

COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Councillor I.W. Davies (Chair)

Councillors:

S.M. Allen	L.R. Bowen	K.V. Broom	C.A. Campbell
J.M. Charles	D.M. Cundy	S.A. Curry	C.A. Davies
W.R.A. Davies	T.A.J. Davies	G. Davies	H.L. Davies
J.A. Davies	K.Davies	S.L. Davies	E. Dole
J.S. Edmunds	P.M. Edwards	H.A.L. Evans	L.D. Evans
R.E. Evans	W.T. Evans	A.L. Fox	S.J.G. Gilasbey
C.J. Harris	P. Hughes-Griffiths	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	S. Matthews	A.S.J. McPherson
E. Morgan	A.G. Morgan	S. Najmi	D. Nicholas
B.D.J. Phillips	J.S. Phillips	D. Price	J.G. Prosser
E.M.J.G. Schiavone	H.B. Shepardson	A.D.T. Speake	L.M. Stephens
B. Thomas	D. Thomas	E.G. Thomas	G.B. Thomas
G. Thomas	J. Tremlett	A.Vaughan Owen	D.T. Williams
D.E. Williams	J.E. Williams		

Also Present:

W. Walters, Chief Executive
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services
G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services
R. Mullen, Director of Environment
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law
I.R. Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager
G. Morgan, Head of Democratic Services
E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer
M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer
S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator
J. Hawker, Digital Support Officer
J. Corner, Technical Officer
G. Jones, Digital Support Engineer
C.J. Warwick, Digital Support Engineer
E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer
R. Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - . - 10.00 - 11.00 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.C. Evans; D. Harries; H.I. Jones; T.J. Jones; K. Madge and B.A.L Roberts

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The Chair welcomed Councillor Jeff Edmunds to the meeting following his recent period of ill health and expressed his best wishes for a full recovery;
- The Chair expressed his congratulations to Councillor Andre McPherson on his recent marriage;
- The Chair expressed his best wishes to Councillor Kevin Madge following recent surgery;
- Councillor Liam Bowen congratulated Nigel Owens on achieving the milestone of refereeing 100 international rugby test matches, the first in history to achieve that feat, and also to Kieran Hardy on winning his 2nd Welsh rugby cap, both of whom were residents in the Pontyberem Ward;
- The Chair invited the Leader to address the Council with an update on the Covid-19 position within the County. Councillor Dole referred to the rising rates of Covid 19 and hospital admissions within the County and to the pressure that was causing within the Health Service. Whilst welcoming the recent roll out of a Covid-19 vaccine, he urged all residents of the County to help reduce that pressure by following Welsh Government rules and guidance to keep themselves, and their communities safe;
- The Chair invited the Leaders of the Council's political groups to address the Council, all of whom made reference to the difficult times caused by the Covid pandemic and expressed their appreciation and gratitude to all of the Council's staff for their hard work and sacrifices in keeping communities safe within the county and providing support and assistance to the vulnerable and those in most need. Appreciation was also expressed to other public and private sectors providers and volunteers within the county for their support.

Other members of Council echoed the group leaders' comments.

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH NOVEMBER 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 11th November, 2020 be signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor A.D.T. Speake within the list of attendees

5. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

5.1. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDERS CARMARTHEN TOWN CENTRE AND AMMANFORD TOWN CENTRE

The Council was informed that the Executive Board, at its meeting held on the 2nd November 2020 (minute 6 refers) had considered a report on proposals for the introduction of Local Development Orders (LDO's) for Carmarthen Town Centre and Ammanford Town Centre. The report detailed the potential role LDO's could play as part of broader regeneration proposals within a Town Centre context, particularly in relation to Carmarthen and Ammanford in both supporting the Vibrant Places Initiative and ensuring they were resilient to the economic effects of COVID-19. The proposals also had due regard to the Council's Corporate Recovery Plan and the Welsh Government's Planning Guidance – 'Building Better Places'.

It was noted that a LDO provided a Local Planning Authority with an opportunity to streamline the planning process by removing the need for developers/applicants to make a planning application to the Authority and for development proposals to be submitted as an LDO application in lieu, thereby allowing an authority to act proactively in response to locally specific circumstances within its geographical area. However, should a formal planning application be necessary, that would have to be submitted as at present. It was further confirmed that works to listed buildings were excluded from the Orders.

RESOLVED that the following recommendations of the Executive Board be adopted:-

- 6.1 To approve the scope of the proposed LDO's for consideration through the democratic reporting process;**
- 6.2 To prepare the LDO's for the respective towns including, undertaking formal consultations as appropriate and to further report on their proposed scope, content and geographical extent;**
- 6.3 To approve the publication of the final LDO for public consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks;**
- 6.4 To provide officers with delegated authority to prepare evidence in support of the LDO;**
- 6.5 To grant officers delegated authority to make minor editorial and factual amendments;**
- 6.6 To amend the plan for the Carmarthen Town Centre LDO to include the whole of Lammas Street, Carmarthen.**

6. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

6.1. 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 2nd November 2020 be received.

6.2. 16TH NOVEMBER 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 16th November 2020 be received.

6.3. 23RD NOVEMBER 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 23rd November 2020 be received.

7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:-

7.1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LOUVAIN ROBERTS

The Chair reported that Councillor Louvain Roberts was unable to be present at the meeting and had requested that her Notice of Motion be withdrawn from the meeting.

The Council noted the withdrawal of the Notice of Motion.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED).

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

9. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS (NONE RECEIVED)

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

CHAIR

DATE