**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD ON 27TH APRIL 2016**

The Mayor, Cllr Barry Williams, presided over the monthly meeting of Carmarthen Town Council held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, on Wednesday, 27th April 2016, at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Dorothy Bere, Reverend Tom Defis, Dr Richard Edwards,

Dr Dewi Evans, Dr Baba Gana, Philip Grice,

Peter Hughes Griffiths, Anthony Jenkins, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Kenneth Lloyd,

Dr Ioan Matthews, Douglas Rose, Emlyn Schiavone,

Alan Speake, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams

559. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs ?????

560. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in agenda item 10(a), Current Planning Applications, as Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Committee.

561. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30 MARCH 2016

 It was proposed by Cllr Philip Grice, seconded by Cllr Kenneth Lloyd, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 30th March 2016 be accepted as a true record, subject to the following correction:

562. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arose.

563. QUESTIONS

 No questions were reported.

564. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Alun Lenny, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 12th April 2016 be signed and accepted as a true record.

565. MATTERS ARISING

566. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 APRIL 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Dr Dewi Evans, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 14th April 2016 be signed and accepted as a true record.

567. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 552: Schedule of Monthly Income – Salvation Army

Members

(b) Minute 557: Purchase of Property for Social Housing and Investment Purposes

Members

568. PLANNING MATTERS – CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

With the Chairman’s consent, applications received since circulation of the Town Clerk’s report were tabled. It was **RESOLVED** that Council respond to current applications as follows:

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| **Application** | **Town Council Response** |
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569. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

No highways matters were reported.

570. LICENSING MATTERS – NOTT’S BAR, 16 NOTT SQUARE

Attached as Appendix 3 to the agenda was notice

571. RICHMOND PARK SCHOOL – MINOR AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

It was proposed by

572. YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG BRO MYRDDIN: CHANGE IN LANGUAGE CATEGORY

Attached as Appendix 4 to the agenda

573. INTERNAL AUDIT 2015/16

574. WEST WALES BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

575. LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM

576. MINUTES OF MAYOR’S FUN RUN MEETING

Members **NOTED** the minutes of the Mayor’s Fun Run Meeting held on the 12th April 2016, and attached as Appendix 5 to the agenda.

577. MINUTES OF THE CARMARTHEN RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION MEETING

578. MINUTES OF CARMARTHEN RIVER FESTIVAL MEETING

Members **NOTED** the minutes of the Carmarthen River Festival Meeting held on the 14th March 2016, and attached as Appendix 8 to the agenda.

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

Cllr Wyn Thomas, Deputy Mayor, had accompanied the Mayor to the installation of Professor Medwin Hughes as High Sheriff.

Cllr Douglas Rose had represented Council at a Civic Trust Cymru conference when the emphasis had been on (a) working with others to minimise the impact of scarce resources, e.g. at Abergavenny where the Town Council and Civic Society are jointly improving a green space along the river bank (b) the latest heritage legislation and (c) tool kits for defining the character of a town or village.

Cllr Douglas Rose had also continued to chair governors’ meetings at Johnstown CP School, where the school roll has increased to 494 children. Two long serving and highly regarded teachers are retiring – Annette Jones (37 years) and Eleri Hutchinson (30 years). Also two new posts are being added to the team – a Family Liaison Officer (Welsh Government aided), to work closely with pupils and families, and an Assistant Headteacher, who will concentrate on Key Stage Two. Replacement of the portacabin has been accorded higher priority by the local authority. A breakfast club is being piloted. Focus is continuing on Welsh language and culture, with pupils participating in the School Eisteddfod and the recent Urdd Jamboree, and sending entrants to the 2016 National Eisteddfod. Emphasis is also on green, digital and global issues. As a designated ‘learning school’ Johnstown is attracting visits from other schools.

 The engagements of the Mayor, Cllr Barry Williams, had been circulated as Appendix 9 to the agenda. Cllr Williams was particularly pleased to report that the Community Health Council has re-focused on keeping the public informed. Liaison with the Hywel Dda Health Trust has improved.

580. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

 It was proposed by Cllr Reverend Tom Defis, seconded by Cllr Dr Richard Edwards, 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.

581. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Anthony Jenkins, seconded by Cllr Reverend Tom Defis, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee held on the 12th April 2016 be accepted as a true record.

582. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 527: Management Review Update

The meeting

(b) Minute 528: Local Government Ethical Framework

**The meeting closed at 9.19 pm.**