



5 Ebrill 2022 ❖ 5 April 2022

Annwyl Aelod ❖ Dear Member

Pwyllgor Dibenion Cyffredinol ❖ General Purposes Committee

Fe'ch gwysir i fod yn bresennol yng Nghyfarfod Pwyllgor Dibenion Cyffredinol a gynhelir yn Siambr y Cyngor, Neuadd Ddinesig San Pedr, Maes Nott, Caerfyrddin a thrwy gyswllt fideo ar **Nos Fawrth, 12fed o Ebrill 2022**, am 7.30 yr hwyr.

You are summoned to attend the General Purposes Committee Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, St Peter's Civic Hall, Nott Square, Carmarthen and via video link on **Tuesday, 12th of April 2022**, at 7.30 p.m.

Yn gywir ❖ Yours faithfully

Alun Harries

Clerc y Dref ❖ Town Clerk

Ymunwch / Join :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84764285068?pwd=UjhhRys1NEllZ2tvSmFpSnZlcHhoQT09>

A g e n d a

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Matters arising from minutes of the previous General Purposes Committee Meeting
4. Town Clerk's Report (**Appendix 1**):
 - a) Planning Applications
 - b) Highways Matters
 - c) Licensing Matters
5. Visitor Information Desk – St Peter's Civic Hall
6. Request for Council's support for Free Parking
7. Burials at Carmarthen Cemetery (**Appendix 2**)
8. Public Rights of Way (PROW) Network Hierarchy

9. Communications Boards – Hywel Dda University Health Board
10. Events and Well-being Officer's Report (**Appendix 3**)

CARMARTHEN TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK TO THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 12th APRIL 2022

Agenda Item 4 (a): Planning Applications

- i. **PL/03576** - 1. A commercial South-Facing Polytunnel, 9.14 metres wide x 18.29 metres long (Total 167.17 Square metres) 2. No gate at the farm access, 15 metres wide x 30 metres long hardstanding for loading, parking and vehicular manoeuvring. (Total 450 Square metres) 3. Private way , 3.6 metres wide x 100 metres long, will be built to link the farm entrance and the Polytunnel location in next parcel of land supporting farming activities within this agricultural land unit. (Total 360 Square metres) - Land adjacent to, Penlan Fach, Alltynap Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3QY
- ii. **PL/03786** - Proposed single storey rear extension - 6, The Grove, Carmarthen, SA31 3JH

For the **OPINION** of Members.

Agenda Item 4 (b): Highways Matters: Temporary road closure – The Avenue, Carmarthen

A request has been received for the temporary closure of The Avenue, Carmarthen, from its junction with Priory Street for a total distance of 25 metres in a south-easterly direction.

The closure is necessary for Welsh Water to carry out new connection works from 0900 hours Tuesday 19th April, 2022 for period of 2 days. The alternative route for north-west bound traffic will be to proceed in a south-westerly direction along The Esplanade to its junction with North Parade. At the junction, turn right and continue in a north-westerly direction along North Parade to its junction with Priory Street. At the junction, turn right and continue in a north-easterly direction along Priory Street to return to a point north-west of the closure.

For the **INFORMATION** of Members

Agenda Item 4(c): Licensing Matters

The Licensing Authority has received the following application:

Application Type:- **Application For Premise Licence, Thai Wok, 18 Myrddin Crescent, Carmarthen SA31 1DX**

Details of the application:- **Application for deliveries only: Sale of Alcohol – Monday to Sunday 11:00-00:30 Late Night Refreshment – Monday to Sunday 11:00-00:30**

Consultation period begins:- **01/04/2022**

For the **RECOMMENDATION** of Members.

Agenda Item 5: Visitor Information Desk – St Peter’s Civic Hall

Many visitors to the town come to St Peter’s Civic Hall in search of information about the town. The Tourist Information Centre based at the Castle has been closed since the pandemic and it is understood that there may be plans to accommodate some kind of new tourist information centre in the former Debenhams building at Catherine’s Walk. In advance of that, it is suggested that a notice board and table at St Peter’s Hall could be utilised for this purpose, with Town Council staff responsible for its management.

For the RECOMMENDATION of Members.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Council’s support for Free Parking

Correspondence has been received from Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar requesting a letter of support from the Town Council in respect of the day on which it holds its annual ‘Gwyl Canol Tref Caerfyrddin’.

For the RECOMMENDATION of Members.

Agenda Item 7: Burials at Carmarthen Cemetery

Attached at **Appendix 2** is a breakdown of burials carried out at Carmarthen Cemetery during the 2021-22 financial year.

For the INFORMATION of Members.

Agenda Item 8: Public Rights of Way (PROW) Network Hierarchy

The below self-explanatory communication has been received from Carmarthenshire County Council:

Dear Councillors

You may be aware that a Public Rights of Way (PROW) Network Hierarchy was recently approved at Cabinet.

The Network Hierarchy (see appendix 1) will enable a risk-based approach to the management and maintenance of the Public Rights of Way Network across Carmarthenshire. The Hierarchy was developed considering factors such as: likely footfall, accessibility, and level of promotion.

The Hierarchy will enable the Countryside Access team to prioritise resolution of issues according to the hierarchical position of each of our 3,176 PROWs. It will assist the Public Rights of Way Access team to deliver a consistent service within the context of rising demand and the limited resources available.

The hierarchy will also assist the service to achieve many of the objectives contained in the Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2019-2029.

Certain PROWs have been excluded from the Network Hierarchy due to alternative management arrangements which satisfactorily ensure maintenance and enforcement is carried out. Those outside of the hierarchy are shown below.

Classification	Identification	Maintenance
<u>Highway (6km)</u>	Those routes that are dual-registered as Highway and PRoW.	These will be maintained by the Highways Dept.
<u>Cycleway (30km)</u>	PRoWs which have been identified as forming part of a recognised Cycle Network.	Maintenance responsibility of these routes is undertaken by contractors on behalf of the Countryside Access Team.
<u>Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNP) (223km)</u>	PRoWs within the boundary of the BBNP.	These are maintained by the BBNP under a Delegation Agreement.

As shown on the Hierarchy diagram, category C or Medium Priority PROWs include 'Town or Community Council prioritised paths'.

In order to add this data to our records we need input from each Town and Community Council. We are therefore seeking your views; which PROWs in your Town or Community area does your Council consider to be a high priority?

With over 2400km of PROWs in the County we are limited as to how many routes can be included in the medium priority category; for this reason, we are asking for your top 5%. Bridleways and Byways are already awarded category B status so ideally your identified routes will be of footpath status.

Please take account of any footpaths that may already be prioritised under category A or B, if you aren't sure you can check this information by emailing pro@ Carmarthenshire.gov.uk to query the path(s) in question.

You may like to identify a series of paths/parts of paths used heavily by local people or a route that provides a useful link within the community. Whatever the reason, if local councillors believe it should be prioritised and its length does not exceed your 5% then it should be submitted.

Please do not allow your submission to exceed the 5% stated as we will not be able to accept it; this is a County wide initiative, so we need to be consistent. This process does not prevent you as Town and Community Councils from having internal priorities exceeding the length we have asked for and that you are able to deliver.

We have listed the details of each Town or Community Council with the 5% calculation to assist you in this request (see appendix 2). We have also provided a table at the end of this letter which we would like you to use to return your information please.

The PROW network can be viewed using 'In My Area' ([In my area \(gov.wales\)](http://Inmyarea.gov.wales)) on the Carmarthenshire Website and selecting footpath, bridleway and byway from the drop-down menu, this function provides the individual path numbers. There is also the option of displaying Town and Community Council boundaries to ensure the routes selected fall within your area. We can provide paper copies of PROW maps for your area if required.

If whilst reviewing their network, your Council (if not already involved with assisting with the maintenance of Rights of Way) would like to consider taking an active part in keeping at least a few of their most important PROWs open please let us know.

Town and Community Councils mainly cut back vegetation and/or arrange the installation of new countryside furniture where needed with the County Council supplying the materials as appropriate. There are 72 Town or Community Councils in Carmarthenshire, if each took on the on-going maintenance for only their priority paths this would make a significant and positive difference throughout the County.

Town or Community		
5% PROW Length		
Priority PROW No. (xx/xx)	All/Part (Please provide details if part)	Length (in Kilometres)

Yours sincerely

Caroline Ferguson

Rheolwr Mynediad Cefn Gwlad/Countryside Access Manager

Appendix 1: Public Rights of Way Network Hierarchy 2021

Priority				
A - High	B – Med/High	C - Medium	D – Med/Low	E - Low
<p>Long Distance Walks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wales Coast Path St Illtyd’s Walk Heart of Wales Line Trail Landsker Borderlands Trail <p>All Ability Routes: Routes particularly suited for less able users.</p> <p>High Utility / High Use: Paths (normally tarmacked) which provide alternative to short car trips – such as home to school, commuting, retail, key community facilities.</p>	<p>Promoted Routes / County Walks Routes that are promoted on the Discover Carmarthenshire website.</p> <p>Multi-user PROWs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridleways Restricted Byways Byways Open to All Traffic 	<p>Linking Paths Paths forming a valuable link to an A or B classified route.</p> <p>T&CC Priority Paths Town / Community Council maintained or prioritised paths.</p> <p>Community Value Paths Routes to key attractions / significant amenity benefit.</p>	<p>Otherwise Uncategorised Paths Paths not classified A, B, C or E.</p> <p>Open Access Link Routes linking to Open Access Land.</p>	<p>Cul-de-sac Paths (unless amenity use can be identified)</p> <p>Purposeless Paths Paths with no obvious purpose.</p>

Appendix 2: 5% of PROW length by Town or Community

Carmarthen Town – 4.19km

For the **RECOMMENDATION** of Members.

Agenda Item 9: Communications Boards – Hywel Dda University Health Board

The below letter has been received from Hywel Dda University Health Board with a request that the Council considers placing these communication boards at parks managed by the Town Council.

For the **RECOMMENDATION** of Members.

Dear Local Councillors,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Hywel Dda Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Department, as part of the Alternative and Augmentative Communication team.

As you are aware, Paediatric Speech and Language Therapists work with children who find communication difficult. They may have additional needs that makes communication challenging for them, or they may have a degree of language delay that makes it hard for them to let others know what they are thinking. This can then lead to frustration and feelings of isolation.

You may have recently heard about the launch of the Communication Access symbol which will help businesses and communities become more aware of communication difficulties, and how to best support individuals through providing a communication friendly environment. There is more information available at communication-access.co.uk.

We as a team are passionate about supporting our children to feel heard and included. We would like to support their communication in the public places that they might access. We have started to place communication boards in Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire, I attach a link with more information in Welsh

<https://www.facebook.com/PrynhawnDaS4C/videos/byrddau-cyfathrebu/1176224062790694/?form=MY01SV&OCID=MY01SV>

This will hopefully be a small step in making our communities and our county be more communication friendly.

These communication boards will-

- *allow children to use a visual means to let others know what they want to say,*
- *allow others to model and support the child's understanding by using visual support,*
- *raise awareness of the hidden disability that is communication difficulty*
- *make our community more inclusive*

The boards are 3ft x 2ft and need to be placed in a central place and accessible for small children so that they can point at all the pictures. It could be placed on a fence in the park if suitable or on fencing posts.

This is a very exciting project, the first of its kind in Wales and we are hoping that you will be interested in being part of the project. We would like to offer you a board for you park/parks free of charge. These have been funded by the Child Development Fund, via Carmarthenshire County Council, in collaboration with our service.

