

**THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 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, 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

*Wendy Walters*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**NOTE:**

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# **A G E N D A**

- 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 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020** 5 - 12
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).**
- 6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:-**

**6.1 QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR ALUN LENNY TO COUNCILLOR EMLYN DOLE, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

“The Office of National Statistics recently reported that almost 700,000 people found themselves out of work between March and July due to Covid-19. By the end of July unemployment rose to more than 4%. With the furlough scheme expiring at the end of this month, (October 31st) it's inevitable that unemployment will increase again. We cannot hide from the bleak winter ahead. So, with this in mind, is this Authority confident there is sufficient welfare support in place for its residents, and that this support is readily available? “

**7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-**

**7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALUN LENNY**

One Planet review request to Welsh Government

The One Planet Development (OPD) policy was implemented by the One Wales Government in 2010 and sits within Planning Policy Wales and Technical Advice Note (TAN) 6 –Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities. The policy has the commendable objective that Wales, within a generation, should use only its fair share of the earth's resources. In principle, it conforms with our agreement at Full Council in February 2019 to declare a climate emergency and commit to making Carmarthenshire County Council a net zero carbon local authority by 2030.

In practice, however, OPD is proving problematic for three specific reasons:

1. There's a common perception that the policy is being used to override the Local Development Plan. This has resulted in considerable resentment by rural residents who find it difficult – if not impossible – to build a new home for younger generations on their land.

2. TAN 6 states that a new dwelling in the countryside should only be allowed to support a rural enterprise which has already been established for at least three years and proved sustainable. An OPD application is not based on a prior evidence base, but on a management plan which forecasts the development's chances of success over a 5-year period after planning permission is granted.
3. An annual monitoring report must be submitted to the Local Planning Authority to show compliance with the management plan. Failure to meet the terms of the plan could result in enforcement proceedings. However, monitoring compliance is proving problematic, due to the lack of expertise in LPAs.

Carmarthenshire County Council believes that the One Planet Development policy, although commendable in its intention when implemented 10 years ago, is proving problematic in practice. In view of increasing concern about the way in which this policy is being implemented, the cumulative impact of such developments, and issues with monitoring, we call on the Welsh Government to review the policy and consider imposing a moratorium on OPD applications while such a review is held. We also suggest that such a review should consider whether elements of OPD, relating to sustainable practices, might be incorporated into mainstream planning policies in a more radical way, so as to have a wider impact on carbon reduction.

## **7 .2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JOHN JAMES**

That this Council recognises the vital contribution small businesses, the farming industry and rural enterprise has made from the onset of the Covid-19 crisis in Carmarthenshire.

Without their total commitment to deliver to our communities and their ability to adapt their working practices to cater for ever changing needs, many Carmarthenshire residents would have struggled to survive.

They have played a fundamental role in underpinning this Local Authority's ability and determination to cope as well as it has during Covid-19.

So, we call on Carmarthenshire County Council to commit to assist and support these businesses in as many ways that it can during this unpredictable climate they find themselves, whilst also bearing in mind the unforeseeable negative impact a no-deal Brexit would have on them.

## **8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

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9. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:-
  - 9.1 CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019/20 67 - 154
  - 9.2 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 2019-2020 155 - 172
  - 9.3 SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT 173 - 176
  - 9.4 REVISED CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 - 2033 177 - 276
10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-
  - 10.1 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 277 - 282
  - 10.2 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 283 - 290
  - 10.3 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 291 - 294
11. TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES:-
  - 11.1 THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR DAI THOMAS TO FILL ITS VACANT SEAT ON THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
12. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION (AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE WEBSITE)
  - 12.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020
  - 12.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020
  - 12.3 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020
  - 12.4 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020
13. THE REPORT RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPHS 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007. IF, FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST, THE COUNCIL RESOLVES PURSUANT TO THE ACT TO CONSIDER THIS ITEM IN PRIVATE, THE PUBLIC WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING SUCH CONSIDERATION.
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