

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

**The Town Clerk was in attendance**

**APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies for absence

**The Town Mayor took the Chair**

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**84.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D W Gallichan declared an interest in item 90.3 Letter of complaint, due to a close association with the Town Mayor  
The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 90.3, Letter of complaint, as the subject of the complaint.  
Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 90.3, Letter of complaint, as the Town Mayor is his son.

**85.0 VISIT BY MR NEIL JOHNSTONE, MENTER MON, TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY**

*It was resolved to go into Committee.*

Mr Johnstone explained the background to the current European funded Leader Project. The objective of the project is to improve the economy of local communities. There are five themes:

- 1 Sense of place
- 2 Improvement of the supply chain of business
- 3 Transfer of services from local authorities
- 4 Community renewable energy
- 5 Digital inclusion

Sums of between £5,000-£20,000 are available to support projects which have to be put forward by groups (of individuals, businesses, communities). They have to be innovative and something that would not happen without funding. The programme lasts for six years, however all funding is expected to be committed by year four.

A key opportunity is renewable energy. South-east Anglesey has the most capacity in the network to connect renewable generation, and Scottish Energy Network have funds to support initiatives. Possible examples of projects were discussed, an article in the Newsletter was suggested, and Councillors were encouraged to send ideas to the Town Clerk.

## **86.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALWYN ROWLANDS TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES**

### **Recommendation to Council:**

To send a letter of condolence to Mrs Joyce Dogan, widow of Mr Eddie Dogan, former Mayor of Bangor.

Councillor Rowlands outlined the casework he had been involved in.

Suggestions for the Leader Community Renewable Programme had been submitted to the Seiriol Alliance. Scottish Power and the Seiriol Community Councillors will be invited to a meeting to discuss the proposals. Seiriol Alliance now has funds to be split between the four Councils to support local initiatives.

The proposed Social Housing Allocation Policy was discussed, and the importance of prioritising local connections and of appropriate allocation of sheltered housing. There appears to be a 'Catch 22' situation where older people are discouraged from moving out of larger properties into more suitably sized sheltered accommodation because they are out-pointed by younger people. This means that larger houses are not available for families, though there are issues of affordability of family homes. Several options were discussed.

### **Recommendation to Council:**

To invite the Head of Housing to discuss housing and sheltered housing issues.

Councillor Rowlands said that he had followed up Town Council comments on the Library Service Consultation. Discussions are continuing and action is expected in the coming year.

The need for a traveller site on Anglesey was discussed. The paper was withdrawn from the Executive and a series of consultation meetings will be held over the next month, with the intention to re-submit proposals to the Executive in April. The Town Council encouraged the County Council not to simply take the easy option but to ensure that the site location is appropriate. Councillor Rowlands outlined some of the options available, and the challenges faced.

Councillor Rowlands has met the Governors of Beaumaris School. While not in the top category, the recent assessment was good. However, it is worrying that there are only 40 pupils in the school. This may be associated with the lack of affordable housing for families locally, but the reasons why local parents send children to other schools needs to be addressed.

*It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.*

*It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.*

Comment was made that the meeting with the Head of Housing should be as early as possible.

## **87.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016**

Councillor Ieuan Williams has not responded on the points he said he would investigate. It was resolved nem con to remind him to respond.

It was resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

## **88.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2016**

### **88.1 Minute 95.2.1 Road closure for Anglesey Half Marathon**

The Town Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent. The consultation period has not yet expired.

#### **88.2 Repair to shop floor at Sonia's**

Town Council staff advised that in view of the possibility of finding hidden faults, the bid from a professional contractor should be accepted.

It was resolved nem con to proceed with the lowest bid obtained by the tenant.

#### **88.3 Flooding events – Letter of thanks from Mrs Rosemary Davies**

A letter of thanks to the Mayor for performing his role as Flood Warden and Mayor was read out. The Town Mayor reported that he is meeting with Dewi Williams of Anglesey County Council to discuss issues with the culvert under Maes Hyfryd and the possibility of a blockage. It was resolved nem con to reply to Mrs Davies thanking her for her kind comments, recognising the efforts of the community in Maes Hyfryd and mentioning that residents' concerns about the culvert are being taken seriously.

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

#### **89.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

4579	Canolfan Beaumaris	7,000.00
4580	Guild of Macebearers	40.00
4581	Anglesey Fabrications	30.00
4582	Joan Hopkin & Co Ltd	60.00

*It was resolved that the valuation be referred to the Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee.*

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**£7,130.00**

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid

#### **90.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **90.1 Anglesey County Council: Resurfacing of a section of Menai Bridge High Street**

It was resolved nem con to put an item about the work on the website.

It was resolved by a majority to refer instances of obstructive parking on the outskirts of Menai Bridge to North Wales Police.

##### **90.2 Albert Owen MP: Invitation to a meeting with National Grid on Friday 5 February**

Councillors F Carr, C Theakston and S Zalot intend to attend.

##### **90.3 Mr H Arwel Hughes: Complaint**

*The Town Mayor and Councillors D Gallichan and S Zalot left the meeting.*

*The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.*

The Town Clerk reminded Councillors of their obligations in relation to complaints against Councillors.

The Town Clerk read out the letter, described the actions he had already taken and outlined his intentions to reply, conveying a response and an apology. If Mr Hughes is not satisfied, the complaint will have to be referred to the Monitoring Officer.

It was resolved nem con to respond in the manner proposed by the Town Clerk.

*The Town Mayor and Councillors D Gallichan and S Zalot rejoined the meeting.*

*The Town mayor took the Chair.*

##### **90.4 Castle Players ADS: Donation**

The Town Clerk read out a letter of thanks from Castle Players.

It was resolved nem con to thank Castle Players for their donation and to congratulate them on the success of the pantomime.

**91.0 WALES IN BLOOM**

A decision to enter needs to be taken in March. A theme around the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be adopted.

It was resolved to investigate entering with Llanfaes. The owner of Castle Court Hotel will be approached to explore renovation of the Cottage Garden.

**92.0 MOVE OF POST OFFICE TO SPAR**

There was discussion of the importance of keeping postal services in the town, and the implications of a move to Spar, eg terms and conditions of staff and the impact on parking in Castle Street. The Post Office business has been on sale for two years.

It was resolved by a majority to write to Anglesey County Council asking for their support to keep the Post Office open.

It was resolved by a majority to welcome the retention of a Post Office in Beaumaris, wherever it is located in the town.

**93.0 REPORT ON SEIRIOL ALLIANCE MEETING**

Councillor Theakston reported back from the meeting and the need for more engagement from Town and Community Councils.

It was resolved nem con to nominate two Councillors, Councillors Theakston and S Zalot, to the group.

**94.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 12 December Opened Bulkeley Christmas Fair
- 14 December Attended NSPCC Carol Service
- 15 December Attended Menai Bridge Town Council Christmas Party
- 17 December Ty Gobaith Children's' Hospice Christmas Service in Llandudno
- 26 December Flood response as Chief Flood Warden
- 31 December New Year's Eve Fireworks
  
- 1 January 2016 Postponed Hot Pennies at Bulkeley Hotel and Tug o'War on Green
- 13 January Castle Players Pantomime 'Aladdin'
- 20 January Probus Dinner at the Bulkeley Hotel
- 22 January Allotfest at the David Hughes Centre
- 23 January Memorial Service for the late John Griffith, Church Organist
- 23 January Walled Towns Friendship Circle Dinner at Conwy
- 26 January Bonfire Committee AGM
- 27 January Victorian Christmas Committee AGM
- 28 January All Wales Flood Wardens Seminar
- 28 January Proposed one-way system Public Meeting

The Town Mayor reported that a donation of £250 had been received from a Church in Cardiff to go towards flood relief efforts in Beaumaris. It will contribute to equipment for Flood Wardens (torches, radios etc)

**Meeting closed at 9.38 pm**

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**Town Mayor  
Councillor J P Zalot**

**Date .....**