

**WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2020**

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **COUNTY COUNCIL** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. SA31 1JP AT 10.00 AM, ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2020** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



PLEASE RECYCLE

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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 8TH JANUARY 2020
5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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**5.1 QUESTION BY MR D SMITH TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Has the County Council a forward plan to increase the amount of renewable energy generated on Council owned land? In this connection has it identified sites and examined the possibilities provided by decentralised battery storage options?”

**5.2 QUESTION BY MR N BIZZELL-BROWNING TO CLLR D JENKINS, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES**

“Is the County Council investing in Human Resources to help in the climate emergency? i.e.

- To what extent have the council considered introducing remote (home) working, ie zero travel related carbon etc?
- How many new jobs has the County Council created specifically to deal with the crisis?
- What percentage of existing employee hours have been diverted to the emergency?
- What training programs have been planned so that council employees, clients and service providers understand the existential threats facing us, for example Carbon Literacy Training?” ([carbonliteracy.com](http://carbonliteracy.com))

**5.3 QUESTION BY MS K LANGDON TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“What are the Council doing to encourage (a) a common approach to biodiversity, sustainable conservation and sharing of best practice. And (b) encouraging community education, action and involvement (which is surely a key part of the biodiversity process?”

**5.4 QUESTION BY MS S SYLVAN TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“In 2018 we faced horrendous flooding in Carmarthenshire leading to homelessness and death. We are being told that extreme weather conditions like this will become the new normal as the climate breaks down. Does the council have a climate crisis fund and risk assessment for the area? How much money is in the fund and can it be deployed to counter climate threats?”

**5.5 QUESTION BY MS C STRANGE TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“How much of the Council’s Net Zero Action plan (summarised at Appendix 1 in the draft) predates the declaration of an emergency?”

**5.6 QUESTION BY MR M REED TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Regarding carbon free motoring, there may be a significant and measurable impact on tourism if the council fail to install the correct infrastructure. How many electric and hydrogen car charging points have already been installed in Carmarthen or are planned for installation in 2020?”

**5.7 QUESTION BY DR A BELLAMY TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“We face a climate crisis of global significance in which "business as usual" will no longer be adequate nor possible. Until now "best value" for land has always been interpreted as the highest financial bid. In the context of the climate emergency, is it time to redefine best value to prioritise value to the local community?”

**5.8 QUESTION BY MS J THOMPSON TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“In relation to the Council's net zero carbon strategy, I am wondering about biodiversity, including indigenous species that are threatened with extinction. Could you tell me if there is a register of degraded habitats in the county and a risk analysis of indigenous species and what the corresponding action plan is, if any?”

**5.9 QUESTION BY MS S WEAVER TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Given recent research findings (Science 05 July 19: Vol 365, Issue 6448, pp 76 - 79) that a trillion trees could be planted globally to mitigate two thirds of anthropogenic carbon emissions to date - without encroaching on crop land or urban areas - and that this is the cheapest and most powerful method of all proposed solutions to the

climate emergency:

- what plans does the council have to support community tree planting in the next year by making land and funding available?"

**5.10 QUESTION BY MS D SMITH TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

"Does the council know of further potential to sequester carbon in Carmarthenshire (soil/peat/trees - -) which it can encourage - and how can we help?"

**5.11 QUESTION BY MS D GROOM TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

"As agriculture in the UK is massively subsidised, I should like to understand why the County Council is spending money in its 'Moving Carmarthenshire Forward' plan to boost food production indiscriminately when we understand that one of the most effective actions that consumers can take is to eat less meat."

**5.12 QUESTION BY MR P HUGHES TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

"I am interested to know how many of each diesel, petrol, and electric vehicles Bwcabus has in its fleet and what plans the council has to go fully electric?"

**5.13 QUESTION BY REV PROF D JENKINS TO CLLR M STEPHENS, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

"The current Summary Introduction to the Local Development Plan (<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1216121/ldp-summary-introduction-english-final.pdf>) does not mention climate. A more detailed version mentions climate change [http://www.cartogold.co.uk/CarmarthenshireLDP/english/text/05\\_strategy-and-strategic-policies.htm#Ch5\\_3will](http://www.cartogold.co.uk/CarmarthenshireLDP/english/text/05_strategy-and-strategic-policies.htm#Ch5_3will) but there is no flesh yet on the bones of strategy or policy. How will the plan reflect the declaration of a climate emergency; will the Council garner public views via a Citizens Assembly?

**5.14 QUESTION BY MS G JENKINS TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

"According to Prof Sir Ian Boyd, former chief scientific adviser to the UK government, half of the nation's farmland needs to be transformed into woodlands and natural habitat to fight the climate crisis and restore wildlife. In that context, what plans have the council made for rewilding?"

**5.15 QUESTION BY MR D REED TO CLLR C CAMPBELL,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND  
RURAL AFFAIRS**

“I wanted to ask what major changes have occurred since the adoption of the Sustainable Risk Assessment (SRA) template that contribute to alleviating the climate emergency?”

**5.16 QUESTION BY MS C LAXTON TO CLLR C CAMPBELL,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND  
RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Considering that in addition to well-known concerns, council contractors are known to use Glyphosate inappropriately and that they don’t always use safety equipment, is it time to ban its use?”

**5.17 QUESTION BY DR A LAXTON TO CLLR C CAMPBELL,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND  
RURAL AFFAIRS**

“How does the acreage of solar panels in Carmarthenshire compare to that of other counties?”

**5.18 QUESTION BY MR B KLEIN BRETELER TO CLLR C  
CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR  
COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“In relation to the granting of a licence to extract 110,000 tonnes of coal from the existing Glan Lash coal mine in Shands Road Llandybie. Notwithstanding that the Council will have no authority to insist on the exact quantity of coal that could be sold for burning or non-burning markets.

In light of the County Councils’ declaration of a climate emergency on the 20th of February, 2019, Not 12 twelve months ago, does the council agree that granting a licence for the extension of the coal mine would be detrimental to the health of people in the local community, the health and bio diversity of the remaining woodlands in Carmarthenshire and increase the carbon footprint within Carmarthenshire and is the granting of planning permission for the extraction of fossil compatible with the declaration of a climate emergency and compliant with CCC policy and commitments under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016?”

**5.19 QUESTION BY MR R THOMSON TO CLLR C CAMPBELL,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND  
RURAL AFFAIRS**

“To evaluate the net zero carbon strategy there will be a need to measure the change in renewable energy output, requiring an inventory of power sources. For example, how many roofs provide solar power in Carmarthenshire and what is the power output?”

**5.20 QUESTION BY MS H GRIFFITHS TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Is the Dyfed Pension Fund now disinvested from the fossil fuel industry? In particular has it disinvested from Blackrock whose Investments in ExxonMobil, Chevron, Royal Dutch Shell and BP were responsible for 75% of Blackrock’s \$90bn losses over the last decade (reported in 2019).”

**5.21 QUESTION BY MR B DOYLE TO CLLR C CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

“Having spent decades religiously recycling and recently finding out that it may quite well have been shipped all the way to Malaysia, only to end up being dumped in a river and eventually making its way to the ocean. There it threatens huge amounts of marine life and humanity with contaminated food chains. It would have been better sent to landfill. So, is there any way that people can gain some insight into where and how our recycled items are processed?”

**6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (NONE RECEIVED).**

**7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR FOZIA AKHTAR**

That Carmarthenshire County Council –

- Believe that more needs to be done to improve diversity within our workforce
- Commit’s to working with community groups to understand the barriers that exist for individuals BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic)
- Call’s on the Executive Board to create an Advisory Panel to consider what actions can be taken to increase diversity in the workplace

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

**8.1 NET ZERO CARBON PLAN (EXECUTIVE BOARD 3RD FEBRUARY 2020)** 17 - 44

**8.2 CWM ENVIRONMENTAL LTD - LOAN FUNDING REQUIREMENT (EXECUTIVE BOARD 3RD FEBRUARY 2020)** 45 - 50

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

**9.1 6TH JANUARY 2020** 51 - 52

**9.2 20TH JANUARY 2020** 53 – 58

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

**10 .1 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 25TH NOVEMBER 2019**

**10 .2 ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 13TH JANUARY 2020**

**10 .3 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 14TH JANUARY 2020**

**10 .4 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 21ST JANUARY 2020**