

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2020

The Mayor Cllr Jeff Thomas presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors: Baba Gana, Phil Grice, Peter Hughes Griffiths, Gareth John, Angharad Jones Leefe, Alun Lenny, Arwel Lloyd, Ken Lloyd, Ioan Matthews, Miriam Moules, Emlyn Schiavone, Jeff Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Wyn Thomas and Barry Williams.

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

318. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tom Defis.

319. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Alun Lenny declared an interest in Agenda item 11(a) as the Chair of the County Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Ken Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda item 10 as a shareholder of the Carmarthenshire Energy Company.

Cllr Arwel Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda item 10 as Chair of Gŵyl Canol Dref.

320. Questions

None.

321. Public Participation

No matters were raised by the public.

322. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th December 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Baba Gana and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11th of December 2019 be accepted as a true record.

323. Matters Arising

None.

324. To confirm and sign the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 14th of January 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Barry Williams, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 14th of January 2020 be accepted as a true record.

325. To consider the Committee recommendations or other matters arising

Page 70, 304: VE Day Commemoration

The Commemoration of VE Day is on the same day as the Mayor Making Ceremony, it was agreed that the event will be commemorated, details to be discussed at a later meeting.

Page 70, 306: email addresses for Members

After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Phil Grice, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe that all Councillors authorise the use of their current email in writing rather than a specific CTC email address, and that Management Minutes are encrypted when shared, **AGREED**, Cllr Ioan Matthews abstained.

Cllr Phil Grice raised the matter of the Historic Town Tours having not been discussed, but the Clerk stated that this would be on the agenda for the February meeting. The Clerk is to correspond with the Tourist Department and also raise the possibility of tours for the public of the Crown Court located in the Guildhall.

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone entered the meeting at 7:46pm

326. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 16th of January 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Wyn Thomas, seconded by Cllr Arwel Lloyd and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 16th of January 2020 be accepted as a true record.

327. To consider the Committee recommendations or other matters arising

Page 71, 311 – Mayor's Allowance 2018/19

Page 72, 317 – Council Precept 2020/21

Page 72, 317 - Council Budget 2020/21

Page 74, 317 – Council payments and contributions 2020/21

It was proposed by Cllr Ioan Matthews, seconded by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe and **AGREED** that the recommendations be accepted, all **AGREED**.

Town Clerk's Report

328. Planning

W/39755 - Former Cartref Tawelan, Ash Grove, Carmarthen, SA31 3PY – **no objections** proposed by Cllr Angharad Jones Leefe and seconded by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths, Cllr Phil Grice objected.

W/40066 - HSBC, 15 Lammas Street, Carmarthen – **no objections**, comments to include reference to the importance of bilingual public signage.

W/40066 - 25 Union Street, Carmarthen, SA31 3DE – 1 Beech tree at rear of 25 union street; (t1) reduce crown by a maximum of 3 metres – **no objections**.

The LDP consultation period has opened and the final meeting to discuss the LDP will be held on the 13th of February 2020.

329. Highways

Consultation on the A40 Carmarthen to St Clears regarding the road safety consultation. Following discussion, the Clerk is to respond accordingly, with emphasis on road safety, incorporating appropriate speed limits and no crossing of the carriageway.

330. Licensing

None.

331. Nomination of Minor Authority Representative – Ysgol y Dderwen

It was **proposed** by Cllr Phil Grice and **seconded** by Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths that Cllr Ioan Matthews is re-nominated for the position, all **AGREED**.

332. Dates of Council Meetings 2020

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

333. Carmarthenshire County Council Scrutiny Committee

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

334. Email Addresses for Councillors

See 325 above.

335. Sian Johnston Environmental Working Group

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 had been circulated, and the Clerk reminded the Council of the upcoming Climate Conference to be held on the 18th of March 2020.

336. The Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was **NOTED**.

337. Reports from Councillors as Council Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor's reports were **NOTED**.

The meeting closed at 8:32 pm