

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 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, 26th November 2014, at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Philip Grice, Anthony Jenkins, Arwel Lloyd, Kenneth Lloyd, Douglas Rose, Alan Speake, Wyn Thomas, Dorothy Bere, Dr. Ioan Matthews, Non Edwards, Tom Defis, Dr. Dewi Evans, Peter Hughes Griffiths.

321. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Barry Williams, Baba Gana, Dr Richard Edwards, Alun Lenny, and Catrin Howells Lloyd.

322. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

323. PRESENTATION by IWAN CRAY, HEAD OF COMMAND (CARMARTHENSHIRE/CEREDIGION), MID and WEST FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

Iwan Cray (Head of Command (Carmarthenshire/Ceredigion)), outlined the work of the Mid and West Fire and Rescue Service which not only covered attending to fires but undertook other duties such as checking electric blankets, going around properties providing fire prevention advice to householders and installing smoke alarms in properties. He stressed the co-operation that exists between other service providers, for example, Health Authority, Police, County Council etc and he was grateful to the Town Council for inviting him to the meeting for him to inform Members of the service that is provided. During the question session he was able to respond to a number of queries made by Members. Topics and major issues included the proposed new Control Headquarters in Bridgend and the installation of sprinkler systems in new homes.

The Mayor, Cllr. Arwel Lloyd thanked Commander Cray for his interesting and informative presentation

324. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 29th October 2014 be accepted as a true record.

325. MATTERS ARISING:

No Matters arose.

326. QUESTIONS

No questions were reported.

327. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 4th November 2014 be signed and accepted as a true record.

328. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 300: Licensing Matters-Bargain Booze

Following the Resolution to object to the above application, Council has been invited to attend the Licensing hearing on 9th December 2014. It is important that a Member attends to put the case on behalf of the Town Council. If nobody attends the hearing, the Town Council's objection will not be considered. Members of the General Purposes Committee have been previously advised.

(b) Minute 301: Carmarthen Cemetery, Removal of Adornments

A contingent of Members visited the Cemetery to inspect the issue of the removal of adornments. It was agreed that the present Council policy be adhered to. Reference was made to a Welsh Government review which was in the process of being undertaken. **Therefore it was further agreed that any adornments would not be removed until after the Welsh Government publish its report on this matter.**

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) Council await the Welsh Government report on Cemeteries, and,
- (b) the General Purposes Committee consider further burial arrangements at the Cemetery.

(c) Minute 302:Additional Christmas Lights Display

Councillors commended the staff of the Town Council on the Christmas lights as they had received many compliments from residents. With regard to the provision of Christmas lights in other parts of Town it was **RESOLVED** that this item be referred back to the General Purposes Committee.

329. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 6th November 2014 be signed and accepted as a true record.

330. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arose

331. PLANNING MATTERS: CURRENT APPLICATIONS

No observations

332. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

No observations.

333. LICENSING MATTERS

(i) Minor Variation Application-Prezzo Plc to interior of premises

No observations

334. TOWN CENTRE – CHRISTMAS CAR PARKING

It was **RESOLVED** that the County Council be approached again this year to request free parking after 3pm leading up to Christmas.

335. MINUTES OF SIAN JOHNSTON ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes were **NOTED**

336. MINUTES OF TH FAIR TRADE GROUP HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes were **NOTED**

337. 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.

Cllr Philip Grice , referred to the recent Swansea Bay City Region Meeting and suggested discussion take place at General Purposes Meeting

Cllr Douglas Rose , since the extension to the Car Park at Johnstown CP School there had been an alleviation to the traffic problems at Heol Salem.

Cllr Anthony Jenkins, expressed concern that neither the Chair nor Vice Chair of the Swansea Bay City Region had attended the meeting on 19th November 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

Observations on Planning Applications

App. No./Location	Description of Work & Application Type	Members' Response
W/31150	Change of use from Tanning/Beauty Parlour to a non-residential educational establishment.	No observations
W/31177	Provision of twenty-seven 2,3 and 4 Semi-detached and terraced houses	No observations
W/31198	Plot 9, Y Ddol , Bronwydd Road – Reinstatement of land for a proposed dwelling following time lapse of planning approval W/24478	No observations
W/31199	Internal refurbishment of ground floor with minor works in basement – Nationwide Building Society	No observations
W/31200	Change of use to residential – 24,Bridge Street	No observations