

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor R J Parry

The Town Mayor took the Chair

64.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

65.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON LOCAL ISSUES

It was resolved to go into Committee.

Councillor Carwyn Jones outlined his involvement in several issues.

Following pressure and a challenge to the rationale for the proposed maritime fees, the 26p 'tourist tax' has been scrapped and fees are less than originally proposed.

He had forwarded residents' concerns about the flood alleviation works to officers. He recognised the challenge of balancing residents' concerns against the fact that the project proposals are at a critical stage.

He had written to Horizon pressing the case for local employment on Wylfa B, and in particular that local people get the opportunity to apply for jobs that are initially to be located in Gloucester.

He has been addressing issues of broadband speed in Seiriol Ward. Despite 'fibre to cabinet' having been installed by BT Openreach, too many people have not felt the benefit.

He has expressed concern about the geographic extent of the recent Older Peoples' Care Consultation, and has made the case for local/neighbourhood provision of services.

The Plaid group has challenged the size of the capital investment in the smarter working proposals. There will be an extraordinary County Council meeting on 4 December.

Finally, he outlined proposals that he is submitting with Councillor Lewis Davies for a polling station in Llanfaes.

Councillor Brimecombe joined the meeting.

Recommendation to Council:

That the Town Council supports the proposal for a polling station in Llanfaes Community Centre.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Jones for his report.

66.0 VISIT BY MR ROWLAND THOMAS, SENIOR ENGINEER-STRUCTURES SECTION, ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE WORKS AT MAES HYFRYD AND WEXHAM STREET

The Town Clerk left the meeting.

The Town Mayor welcomed Rowland Thomas, Dewi Williams and Alun Williams. Mr Dewi Williams explained that in view of the importance of the issues to be raised, he felt that it was appropriate that he attended in support of Mr Rowland Thomas.

Mr Dewi Williams reminded Councillors of the key elements of the scheme (improve sea defences and improved surface drainage in Wexham Street and Maes Hyfryd), and that both elements were in the proposal presented to the Town Council in 2013. Anglesey County Council are worried that due to concerns raised with the Welsh Government, the whole scheme is at risk.

In relation to the works in Wexham Street, Party Wall Act notices have been issued as the excavations (depth approx 1.5m) will be as close as 2.5m to the houses. Under the Party Wall Act, an independent surveyor will survey the houses before and after the work. Dewi Williams stated that Anglesey County Council would deal with any problems which arise as a result of the work. Town Councillors expressed concern that this was not what householders had been told. Mr Williams confirmed that Anglesey County Council and their contractor would cover any damage caused by the work and that contractors were obliged to have insurance cover.

In response to questions as to whether the work was necessary, Mr Williams acknowledged that recent work had improved the situation, but pointed out that the existing drains would not deal with the heaviest rainfall events (eg the 2004 downpour)

Town Councillors acknowledged concerns of the residents of Wexham Street but recognised that the victims of a flood event would be at the bottom of the town. The rationale for the storage culverts in Maes Hyfryd was explained. The drain under Stanley Street has limited capacity (due to proximity of other services). The attenuating culverts are needed to regulate storm flows so that the limited capacity of the Stanley Street drain does not cause the Maes Hyfryd drain to overflow during a storm event.

Town Councillors expressed concern about the practicality of the proposed road closure and traffic diversion. On-street parking will be reduced (though 15 off-road parking spaces will be provided). Mr Williams stated that the off-road parking spaces in Maes Hyfryd could be retained after the work if residents wished.

Two-way traffic through the gate posts would be difficult, and increased traffic flows would increase the risks for pedestrians (especially children and older people). Mr Williams acknowledged the difficulties, however the work in Wexham Street (scheduled to last 4 weeks) required the diversion through Maes Hyfryd as there is no alternative route for local traffic. During the work in Maes Hyfryd, sections of road would be closed though access for emergency vehicles would be maintained. Town Councillors recognised that the main problem is when Wexham Street is shut, and felt that a clearer statement of how the traffic in Maes Hyfryd would be managed would be beneficial.

The next steps were discussed. Three hundred letters are about to be despatched to the residents of Maes Hyfryd, Iscoed and Bryn Teg. A public meeting is

scheduled for 18 December in the Canolfan. Anglesey County Council is happy to meet with the residents of Wexham Street to discuss their concerns. The work would include a 52-week defects correction clause and Anglesey County Council agreed to a follow-up survey of the properties 12 months after the work is completed.

The Town Clerk rejoined the meeting.

It was resolved to go back into Council.

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Committee.

67.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2014

It was resolved to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

68.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2014

68.1 Minute 78.3 Flood Alleviation Scheme

It was resolved nem con that the recommendation should read 'Invite Anglesey County Council to discuss the proposed works before they start work'

68.2 Minute 80.1.5 War Memorial

The War Graves Commission has no objection.

It was resolved nem con to add the three names to the Memorial.

68.3 Minute 80.2.3 Minute Book

The book was never lodged in the Archives. The University have purchased it to add to their collection.

68.4 Minute 82.0 Castle Toilets

It was resolved nem con that in view of the information provided by Mr Dewi Williams the lease will be signed.

With the above points it was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations.

69.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4289	Fruit 'n' Flowers	25.00
4290	SLCC	167.00
4291	Stermat Hardware	250.00
4292	Mainstage Ltd	1,458.00
4293	Town Mayor, Councillor I Davies	150.00
	<i>It was resolved nem con to thank the local taxi companies for their support of the event.</i>	
4294	Evans Bros	89.73
4295	F E Roberts	155.12
4296	The Bulkeley Hotel	214.70

Total **£2,509.55**

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

70.0 CORRESPONDENCE

70.1 Anglesey County Council: Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Ffordd Meigan, Maes Hyfryd and Wexham Street
Received

71.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following recent events:

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| 8 November | Fireworks display |
| 9 November | Remembrance Sunday
<i>It was resolved nem con to compliment staff for their control of traffic during the event</i> |
| 11 November | 11.00 am Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph |
| 22 November | North West Venturers' Annual Dinner |
| 29 November | Beaumaris Victorian Christmas event |
| 30 November | Menai Bridge Mayor's Sunday |

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor I Davies

Date