

**THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY 2021**

**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, 13TH JANUARY, 2021** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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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 9TH DECEMBER, 2020 7 - 10
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  - 7.4 REVISED CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 -2033 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED AND FOCUSED CHANGES 227 - 1382
8. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
  - 8.1 30TH NOVEMBER, 2020 1383 - 1388
  - 8.2 21ST DECEMBER, 2020 1389 - 1400
9. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-
  - 9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LOUVAIN ROBERTS 1401 - 1402

“Fireworks are used by people throughout the year, to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant fear for other people also Animals.

Animals affected not only suffer Psychological distress but can also cause them to Self Harm.

I therefore call on CCC to require all Public Fireworks display within

the Local Authority Boundaries to be Advertised in Advance of the Event, allowing Residents to take necessary precautions for their Animal and Venerable Peoples Welfare.

To actively promote a Public Awareness Campaign about the impact of Fireworks on Animal Welfare and Venerable people. Including the precautions that can be instigated to mitigate the Risks.

To write to UK/ Welsh Government. Urging them to introduce Legislation to limit the Maximum noise levels of the fireworks to 90 dB of those Sold to the Public for Private Display.

To encourage Local Suppliers of Fireworks to Stock a “Quieter Version” of Fireworks used for Public Displays etc”

## **9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ROB JAMES**

The Coronavirus pandemic has pushed local families into difficult situations, including poverty, and has highlighted the insecurity of food in our County.

Many children living in poverty in Carmarthenshire are not eligible for free school meals because their parents are in work or their families have no recourse to public funds. The UK Government’s principal goals of universal credit is to make work pay i.e. that additional earnings always leave families better off. However, the introduction of the earnings threshold undermines this objective and has left families trapped in poverty.

On 1 April 2019 the Welsh Labour Government introduced a new transitional protection for free school meals policy. This was brought in to ensure that pupils have their free school meals protected during the Universal Credit rollout period. This protection applies to individual pupils and will continue until the end of their current schools phase, being the end of primary school or each of secondary school. The Welsh Labour Government this year also extended its eligibility for Free School Meals to cover all school holidays.

The motion reads:

- That Carmarthenshire Council supports the campaign by Child Poverty Action Group and People’s Assembly to expand eligibility for free school meals.
- Calls on Carmarthenshire County Council to utilise its own funds in the upcoming budget to extend the provision of free school meals in Carmarthenshire to all families in receipt of Universal Credit or Working Tax Credits.

## **9.3 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DARREN PRICE**

“Carmarthenshire County Council:

1. recognises the distressing fact that 30% of children in Wales live in poverty, while only 17% have free school meals, mainly because their parents are in low-paid jobs which take them over the eligibility threshold;

2. notes that England and Scotland have universal infant FSMs, with all pupils in the reception class, years 1 and 2 eligible, whereas Wales doesn't;
3. calls on the Welsh Government to cost, as a matter of urgency, the extension of FSMs to any child in any family receiving universal credit or equivalent benefit, and any child in a family with no recourse to public funds;
4. agrees that this should be a step towards the aim of rolling out universal FSMs, as called for by various groups in Wales, including the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) and the People's Assembly".

#### **9 .4 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CEFIN CAMPBELL**

##### **"Notice of Motion Second Homes / Holiday Homes**

Notes that 1,118 homes in Carmarthenshire are defined as second homes. A second home is defined as a property that is not the sole or main dwelling of the owner.

Further notes that there has been a recent increase across Wales in the number of houses being bought as second homes or holiday homes for rent or letting as AirBnB (including Carmarthenshire). In some parts of the country as much as 40% of the housing stock is a second home. As a result local people (especially young people) find it difficult if not impossible to buy a property as they are too often priced out of the housing market. This obviously has a detrimental effect on the demography of the area, social cohesion and the Welsh language.

Although Carmarthenshire County Council welcomes Welsh Government's intention to add a 1% increase in Land Transaction Tax on the purchase of a second home we do not believe it goes far enough to meet the housing crisis facing some of our rural communities. We therefore call on Welsh Government to:

- Change planning laws to ensure that planning permission must be sought for the change of use of a primary dwelling into a second home / holiday accommodation;
- Allow local authorities, in consultation with the local community, to set a 'cap' on the number of second homes in each ward, and allow the use of Section 106 agreements to prevent new properties from being used as second homes in wards with an unacceptable proportion of second homes;
- Introduce a licensing system for managing the conversion of a residential property into a commercial unit such as a holiday unit / house or AirBnB;
- Close the loophole that allows second homes to register as businesses in order to opt out of paying domestic rates and Council Tax Premiums, and take advantage of business rate relief;

- Introduce legislation to further increase the Land Transaction Tax (LTT) on the purchase of second properties.

Once these policy changes have been approved by Welsh Government, Carmarthenshire County Council will then consider charging a Council Tax Premium of at least 200% on second homes”

**10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).**

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

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

**12 .1 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23RD NOVEMBER 2020**

**12 .2 POLICY AND RESOURCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 2ND DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .3 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 3RD DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .4 LICENSING COMMITTEE - 11TH DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .5 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 14TH DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .6 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY - 14TH DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .7 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 15TH DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .8 COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 17TH DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .9 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 18TH DECEMBER 2020**

**12 .10 SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY - 22ND DECEMBER 2020**