

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2020

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **COUNTY COUNCIL** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 2020** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.**
3. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
4. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE:-**
 - 4 .1 **3RD MARCH 2020** 7 - 22
 - 4 .2 **10TH MARCH 2020** 23 - 30
 - 4 .3 **10TH JUNE 2020** 31 - 40
5. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:-**

5.1 QUESTION BY A DAVIES TO COUNCILLOR EMLYN DOLE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

“For several months, me and my friends have been struggling to get to school after our school bus was removed.

We have been relying on our parents to drive us to school, as the paths to school are not suitable.

The school bus being removed is having a big impact on my friends' families with parents being late for work, issues with the service bus and the weather has been horrendous.

I am concerned that the number of people being dropped off by a car is harming our environment.

People keep passing the blame so my question is when will we have our school buses back?”

5.2 QUESTION BY S. BERE TO COUNCILLOR EMLYN DOLE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

“Urban green spaces, such as Jackson's Lane in the centre of Carmarthen town, are playing an increasingly important role as part of our urban infrastructure, not least because of their potential to absorb excess rainwater as part of sustainable urban drainage systems, and the ability of their plants and trees to act as natural air conditioning during heatwaves or dry spells. Local authorities have long recognised that its green spaces provide a range of benefits beyond their recreational value, including natural or 'ecosystem' services such as flood regulation, water quality regulation, noise absorption, carbon storage, wild species diversity, etc. Green spaces are often accurately referred to as the green lungs of a town or city, so in the light of this and the Council's own green credentials will Cllr. Dole initiate an immediate review of the decision to regenerate Jackson's Lane, to satisfy himself that the Council is doing all it can to adhere to its green credentials, whilst ensuring that the health &

wellbeing benefits of our town centres are maximised.?”

5.3 QUESTION BY R. NARAYAN-TAYLOR TO COUNCILLOR JANE TREMLETT, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE

“In the centre of Carmarthen town there are currently only two viable areas of green space, Barn Rd. Cemetery and Jackson's Lane where residents can access clean fresh air, engage with nature, relax and meet friends. As a result, it comes as no surprise that they are much loved and in the case of Jackson's Lane very well used, particularly in the spring and summer months. In the light of the growing evidence that such green spaces make a positive contribution to physical and mental health will Councillor Tremlett request an immediate review of the Council's decision to regenerate Jackson's Lane so as to satisfy herself that the council is doing all it can to promote the health and well-being of its residents, whilst meeting its own well-being goals and the goals of the "Well-Being of Future Generations(Wales) Act 2015”

5.4 QUESTION BY J HEATH TO COUNCILLOR CEFIN CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS

“ In light of the County Council's commendable decision to declare a climate emergency at the beginning of 2019, followed by its decision to request the Dyfed Pension fund to look at divesting in fossil fuels, followed by its decision in February 2020 to call on the Welsh and Westminster governments to follow its own lead by bringing forward their net-zero carbon targets from 2050 to 2030, will Cllr. Campbell, as the Council's lead on the environment, request an immediate review of the decision to regenerate the Jackson's Lane area of Carmarthen town, to satisfy himself that the proposals for Jackson's Lane are not contrary to the Council's commendable environment agenda?”

6. QUESTION BY MEMBERS:-

6.1 QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR KEVIN MADGE TO COUNCILLOR JANE TREMLETT, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

“The Covid-19 Pandemic has demonstrated that Social Care is essential to the fabric of our society which underlines the huge financial pressures being faced by Social Care in Carmarthenshire and Wales.

Could we have an update from the Executive Board Member with the latest financial pressures facing this authority In the remaining months of this financial year.”

7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-

7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LIAM BOWEN

Addressing Racism in Carmarthenshire

The harrowing death of George Floyd in the USA and the weeks of protest and debate that have followed has given us all an opportunity to reflect on the harsh reality of racism across the world. We pride ourselves on being a caring, open and inclusive County, but it has to be openly acknowledged that sadly elements of racism and intolerance remain within our society today. It is therefore incumbent on this Council to formally recognise these failings, reach out to the BAME community, formulate proactive educational programmes and undertake a re-evaluation of our historical monuments in the light of recent events. Therefore:

This Council

- Makes a clear and unequivocal statement that it abhors racism, prejudice and discrimination in all its forms – past and present.
- Supports the message of 'Black Lives Matter' and believes in the right of citizens to protest peacefully in a safe environment
- Recognises the importance of BAME communities in our county and commits to working with them we aim to educate, identify and eradicate racism in Carmarthenshire.

The council will:

- Listen to the voice of BAME communities in our county and will set up a Cross Party Task and Finish group to take evidence to ensure that their concerns, fears and proposals are fully heard and informs future policy
- Work with the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner to deal with racism, prejudice and discrimination within the judicial system
- Continue to learn from historical events in a factually balanced approach
- Commit to working with our schools to include the themes of colonialism, exploitation, discrimination and racism in the new National Curriculum and in lifelong learning
- Undertake a review of public monuments, including the one to Thomas Picton in Carmarthen, as well as street names and report upon their appropriateness in 21st century Wales
- Embrace Black History Month (October) by holding public events to highlight the reality of the negative impact of racial inequality and celebrate the contribution made by BAME communities to our local and national life

7.2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR KEVIN MADGE

“With the Amman Valley Railway line coal transportation coming to the end of its life, we believe that Carmarthenshire Council should carry out a feasibility study of the railway line, to see if we could do a modern environmentally-friendly green railway. The modern rail bus would connect the Amman Valley and the Gwendrath Valley with Llanelli and Swansea.

The line could to help reduce transport poverty, help residents to travel to work and bring tourists into our valleys, creating jobs in the years to come. This line was established in 1842 and we must preserve it for our future generations.

It is essential that a feasibility study be carried out, with the line being mothballed as soon as possible to ensure that any future plans remain affordable to the public.”

7.3 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ROB JAMES

“That Carmarthenshire Council agrees:

1. To directly employ all the agency staff working in the theatre made redundant by the Agency instead of furloughing them as requested by Carmarthenshire County Council.
2. That the Authority should complete of a full review into the use of agency work within Carmarthenshire County Council and publish its findings on our website as soon as possible.
3. That the Council should seek to TUPE all agency workers employed for more than 2 years as permanent employees.
4. That we should stop the practice of paying fees to agency companies and evaluate opportunities for creating in-house systems to support all departments including but not exclusively, teachers and teaching assistants, social workers and care workers and our hospitality/leisure teams.”

8. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

8.1 HOMES AS POWER STATIONS (EXECUTIVE BOARD 16TH MARCH 2020) 41 - 182

9. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE:-

9.1 16TH MARCH 2020 183 - 188

9.2 1ST JUNE 2020 189 - 190

10. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION (AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE WEBSITE)

10 .1 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23RD JANUARY 2020

10 .2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY - 21ST FEBRUARY 2020

10 .3 LICENSING COMMITTEE - 24TH FEBRUARY 2020

10 .4 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 27TH FEBRUARY 2020

10 .5 DYFED PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - 2ND MARCH 2020

10 .6 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 4TH MARCH 2020

10 .7 SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5TH MARCH 2020

10 .8 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 11TH MARCH 2020