

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015 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 I Davies
Councillor D G Jones
Councillor M Jones
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor J R Carr

The Town Mayor took the Chair

12.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 17.0, Bills for Payment 4414, as the Town Mayor is his son.

13.0 VISIT BY RICHARD FOXHALL, HORIZON, TO DISCUSS WYLFA NEWYDD

*It was resolved nem con to go into Committee
Councillor C J Theakston joined the meeting*

Mr Foxhall set out the current position of the project.

There will be further opportunities for public consultation at the end of 2015.

The development consent application will be submitted in 2017, with a decision expected in 2018. Initial site groundworks will start in 2019-2020, with the station online in 2025. The station will operate for approximately 60 years, and will be removed completely during decommissioning. During construction, 4,000 workers will be on site every day, and Horizon wants as many of them as possible to be local. Steps are being taken to provide training and apprenticeships through Coleg Menai. Several options are being explored for accommodation for any non-local construction workers so that benefits are spread around the island. An apprenticeship scheme will start in September 2017. At the moment there are 32 staff on site with an expansion due in November. 1,000 people will be employed during the operating phase, most operating staff will be trained locally. Not all the jobs will be graduate level and Horizon is supporting local STEM training.

Mr Foxhall encouraged local businesses to register through their website to be able to bid for work. It would be an advantage if local companies work together as groups and consortia to be able to better compete for work as it becomes available.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Foxhall for his contributions.

14.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALWYN ROWLANDS TO DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES

Councillor Rowlands picked several points from Mr Foxhall's presentation. Anglesey County Council's support for Wylfa is dependent upon employment of local people (across North Wales not just Anglesey) and that local businesses won't be starved of employees. The County Council are talking to the Welsh Government about possible improvements to the A55 to support the development. Councillor Rowlands gave an update on recent developments in the cabinet. He expressed an opinion that Council mergers were on the back burner and that shared services and joint working was more likely.

Several local issues were discussed.

The flood defence wall is being built to the planned height. Town Councillors feel hoodwinked as to its visual impact.

The case was made for improvements to Garth bends or a relief road to support tourism in Beaumaris.

On the subject of tourism, Town Councillors asked Councillor Rowlands to make representations to the Head of Tourism about the illogical closure of the Tourist Information Centre, given the island's dependence on tourism.

Councillor Rowlands was also asked to see if proposals to reduce congestion in Menai Bridge, which impacts businesses in Beaumaris, could be made to happen.

The closure of Penhesgyn Recycling Centre two days each week was questioned. There is a real risk of increased fly-tipping. Councillor Rowlands sympathised with the view, but pointed out that savings have to be made.

Recommendation to Council:

Write to Anglesey County Council asking them to review their decision to close Penhesgyn Recycling site two days each week.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.

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

15.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2015

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

16.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2015

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

16.1 Clarification on new Register of Members' Interests

The Town Clerk read out clarification received from One Voice Wales. Though not required, the Town Clerk suggested that the current Town Council arrangements should continue as they give clarity about which interest had or had not been declared. Interests will be published on the website. Councillors will be given the opportunity to confirm and correct their entries before publication.

16.2 Anglesey County Council Executive's forward work programme

Councillor S Zalot drew attention to an item (Annual Report: Statutory Director of Social Services) in Anglesey County Council's Executive's Work Programme.

It was resolved nem con to write asking that we be consulted in plenty of time about the future of any facility so that local views can be gathered and submitted.

16.3 Request to halt works on Sea Wall near Gallows Point – Director of Sustainable Development, Anglesey County Council

The Town Clerk briefed Councillors on actions taken and responses received. Anglesey County Council's Planning Enforcement Officers have concluded that the construction complies with the permissions granted. Councillors expressed concern that the original Screening Opinion may not have been adequate and the visual impact for car drivers understated. In addition, documents submitted as part of the Planning Application gave a misleading impression to non-specialists. Concern was expressed that unless work stopped, the opportunity to amend the design will be lost.

Mr Dewi Williams, Head of Service, is prepared to come to a Special Council Meeting on Monday 8 June to discuss the wall and a proposal to put an additional drain through Happy Valley and across the Green.

It was resolved by a majority (10 votes for, 1 against, 2 abstentions) to make another effort to stop the work, including involving the press.

It was resolved nem con to meet Mr Dewi Williams and invite County Councillors to the meeting.

It was resolved nem con to write to the local newsletter setting out the Town Council's position.

17.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4414 The Town Mayor	1,000.00
4415 Plantscape	2,769.00
Total	£3,769.00

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

19.0 CASTLE EVENT ON 12 SEPTEMBER

The Town Mayor outlined suggestions for an event during and in support of the Food Festival.

It was resolved nem con to continue planning and to make a budget of £7,000 available. The Town Council will be refunded from the takings, and any surplus will be given to the Mayor's Charity Fund and the Food Festival.

20.0 OLD AND NEW HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

It was resolved nem con to invite 22 Squadron, Prince William Duke of Cambridge, and the RNLI Crew past and present to an event to mark the end of Search & Rescue Services at RAF Valley.

21.0 REDUCED OPENING DAYS FOR PENHESGYN WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

Discussed above at item 14.0

22.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following recent events:

- 8 May VE Day Beacon on the Castle
It was resolved nem con to thank Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley and Mr Michael Burkham for their support and contributions.
- 16 May Open Day at 'Wonderfully Wild'
- 19 May Opening Ceremony of 30th Beaumaris Festival
 Fire Service Litter Pick with young Fire-fighters
 Festival Opening Concert by Stetson University Chamber Orchestra
- 21 May Caernarfon Mayor Making
- 22 May Cor Eifionydd Concert at the Canolfan
- 23 May Represented by Mayoress and Deputy Mayor at raffle draw and sponsored event for Parkinsons UK
- 24 May Festival Church Service
 Represented by Mayoress at prizegiving for Welsh Ladies Bowls Championship at Happy Valley
- 27 May Brownies Fund Raising Bingo at the Bulkeley Hotel

Meeting closed at 21.35

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Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot

Date