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Minutes of the General Meeting of Whitland Town Council held remotely, via the medium of Zoom, on Monday 12th June 2023, at 7.00pm.

Correspondence and planning documents have been Emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Please note that Audio or Video recording of Full Council meetings is not permitted.

All Whitland Town Council meetings are regulated by its Standing Orders.

Present: Cllrs L Shipton (Mayor), M McDowell (Vice Chair), J Davies-Scourfield, J Blandford, R Jones, R Davies and S McDowell

E Morgans joined the meeting during agenda item 2023/06 37

Also present – The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 19.03

General Meeting Agenda

2023/06 29 To accept apologies of absence - None

2023/06 30 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 22nd May 2023

Cllr Blandford proposed that the Minutes, as presented, be accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2023; Cllr Shipton seconded the proposal with all Cllrs eligible to vote in favour of such.

2023/06 31 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

None raised

2023/06 32 To consider and acknowledge invoices for Payment

Cllrs S and M McDowell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as they own the business which raised the invoice.

Invoice received – Allsortz Whitland – for cleaning products and the cutting of keys for the public toilet - £52.34 Cllr Shipton proposed that the invoice be paid in full; Cllr Blandford seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2023/06 33 To acknowledge and approve the Bank Reconciliation – This will be considered at the Extraordinary Meeting.

2023/06 34 Planning Application(s) Received

a) **PL/06057** - Proposed replacement cricket training nets and construction of secure training area - Whitland Cricket Club, Spring Gardens, Whitland, SA34 0HR

Following consideration of all the information provided – Whitland Town Council have no concerns regarding this application and support such.

b) **PL/06013** - Proposed scooter storage and charging units for Sheltered Schemes within the authority: 3 no. bay unit is approx 1960mm deep x 2040mm high x 3650mm wide, 4 no. bay unit is approx 1960mm deep x 2040mm high x 4850mm wide - Sheltered Complex, St David's Avenue, Whitland, SA34 0AF

Following consideration of all the information provided – Whitland Town Council have no concerns regarding this application and support such.

Late application – Proposed new garage to replace existing with one bedroom granny annex above - 6 Trevaughan Lodge Road, Whitland, SA34 0QF

Cllr Davies-Scourfield declared a person interest in this item as the applicant is a near neighbour.

Following consideration of all the information provided – Whitland Town Council have no concerns regarding this application and support such

2023/06 35 To consider any planning application Notices received from the Carmarthenshire County Council

PL/05608 Electrical Pole works – Approved
PL/05730 Penycoed Uchaf – Replacement Conservatory – Approved
PL/05804 Land adjacent to Spring Gardens – None material amendment (to add a garage to plot 51) Granted

2023/06 36 To consider any correspondence received

- Email received from Carmarthenshire County Council offering Code of Conduct Training
- Email received from One Voice Wales offering trainings on varying topics
- Correspondence received regarding dogs being a nuisance and acting in an aggressive manner to persons passing by on North Road, Whitland. – The Clerk to advise Carmarthenshire County Council and Dyfed Powys Police to hopefully prevent this matter escalating
- Email received from varying parties regarding the ongoing consultation relating to the proposed locations of the new hospital

2023/06 37 To Receive Any Reports from Working Parties

Grounds Management Working Party – Cllr L Shipton reported that-

- A new cleaner, for the public toilets, has been employed on a trial basis. Working Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- A new Royal Mail post-box as, at long last, been installed outside the Grovener Hotel
- The metal tree railings, located outside the dentist on the main street of Whitland, have been removed and the pavement made safe. Carmarthenshire County Council kindly provided several paving slabs.
- Riverlea kindly provided, free of charge, a replacement chainsaw chain.
- A key safe to be located within the storage area of the toilets to store and make easy access to the key for the safe storage room. (This is a security key which cannot be duplicated).
- This week could see an extraordinary busy Mart complicated with certain roads being closed due to maintenance works. The Clerk to contact Dyffryn Taf School and request if the coach park could be opened to enable any overflow vehicles to park there
 - *Post meeting note – the school were unable to open the coach park due to security risks.*
- Correspondence has been received expressing the concern for the road crossing assistant at Llys Hywel school. It is purported that persons are parking on the pavements, obscuring the view of the road crossing assistant. – The Clerk to make a request to Dyfed Powys Police if the Community Policing Team could attend the School, assess the situation and take the appropriate action.

2023/06 38 To Receive Reports from Council Representatives of Outside Bodies

- Ten Towns – LEADER Funding

Following the receipt of the feasibility study, relating to a property in Whitland, which the Whitland Town Council and the Ten Towns Steering Group are considering the possibility of purchasing, a meeting of the Ten Towns steering was held and the feasibility study considered. It was agreed, at the meeting, that Whitland Town Council, on behalf of the Ten Towns Steering Group, would put an offer forward to the property owner in respect of the Whitland Town Council purchasing such for the benefit and use of the Community, particularly in an attempt to bring a Post Office back to Whitland.

A 'Plan B' was also discussed, and to be considered is the possibility of the Whitland Town Hall be modernised and made accessible for more members of the community.

Cllr Davies proposed that Cllrs Davies-Scourfield, Shipton along with the Clerk continue to act on behalf of the Whitland Town Council, within the constraints of the Law, in all matters appertaining to the Ten Towns Steering Group; Cllr Morgans seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement.

2023/06 39 To Receive an update regarding the damage to land in the management of Whitland Town Council.

It was reported that the fencing to property in the management of the Whitland Town Council, along with a Carmarthenshire County Council owned street light, had been damaged. Cllr Shipton made the area safe and used Harris fencing to ensure that the land was secure. Carmarthenshire County Council were advised of the unsafe lighting sanction, and were on the site within 2 hours of being advised and made such safe.

The Clerk has contacted the insurance company of the driver, who caused the damage, and is awaiting a response.

In the meantime, prices will be sought for the replacement fencing.

2023/06 40 To receive any updates regarding the application for Section 106 funding – to assist with the purchase of play equipment for phase 2 at Parc Dr Owen

Information received from Carmarthenshire County Council relating to the recent application (20.04.2023) for funding from Section 106 contributions towards phase 2 of play equipment to be placed at Parc Dr Owen. – The 30 days consultation has finished and the application is being considered Cabinet Members.

2023/06 41 To confirm dates for:

- Bryngwenllian Play Park tidy up day - To carry out cleaning and requisite works identified in the recent annual report - Cllr Shipton advised Whitland Town Council that he will attend and pressure wash the play equipment. This will be further considered at the July 2023 meeting with a provisional date of 16.07.2023 for any works to be carried out.
- Whitland Town Councillors' get-together – As meetings are held remotely it was considered that a face to face meeting would be beneficial to enable Councillors to meet in person. This will be considered at the September 2023 meeting, after the Summer recess.
- Extraordinary meeting to accept the Internal Auditors Report - Monday 19.06.2023 at 7pm Via Zoom. If the report has not been received an alternative date to be considered.

2023/06 42 Considerations for discussion at the next meeting

No matters raised.

Extraordinary meeting – 19.06.2023

July 2023 General meeting – 10.07.2023

Meeting closed – 20.08