

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
7.30pm 13 FEBRUARY 2020 AT ST PETER'S CIVIC HALL

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gareth John.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Gareth John, Ken Lloyd, Emlyn Schiavone, Matthew Thomas, Wyn Thomas.

Mr Alun Harries – Clerk to the Town Council
Mrs Melanie Phillips-Rees – Committee Services Officer

353. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tom Defis, Julia Ault, Jeff Thomas and Ioan Matthews.

354. Declarations of Interest

None arose.

355. Matters arising from minutes of the previous Finance Committee Meeting

No matters arising.

356.To authorise the signing of the Order for Payment of Accounts Schedule for February 2020

Invoices were available before and during the meeting for Members' inspection. The Clerk explained that the Towy Works invoice related to the purchase of equipment for the refurbishment of the public toilets at Carmarthen Park.

It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas and seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone and **RESOLVED** that the accounts included in the schedule submitted and amounting to £85,926.18 for the month of February 2020 be hereby approved, and that the schedule be signed by two Members of Council and the Clerk as authority for payment of the respective sums.

Town Clerk's Report

357. Financial Report

The Town Clerk updated Council's bank balances as at 31st of January 2019 as follows:

	£
HSBC Current Account	93,688.10
HSBC Deposit Account	200,500.88
Total Cash in Bank	294,188.98

In respect of the Town Council's other bank accounts, the balances on 31st January 2020 were as follows:

i.	Mayor's Allowance:	£ 1,960.64
ii.	Mayor's Races:	£ 6,155.72
iii.	Carmarthen Park Tea Shop:	£12,781.27

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

358. Schedule of Monthly Income

The schedule was **NOTED**.

359. Schedule of Debtors

The schedule was **NOTED**.

360. Review of Council Insurances and Risk Management Scheme

A review of the Council Insurance and Risk management Scheme took place.

RECOMMENDATION: It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Emlyn Schiavone to accept the amended policy as presented. Agreed by all.

361. Red Court Solar Farm Grant

An application for a grant from the Eco-Lent United Benefice (and Local Ministry Area) of Bro Caerfyrddin was recommended for approval by the Sian Johnston Environmental Working Group during its meeting on 20th January 2020 (£500.00).

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Matthew Thomas, and **RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be made to the Eco-Lent United Benefice. All in agreement.

362. Purchase of resources for St David's week

Members agreed to:

- (a) the creation of a Paypal account to facilitate the receipt of a grant in connection with the St David's Week Celebrations; and
- (b) the prepayment of costs linked to the purchase of equipment (banners, etc) for St David's week, which need to be purchased prior to the next meeting.

363. Cemetery Depot

The Clerk updated the Committee regarding the current storage issue before the current storage facility is extended.

364. St Peter's Civic Hall Roof Repairs

An estimate of £7550 has been received for the repair work, which has now become very urgent due to the continuing leakage of rainwater into the building next door.

It was proposed by Cllr Ken Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Wyn Thomas, and **RESOLVED** that the estimate should be accepted, and the work should be carried out as soon as possible, and without pursuing other quotes.

The meeting closed at 7:58 pm.