APPLICATIONS

NO observations

277. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(i) A40-Pont Lesneven (B&Q) and Pensarn Roundabouts

No observations.

(ii) Job's Well Road

Cllr Alan Speake had met with County Council officers and Siemens. They had seen full impact of problem. It was hoped that adjustments to the lights sequence would improve the traffic flow over time.

278. LICENSING MATTERS

Bargain Booze, 115 Lammas Street

This was an additional item tabled with the consent of the Chairman. Members discussed at length the application and the majority present came to the conclusion that the Town Council express their objection to the Licensing Authority.

**Licensing Act 2003 – Application for Premises Licenses at:
Bargain Booze, 115 Lammas Street, Carmarthen SA31 3AE**

The Town Council has received, and considered, at the Council Meeting held on 29 October 2014, the above application for premises licence at 115 Lammas Street, Carmarthen.

Carmarthen Town Council, at the monthly meeting held on 29 October 2014 resolved to object to the application on the basis of:

(i) The present law and order issues at Lammas Street including rowdiness and disturbances to local inhabitants during the evening and later. Carmarthen Town Council has brought this matter to the attention of the Licensing Authority and Police, in the past;

(ii) Concerns with increased sales of alcohol at cheaper rates will further add the health problems due to alcohol intake;

(iii) The Council considers that there are sufficient outlets of alcohol are presently available within the vicinity;

(iv) The name of the application "Bargain Booze", as the two elements of the business name suggests availability of and encourages sale of cheap alcohol in large volumes.

279. ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 2014/15

Members **NOTED** the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday 15th May 2015.

280. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

Members **NOTED** the dates of the 2014 Christmas and New Year Working Arrangements.

281. DATES OF MEETINGS 2015

Members **NOTED** the dates of the 2015 Committee and Council meetings as submitted to Members.

282. COUNCIL'S MINUTES: APPOINTMENT OF PROPER OFFICER

Members Noted that the Committee Services Officer was currently on sick leave. The Town Clerk reported that a former Clerk had been approached to undertake the work but had declined. Members of the existing staff had expressed a preparedness to undertake the minutes, agendas and supporting papers during the Committee Services Officer's absence. Reference was made for a Member to undertake the duties but a conflict of interest may arise and was not wholly satisfactory. In the circumstances it was agreed that Mr. Adrian Lloyd and Mr. Clive Evans undertake this work for the duration of the sick leave.

It was suggested by Mr Alan Speake that Council send a bouquet of flowers to the Committee Services Officer and a card wishing her a speedy recovery.

283. REMEMBRANCE 2014: As information

(i) Eve of Armistice, Saturday, 8 November, 6.00pm

(i) Remembrance Sunday, 9 November

(iii) Remembrance Day Service, Tuesday, 11 November

Members **NOTED** the dates of the Remembrance arrangements for 2014.

284. SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION MEETING

Members **NOTED** the date of the Swansea Bay City Region meeting to be held on Wednesday 19th November 2014 at St Peters Civic Hall. Cllr Anthony Jenkins expressed his disappointed that Sir Terry Mathews was unable to attend.

285. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE-JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT

Members **NOTED** the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Public Service Centre project.

286. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY-DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2015/20 AND DRAFT ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2015/16

Members **NOTED** the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Draft Strategic Plan 2015/20 and Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2015/16.

287. CARMARTHENSHIRE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY STRATEGY ANNUAL FORUM, 27 NOVEMBER 2014

Members **NOTED** the Carmarthenshire Integrated Community Strategy Annual Forum to be held on Thursday, 27th November 2014 in the Halliwell Theatre.

288. PRIDE OF PLACE COMPETITION 2014

Members **NOTED** that the ceremony at the Civic Hall on the 20th October 2014 and hosted by the Mayor was a successful and well attended presentation.

289. TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL COUNTY LIAISON FORUM

Members **NOTED** the Town and Community Liaison meeting was held on the 30th September 2014.

290. THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

Cllr Anthony Jenkins expressed an interest as a member of the Church.

Members **NOTED** the new organisation entitled 'Friends of St Peters Church'. Members are invited to the launch on the 4th November 2014 and that they are welcome to join the organisation. The Mayor informed Council that he would attend the launch. A new bilingual document is being produced.

291. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES, TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor, Cllr Arwel Lloyd, referred Members to his previously circulated list of engagements.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Barry Williams, presented a report from a recent meeting of the Community Health Council.

Cllr Philip Grice presented his concerns on proposed staff reduction within the Child Services Dept. which will have direct implication for staff at Dr M'z. Members were united in their support of the good work carried out by staff at Dr M'z over many years. A member stated that this issue was of far greater importance to the town than maintaining the Indoor Bowls Club. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The Executive Board Member and the Head of Children's Services be invited to a future meeting of Council;
- (b) The Town Clerk makes contact with the manager at Dr Mz' to obtain further information;
- (c) That the County Council members approach the relevant officers at the County Council to obtain further information.

Cllr Douglas Rose had attended a meeting of Tŷ Hapus Trustees; funding is precarious, and jobs are on the line or reduced hours, the property in Park Hall was given by Council. and had attended 2 meetings of Johnstown CP School where the staff car park is now operational

Cllr A Jenkins had attended a meeting of Myrddin CP School governors and the budget has been drastically cut by County Council also attended a meeting of the Town regeneration forum which had plenty of ideas, however required a large amount of funding.

Cllr Alan Speake attended a meeting of One Voice Wales regarding the coastal protection, Llanelli wanted Welsh Government invest in coast protection work, also attended a meeting on October 29th of Carmarthen Armed Services who are looking at a memorial in town for soldiers killed in action in recent conflicts

292. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Cllr Anthony Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Catrin Howells Lloyd, 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.

293. WELSH GOVERNMENT POLICY ON WELSH LANGUAGE-'BWRW YMLAEN' - REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor reported that Trinity College was looking for grant funding towards the purchase of a building in King Street. It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice seconded by Cllr Anthony Jenkins that Council would support the application as a partner.

294. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

It was resolved that the revised minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on the 15th September 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Appendix 1

Observations on Planning Applications

App. No./Location	Description of Work & Application Type	Members' Response
W/31001, 27 Bronwydd Road	Two storey extension and new roof to side of extension. Demolition of current garage and construction of pool house in its place. Enlarge existing access point.	No observations
W/31013-2 Mansel Street	Removal of condition 3 on W/28896. Remove condition complete to correspond with the licence granted by the licensing authority.	No observations
W/31043-Site off Parc Thomas	Variation of condition 4 on planning permission W/24680 (extend the time by 1 year in which to submit the reserved matters	No observations