

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor D G Jones
The Deputy Mayor Councillor I Davies
Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor F R Carr
Councillor J R Carr
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor J W Jones
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Evans Jones
Councillor R J Parry

The Town Mayor took the Chair

67.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

68.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 6.50 PM ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2013

It was resolved nem con to confirm as a true and correct record.

69.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2013

It was proposed that the minutes were a true and correct record.

69.1 Minute 63.2 Adult Social Services

The Town Clerk reported Anglesey County Council's response. The property is in the hands of the County Council's Asset Department and the work was not requested by Social Services.

It was resolved nem con to follow up with the Asset Department asking what their intentions are for the building, and noting that the condition of the roof was a reason for closure.

With the above point, it was resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

70.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2013

It was proposed that the minutes were a true and correct record.

70.1 Minute 103.0 Response to complaint concerning Chadwick Estate

The minute should record that Gwynedd County Council accepted that the fund was a trust before it was handed to Anglesey

With the above point, it was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

71.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4089	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	17.00
4090	Huws Gray Ltd	26.34
4091	B Roberts (Paints) Ltd	157.95
4092	Ad-labels	198.60
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	Total	£399.89

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

72.0 CORRESPONDENCE

72.1 Anglesey County Council: Meeting the challenges. Budget 2014/15

Several observations were made:

Tourism is a key industry on the island, yet cuts are being made to services which support and encourage tourism:

- 1 Reduction in opening hours at Beaumaris Gaol (though Councillors pointed out that it only opens six days a week at present). Several visitors record their disappointment in the TIP Visitors' book.
- 2 Opportunities have been missed to charge for some services in order to preserve them (eg Public Toilets)
- 3 There appears to be no provision for maintenance of Beaumaris Pier. This means that there is a risk that damage could close it
- 4 Reduction in Marine Wardens will impact revenue from launching fees.

Several points of details need clarification or correction:

- 1 There is a discrepancy in how much the Council Tax increase will be
- 2 What does 'remodelling library services' mean?
- 3 What does 'rationalising Youth Clubs' mean?

Some of the proposals seem to lack logic, and there is an absence of flair and imagination:

- 1 Assets are being sold off rather than exploited for income
- 2 Loss-making Leisure Centres elsewhere on the island continue to receive support even though Beaumaris now has to stand on its own feet
- 3 Tourist locations which provide bad weather attractions are closed while others (eg South Stack) are manned when the weather is too bad for visiting
- 4 A considerable sum was rightly spent improving the Pier, yet no provision appears to be made for maintaining this asset
- 5 School crossing patrols, which are there for safety reasons, are being removed

It was resolved nem con to respond making the above points

72.2 Anglesey County Council: Parking in Menai Bridge High Street.

It was resolved nem con to confirm the Town Council's position that 'removal of at least some of the parking spaces' would improve the flow of traffic to

Beaumaris, and to include in the response a comment that a relief road could be a planning gain from redevelopment of the old Laird's site.

72.3 Williams and Goodwin: Shop Leases

It was resolved nem con to take the item at the end of the meeting when the press and public would be excluded.

72.4 Meeting of Walled Town Friendship Circle – Thursday 9 January

Noted

73.0 FLOOD DEFENCES

The Town Mayor acknowledged Councillor Jason Zalot's hard work in his role as Chief Community Flood Warden. Councillor J Zalot briefed Councillors on lessons learned during recent high tides and stormy weather:

Many sandbags appear to have been removed, only about 150 of the 500 can be easily accounted for.

Some flood gates and stop logs would benefit from rubber gaskets

A gully under the flood bund at Green Edge needs attention and a flap valve at Bulkeley Terrace needs repairing

Cartref corner flooded and blocked the road, diversion signs would have been useful

It was resolved nem con to:

- 1 Approach Anglesey County Council for extra sandbags, failing that to buy some to be marked 'Property of Beaumaris Town Council'
- 2 Give the Town Clerk powers to act to install warning signs on the Green, and get rubber gaskets for the stop logs and gates
- 3 Publicise this year's high tides, many of which are particularly high, in the Town Newsletter
- 4 Use the Newsletter to publicly thank the staff of the Town Council, Anglesey County Council and Natural Resources Wales
- 5 Investigate the risks posed by trees at the entrance to Gerddi Stanley

74.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor presented a donation to the Canolfan, which was received by County Councillor Alwyn Rowlands, Director, on their behalf.

The Town Mayor reported that he and the Mayoress had attended the following recent events:

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| 5 December | Presented the Cheque for £5000 from the Beaumaris Town Council to Beaumaris Band towards the renovation costs of their Canolfan Gerdd. At the Band concert the Town Council was publicly thanked for its important financial support. |
| 6 December | Joint Anglesey and Gwynedd Local Development Plan Seminar at Llangefni |
| 9 December | NSPCC Church Carol Service |
| 11 December | 25 th Annual Dinner of the Beaumaris Probus Club at the Bulkeley Hotel. |
| 26 December | Boxing Day – The traditional Hot Pennies and Chocolate coin event |

31 December New Year's Eve fireworks on the Castle Walls

1 January 2014 The Tug of War and Tractor Pulling on the Green

72.3 Williams and Goodwin: Shop Leases

It was resolved nem con to exclude the press and public on the grounds of commercial confidentiality of lease negotiations.

The Town Clerk briefed Councillors on the recent valuation. Councillors noted the valuation, and that the sitting tenant was a good tenant.

It was resolved nem con to give the Town Clerk rights to enter discussions with the tenant and report back to Council.

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Town Mayor
Councillor D G Jones

Date