

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2024

**TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR
RESOURCES**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN **CABINET MEMBER OFFICE - COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. SA31 1JP AND REMOTELY.**, AT **10.00 AM**, ON **THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2024** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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A G E N D A

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST
2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD JANUARY, 2024 3 - 6
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4. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION
FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE CABINET MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS THEY CONTAIN EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT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.
5. FORMER TENANT DEBT WRITE-OFF 13 - 28

Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

TUESDAY, 23 January 2024

PRESENT: Councillor: A. Lenny (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

E. Hughes, Senior Asset Management Surveyor
A Thomas, Revenue Services Manager
S. Jones, Tenancy Support Lead
J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 9.00 - 9.36 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLVED that the decision record for the meeting held on the 16th November, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 & 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. LAND AT PENLAN ROAD, CARMARTHEN

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter in maintaining the above exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the report as disclosure would undermine the Council's negotiating position in similar transactions in the future and risk harming public finances.

The Cabinet Member considered a report in respect of the future use of land at Penlan Road, Carmarthen. The report detailed proposed plans for the development of a community food growing area on the land specified within the report.

Following consideration of the options set out within the report, it was:

RESOLVED that the proposals for the development of a community food growing area on the land at Penlan Road, Carmarthen be approved.

5. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption referred to above outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information contained within the report as disclosure has the potential to have a disproportionate effect upon the individuals concerned and was not necessary for any of the purposes specified in the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which detailed a housing benefit overpayment account which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off the account against the Authority's prudent bad debt provision for Housing Benefit overpayments.

RESOLVED that the account detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

6. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS

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The public interest in maintaining the exemption referred to above outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information contained within the report as disclosure has the potential to have a disproportionate effect upon the individuals concerned and was not necessary for any of the purposes specified in the Data Protection Act 2018

In an update to the Cabinet Member, the Revenue Services Manager advised that that case ID 440244 had been withdrawn.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which contained details of accounts which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off the accounts listed within the report.

RESOLVED that, subject to the withdrawal of case ID 440244, the arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

7. FORMER TENANT DEBT WRITE-OFF

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included personal data relating to former council tenants, including details of their rent arrears. The publication of individual rents is unwarranted and outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information therein as disclosure would be an unwarranted and excessive intrusion into the private and family lives of the individuals concerned.

The Cabinet Member considered a report prepared in accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules, providing the current position on current and former tenant debt and seeking the write-off of those debts in excess of £1,500.

The Cabinet Member noted the cases outlined in the report and considered the individual reports for each of the current and former tenants detailing the reasons why write-off was being sought which included personal circumstances.

RESOLVED that the current and former tenant debt arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

CABINET MEMBER

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Cabinet Member – Resources 14th March 2024

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. A Lenny	Resources	
Subject: Proposed Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall		
Purpose: To consider the potential option of granting a Licence to erect a Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall		
Recommendations / key decisions required:		
To approve the erection of a Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall on the basis that it is considered as a one off application and any subsequent applications from similar organisations will need to be considered on their own merits.		
Reasons:		
To grant a licence for a Polish War Memorial at the current war memorial site at Llanelli Town Hall		
Directorate Name of Head of Service: Jason Jones	Designation Head of Regeneration	Tel No. 01267 246254
Report Author: Alex Williams	E Mail Address: JaJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk ADWilliams@carmarthenshire.gov.uk	

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____ DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

	YES / NO
Recommendation of Officer adopted	
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cabinet Member for Resources 14th March 2024

Proposed Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

1.1 Background

Carmarthenshire County Council was contacted by the Llanelli Town Council with a request for a Polish War Memorial to be erected at Llanelli Town Hall. The organisation who requested the memorial are a voluntary organisation who wish to remember the Polish Veterans who served in World War 2.

Llanelli Town Hall sites other memorials for War Veterans including Burma Star Royal Air Force Association and Royal Naval Association Welsh Guards.

1.2 Other information

As licensees the organisation are required to provide details of individuals to ensure the memorial is maintained and to be responsible for any future repairs.

The organisation was unable to provide details for the individuals. Cllr. Rob Evans has volunteered to carry the project forward as licensee and all costs and repairs will be Cllr Evans responsibility. Funding has also been provided by the Polish Embassy to carry out the works.

Example of the scale for the memorial as shown below:



1.3 Recommendation

As the Town Hall site currently includes memorials for other veterans it is recommended that the Polish Veterans who served in World War 2 are remembered at the site. This project is supported by the Polish Ambassador for the UK, Dame Nia Griffiths MP and Hayley Edwards who is the Regional Armed Forces officer for Carmarthenshire County Council.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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IMPLICATIONS

ALL IMPLICATIONS REQUIRE SIGN OFF BY THE DIRECTOR OR HEAD OF SERVICE

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jason Jones Head of Regeneration, Corporate Policy and Digital

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

2. Legal

If the recommendation is approved, then the appropriate licence documentation will be prepared by the Legal Department.

2. Finance

The memorial work has been funded by the Polish Embassy and the non-profit organisation. Any further repair and maintenance will be Cllr. Evans responsibility.

6. Physical Assets

Terms will need to be agreed for an appropriate licence.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones Head of Regeneration, Corporate Policy and Digital

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Suzy Curry – No objection to the proposal

Cllr Terry Davies has indicated that this is a sensitive issue particularly in terms of fairness to *all the other nations that took part in the War and supported the UK.*

In his opinion there is a chance that we could be setting a precedent and a division within the veterans as to other nations not having the same equal recognition, as their memorial is not standing tall with the others. In his view this is a delicate and sensitive issue that needs research with the Armed forces and possibly full council.

3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Town Council

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection

Agenda Item 5

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