

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 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, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2021** 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 13TH OCTOBER 2021 5 - 10
5. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY, REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE UPON THEM 11 - 22
6. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
 - 6.1 ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2019/21 ADOPTED CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 23 - 212
7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE:-
 - 7.1 11TH OCTOBER 2021 213 - 216
 - 7.2 25TH OCTOBER 2021 217 - 224
8. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-
 - 8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ROB JAMES
That Council:
 - Notes the decision made by the Plaid and Independent administration in 2016 to "not [respond] to or taking any formal action with regards to requests on private properties regarding Japanese Knotweed and other invasive non- native plants".
 - Recognises that the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 gave powers to Councils to issue 'Community Protection Notices' to tackle knotweed on private land that has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the locality and is persistent and unreasonable.
 - Acknowledges that proactive Councils, such as Bristol, have utilised these powers to support residents, who have had their lives negatively impacted by the failure of landowners to manage knotweed.
 - Calls on this Plaid and Independent administration to reverse their decision and start utilising CPNs to support to tackle the issue of knotweed on private land causing a detrimental impact residents in many Carmarthenshire

communities”.

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GARETH JOHN

“Council wishes to put on record its appreciation of the vision shown by our Cabinet and sincere thanks for the immense amount of work undertaken by our professional officers operating within such a tight timescale in difficult circumstances, crucially working with other partners, in successfully securing funding from the UK Government’s Levelling Up Fund for major projects in Carmarthenshire”.

8.3 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALUN LENNY

“RESPONSIBLE AFFORESTATION – A NON-EXPLOITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

Council expresses its concern about the purchase of family farms in Carmarthenshire and the wider region by multinational companies to plant trees for the purpose of creating ‘carbon credits’ which are sold to polluting companies to meet their carbon offset targets.

While accepting that tree planting on a large scale is recognised as one means of combating climate change, Council regrets that carbon offsetting allows these high carbon-emitting companies to continue with their unsustainable conduct.

Furthermore, Council notes that multinational companies have already claimed over £1.3m from Welsh Government funding via the Glastir Woodland Creation fund, which means that Welsh taxpayers are subsidising the carbon offsetting programmes of companies from outside Wales.

Council supports the principle of responsible afforestation but believes this must be done in consultation with local communities, and should not have a detrimental impact on local employment, culture and community viability.

Councils calls on the Welsh Government to:

- Ensure that funding via the Glastir Woodland Creation scheme can only be claimed by active farmers in Wales
- Introduce planning development legislation to enable local planning authorities such as Carmarthenshire to control afforestation projects, and to set a limit on the proportion of land on any farm that can be used for afforestation without the need for planning consent
- Deliver its afforestation plans by developing a publicly owned arms-length company to manage Wales’ forestry and help reach the Welsh Government’s carbon reduction targets

Council recognises the opinion of environmental campaigners that tree planting is not a silver bullet to averting climate change and

agrees that only rapid reduction of burning fossil fuels can halt the ongoing and alarming rise in global temperatures”.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).

10. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:-

11. TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES:-

11.1 THE NEW INDEPENDENT GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR SHAREN DAVIES TO FILL THE SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY CLLR SHAHANA NAJMI ON THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

12.1 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 4TH OCTOBER, 2021

12.2 SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5TH OCTOBER, 2021

12.3 DYFED PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - 8TH OCTOBER, 2021

12.4 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - 12TH OCTOBER, 2021

12.5 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 14TH OCTOBER, 2021

12.6 POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 20TH OCTOBER, 2021

12.7 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 26TH OCTOBER, 2021