

# COUNTY COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor K. Madge (Chair)

## **Councillors:**

F. Akhtar	S.M. Allen	L.R. Bowen	K.V. Broom
C.A. Campbell	J.M. Charles	D.M. Cundy	C.A. Davies
W.R.A. Davies	T.A.J. Davies	G. Davies	H.L. Davies
I.W. Davies	J.A. Davies	K.Davies	S.L. Davies
E. Dole	P.M. Edwards	D.C. Evans	H.A.L. Evans
L.D. Evans	R.E. Evans	W.T. Evans	A.L. Fox
S.J.G. Gilasbey	P. Hughes-Griffiths	A.D. Harries	T.M. Higgins
J.K. Howell	P.M. Hughes	A. James	J.D. James
R. James	D.M. Jenkins	J.P. Jenkins	G.H. John
C. Jones	B.W. Jones	D. Jones	G.R. Jones
A. Lenny	M.J.A. Lewis	K. Lloyd	A.S.J. McPherson
E. Morgan	A.G. Morgan	D. Nicholas	B.D.J. Phillips
J.S. Phillips	D. Price	J.G. Prosser	B.A.L. Roberts
E.M.J.G. Schiavone	H.B. Shepardson	A.D.T. Speake	L.M. Stephens
B. Thomas	D. Thomas	G. Thomas	A.Vaughan Owen
D.E. Williams	J.E. Williams		

## **Also Present:**

W. Walters, Chief Executive  
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services  
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services  
G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services  
R. Mullen, Director of Environment  
L. Rees Jones, Head of Administration and Law  
D. Hockenull, Marketing and Media Manager  
M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer  
L. Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP 10.00 am - 12.35 pm.**

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Curry, J. Edmunds, I. Jones, J.Jones, S. Matthews, S. Najmi, E. Thomas, G. Thomas, J. Tremlett and D. Williams.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

### 3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The Chair welcomed Julia Harries, Charlotte Thomas and Huw Lodwick from the Authority's Property and Regeneration Division to the meeting. He advised that they had been awarded the Gold Performance Award for excellence in management of Address Information. Cllr Emlyn Dole paid tribute to the outstanding work of the three officers and congratulated them on their achievement in winning the award.

The Chair formally presented the award to Julia Harries, Charlotte Thomas and Huw Lodwick.

- The Chair welcomed cyclist Manon Lloyd to the meeting. Manon had recently taken part on the Grand Finale of the OVO Energy Women's Tour of Britain. Congratulations were extended to Manon on her success, her hard work and dedication to the sport. It was noted that Manon was always supportive of the Council's work in promoting tourism and sport in the county, and had made herself available on many occasions to attend council events. She was wished well for the future.
- The Chair advised that since the last meeting he alongside the Vice-Chair had attended numerous events, including Civic Services in Newcastle Emlyn, Llanelli Town and Powys. He had previously attended Cwmamman United Football Club's Juniors Awards Evening, and Actif Sports and Leisure's Young Sports Ambassador Celebration Day at Pembrey Country Park. He stated that it was pleasing to see a significant number of young people, both girls and boys, participating in a broad range of sports across Carmarthenshire.
- The Chair thanked officers involved for their hard work in ensuring that the OVO Energy Women's Tour of Britain Grand Finale on the 21<sup>st</sup> June was a great success for the County.
- A number of varied engagements had been attended by the Chair over the last month including visiting Mrs Ann Stone in Ffairfach, and Mrs Megan Davies in Newcastle Emlyn, who had both recently celebrated their 100th birthdays. He had been in attendance at the Armed Forces Day recently in Llanelli Town Centre, organised by the Llanelli Branch Royal British Legion, and also at Burry Port and Pembrey Carnival, and the Prince Philip Hospital League of Friends Strawberry Tea.
- The Chair advised that it was a pleasure for the Vice-Chair and himself to be present when Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall visited Llandoverly Lunch Club in Dolau Bran, and the following day in the Lyric Theatre, Carmarthen, where Carmarthen Youth Opera celebrated their 40th Anniversary.
- The Chair noted that when he was Leader of the Council, he had the honour of cutting the first sod for the new Bro Dinefwr School, and spoke of

the privilege of being asked to open the Summer Fair at the school. He also attended the official opening of Ysgol Pontyberem and a concert by the pupils of Five Roads Primary School recently at the Ffwrnes Theatre. He noted that it was good to see that the future education of our children is being catered for in excellent facilities.

**4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-**

**4.1. 15TH MAY, 2019;**

Reference was made to minute no. 3 – Personal Matters/Outgoing Chair’s Announcements and it was noted that the following sentence should be deleted from the minutes:-

“He also thanked his Chaplain Dr. Caroline Jones for her spiritual support and guidance throughout the year.”

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 15th May, 2019 be signed as a correct record, subject to the following above-mentioned amendment.**

**4.2. 12TH JUNE, 2019.**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 be signed as a correct record.**

**5. PRESENTATION BY DAFYDD LLYWELYN, DYFED-POWYS POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER.**

The Chair welcomed Mr Dafydd Llywellyn, Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner to the meeting.

The Commissioner gave an overview of the work of Dyfed Powys Police. The presentation included reference to the following issues:

Increase in staffing and the recruitment of a new Chief Constable  
Funding secured to invest in youth work  
Development of a Rural Crime Strategy  
Extensive consultation with the public

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chair thanked the Commissioner for his attendance at the meeting and a very informative presentation.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

## 7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The Chair advised that no questions from Members had been received.

## 8. PRESENTATION OF PETITION.

The Chair invited Councillor John James to present the petition in the following terms, together with supporting remarks:-

“We have been asked by residents and harbour users to organise a petition requesting that toilets be reinstated with immediate effect East harbour side in Burry Port adjacent to the old lifeboat station.

We, the undersigned, are concerned constituents and harbour users who urge our leaders to act now to reinstall the toilets.”

The Chief Executive advised that the issue referred to in the petition was an executive function and consequently Council was only able to refer the matter to the Executive Board for consideration.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that in accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule 10.14 the petition be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.**

## 9. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-

### 9.1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALUN LENNY:-

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Alun Lenny:

“This council believes that the whole of Carmarthenshire is an ‘area of linguistic sensitivity and significance’ and that the planning system has a crucial role to play in supporting the Welsh language across the county. To this end, we believe that the language should be a Material Planning Consideration in all applications for the development of five or more houses in rural areas and ten or more in urban areas in every community, irrespective of the percentage of Welsh speakers.

We maintain that this policy is necessary and justifiable due to:

- the need to address the severe and unexpected reduction in the number of Welsh-speakers in Carmarthenshire in the 2011 Census
- being a contribution towards the Welsh Government’s target of creating a million Welsh-speakers by 2050
- complying with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, in particular “a Wales of Vibrant Culture and Welsh Language: a society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language...”

The Motion was duly seconded.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and proceeded to outline the reasons for its submission, as set out in the Motion.

A number of statements were made in support of the Motion.

Following a vote, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion be supported.**

## **9.2. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BILL THOMAS:-**

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Bill Thomas :-

“In April last year, Carmarthenshire County Council unanimously passed a motion that included a call for the council to reduce single-use plastics in Council buildings and offices. That motion also called on the council to encourage schools to stop using single-use plastics and to start to use sustainable materials.

That motion was referred to this year when the Leader of the Council responded to a question from eleven year old Coral Sylvan on climate change. At the same meeting, we agreed to declare a climate emergency in our county.

Pupils in schools across our county have taken up this challenge. At the June governors meeting at Ysgol Y Felin, we were told that the school’s Eco committee had requested non plastic containers for their milk. When the school contacted the council they were told that the milk contract couldn’t be changed and that they had received no other interest in providing glass bottles.

To support a campaign to reduce the use of single-use plastic in their school, Five Roads school has created a poster showing pupils drowning in plastic.

Therefore, we propose that Carmarthenshire County Council:

1. Congratulate the school Eco committees on looking for ways to stop the use of single-use plastics.
2. Thank the Eco committees for identifying a practical solution to the over use of plastic in schools.
3. Identify ways to move to the supply of milk in re-usable glass bottles instead of plastic in our primary schools.”

The Motion was duly seconded.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and proceeded to outline the reasons for its submission, as set out in the Motion.

A number of statements were made in support of the Motion.

Following a vote, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion be supported.**

**10. APPOINTMENT PROCESS - SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION PROGRAMME DIRECTOR.**

The Council considered a report on the Appointment Process for the Swansea Bay City Region Programme Director. Council Leader, Cllr Emlyn Dole gave an overview of the process to date and the membership of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Appointments Committee.

It was noted that Council was required to nominate one non-executive member to sit on the Joint Appointments Committee and following a vote, it was

**RESOLVED that Cllr Alun Lenny be nominated as the Non-Executive Member representative on the Swansea Bay City Deal Appointments Committee.**

**After a further discussion it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED -**

**10.1 that the Authority agrees to delegate responsibility for appointing the Programme Director for the Swansea Bay City Region City Deal to a new Swansea Bay City Region Joint Appointments Committee;**

**10.2 that the Leader be nominated to sit on the Joint Appointments Committee;**

**10.3 that the shortlisting of applicants be delegated to the 4 Leaders.**

**10.4 that Carmarthenshire County Council, as the employing authority, will manage all employment and contractual matters, including supporting the recruitment process for the role of Programme Director.**

**11. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE 3RD JUNE, 2019.**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the above meeting be received.**

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**CHAIR**

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