

**CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 29TH APRIL 2015**

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 April 2015, at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs:Dorothy Bere, Reverend Tom Defis, Non Edwards, Richard Edwards, Dewi Evans Baba Gana ,Philip Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Anthony Jenkins, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Kenneth Lloyd, Doug Rose, Emlyn Schivone, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams

Cllr.Doug Rose left the meeting at 7.45pm

608. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Dr Ioan Matthews, Alan Speake

609. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest as a Member of the County Council's Planning Committee. Cllr. Dewi Evans declared an interest as a Trustee of Ty Hafan Hospice.

610. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 25th March 2015 be accepted as a true record.

611. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Minute 526 Muslim Burials .

This was briefly discussed but as there was a separate item on the Agenda for the meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April it was agreed that a much fuller debate take place once the presentation from Graham Williams Cemetery Manager, Llanelli Cemetery had been delivered.

(b) Minute 531 Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

As it had already been resolved not to support this financially the meeting was informed that further consideration of this item could not be made for a further six months.

(c) Minute 565 St. David's Church, Picton Terrace

The meeting was informed that no further information had been received regarding progress on premises.

## 612. QUESTIONS

No questions were received.

## 613. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 14th April 2015 be signed and accepted as a true record.

## 614. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 582 Highways Matters

Parking in Carmarthen. Members were informed that meetings had taken place with County Council representatives regarding parking tickets issued on 12<sup>th</sup> April. All parties had agreed that people should have been warned fully before the new regulations had come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

## 615. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 16th April 2015 be signed and accepted as a true record.

## 616. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 601: Insurance Renewal

It was **RESOLVED** that Council accept that the current Insurance Policies be renewed for a further three years from June 2015.

(b) Minute 605: Footway Lighting Charges

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to One Voice Wales and to the Wales Audit Office. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to the County Council requesting a copy of the original Service Level Agreement between the County Council and the Town Council.

## 617. PLANNING MATTERS - CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Four new applications had been received:

W/31839 – 13, Red Street, Carmarthen – Change of use to enable the unit to be used as a betting office

W/31871 – 13, Red Street, Carmarthen – External alterations and installation of new rear customer entrance.

W/31903 – 7. Heol Maer, Carmarthen – Construction of a detached two storey garage and change of use of existing integral garage to form office.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council has no observations on the above applications.

W/31902 – Pantglas Estate ,Bronwydd Road ,Carmarthen – Proposed development of 13 no dwellings comprising 9 no detached and 4 no semi-detached affordable dwellings.

Objections were voiced regarding this proposal as some Members were of the opinion that this land was for agricultural use only . Members were disappointed to see these proposals and suggested that the legalities regarding the right of way be looked into especially in regard to the present agricultural use.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council object to this planning application.

618. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

No Applications had been received .

619. LICENSING MATTERS

An application had been received regarding USA Chicken, 23,Blue Street, Carmarthen – a variation of the existing Licence by extending opening hours by 30 minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council have no observations on the above.

620. INTERNAL AUDIT 2014/15

Members were informed that the Internal Audit for the end of the Financial Year 2014/15 had commenced the day previously, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be noted.

621. THE WELL BEING FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) Bill

Members were informed that the Well Being Future Generations (Wales) Bill was likely to receive Royal Assent shortly and take effect during 2016. The key purpose of this Bill is to strengthen existing governance to improve the well being of Wales

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be noted.

622. ORIEL MYRDDIN – REPLACEMENT TRUSTEE

After a short discussion Cllr. Doug Rose was reselected to serve a further term of four years as Trustee

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Doug Rose be reselected for a further four years.

## 623. WELSH GUARDS MARCH

The Welsh Guards had advised that as part of their Regiment's Centenary celebrations they would be exercising their right to march through the town centre on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015. They have requested Council's assistance with the arrangements.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be noted.

## 624. MINUTES OF THE MAYORS FUN RUN STEERING COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes attached at Appendix 2, be noted.

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

The Mayor's list of engagements, circulated as Appendix 3 were noted.

## 626. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **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.

## 627. CEMETERY- MUSLIM BURIALS, Graham Williams, Cemetery Manager, Llanelli Joint Burial Authority.

Mr. Graham Williams gave a presentation regarding the background to the establishment of the Llanelli Cemetery.

The Mayor along with a number of Members thanked Mr. Williams for his interesting and informative speech.

Following a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED IN PRINCIPAL** that a piece of land at Carmarthen Cemetery be allocated for Muslim burials.

A recorded vote was taken

For/In Favour	12
Against	2
Abstentions	0

## 628. STAFFING MATTERS

## (a) APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

The meeting was informed that Candidates had been interviewed for the post of Town Clerk by Members of the Management Committee. No-one had been appointed to the post.

It was **RESOLVED** that the post of Town Clerk be re-advertised.

## (b) STAFF REVIEW

The meeting was informed that a summary of the Staff Review had been circulated to all staff on the 27th April .

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be **NOTED**.

629. CARMARTHEN PARK – WINTER WONDERLAND

The meeting was informed that this matter had been discussed previously by both General Purposes and Finance Committees . Both Committees were of the opinion that this event would be beneficial for the Town.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk arrange meetings with the promoters of the Winter Wonderland event to move the matter forward.

630. Dr Mz'S – FUNDING

Members discussed at length the financial situation regarding the funding of Dr.Mz.If the Town Council were to increase its financial contribution to Dr Mz it would be necessary for them to submit a full business plan and recent audited accounts to the Council who could then consider the matter at Finance Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that in order to progress the matter forward the Trustees of Dr Mz be invited to submit proposals together with the documents outlined above to the next Finance Committee.

The Meeting Closed at 9.40pm