



Minutes of the meeting of Whitland Town Council held on 26th July 2019.

Present: Cllrs Barry Chapman (Chair), Richard Davies, Gabriela Poore, Raymond Jones, Jenny Davies-Scourfield and County Cllr Sue Allen.

Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited the new Cllr to make her declaration of office. This was duly done, and Cllr Jenny Davies-Scourfield was welcomed onto the Council.

Accept apologies for absence: These were received from Cllrs Ron Jenkins MBE, Len Shipton, Ffion Scourfield, Mathew McDowall.

Disclose personal or prejudicial interests in the items below. Cllr Jones declared an interest in the planning item listed on the basis he was the property owner.

Discuss the CCC streetlighting project. Cllr Chapman summarised the reason for the meeting: to review the previous decision because not all information had been provided and included in the decision-making process. The Clerk had produced a report including additional information on the project which had been circulated, which indicated that the energy cost savings at least equalled the cost of the loan repayments each year. The report was discussed, and various questions raised by Cllrs and answered. The Chairman gave the opportunity to all Cllrs to present their views and any issues they had, which were discussed. A vote was then taken on whether the Council should participate in the streetlighting renewal project, and it was unanimously agreed that it should. The Clerk would inform the relevant department.

Cllr Jones left the room at this point and took no part in the following item.

Planning applications

W/39145/PA. Conversion of former Natwest Bank to nursery and daycare centre. This was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the Council was in favour of the application because it would bring new footfall and business into the town so would be good for the local economy, it was an excellent location for the facility, and it was a service that was currently absent from the Whitland offering. The Clerk would respond to CCC accordingly.

Cllr Jones re-entered the room and took full part in the remainder of the meeting.

Correspondence received.

Signed by Chair

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- Resignation of Councillor. The resignation of Jonathan Blandford was accepted with regret, and thanks expressed to him for his work as a Councillor. The Clerk would start the casual vacancy process.
- St Peter's Church Carmarthen Bosworth Day event was taking place on Saturday 10th August. All were invited.

Standing orders were suspended for just the following item.

Planning application W/39206. Proposed side extension to provide garage parking and access and changes to an existing loft conversion – Maes y Celyn, 8 Llys y Crofft. This was briefly discussed, and it was agreed Cllrs would review the application and pass their views to the Clerk for reporting on to CCC.

Standing orders were re-instated.

Items for next meeting and Cllrs' reports.

Cllr Poore reported that the bench had arrived, and planned installation was the following Tuesday. The exact placement angle was discussed and preferences agreed, but this would be dependent upon how it look on the actual day. The new bench would be publicised. In addition the Clerk stated that the old map would be installed adjacent to the new bench, within a new and lighter frame by the handyman.

The date of next meeting was confirmed as Monday 2nd September 2019, Mayor's Parlour, 7.00pm.

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Signed by Chair

Date
