

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 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 A J V Grant
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor R J Parry

The Town Mayor took the Chair

35.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor F Carr declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.1 Planning Application, as a member of the Thomas Close Committee
Councillor F Carr declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.7 Beaumaris Food Festival, as a member of the Canolfan Board
Councillor J Carr declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.1 Planning Application, as a member of the Thomas Close Committee
Councillor J Carr declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.7 Beaumaris Food Festival, as her husband is a member of the Canolfan Board
The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.1 Planning Application, as a member of the Thomas Close Committee
Councillor A J V Grant declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.8 Beaumaris Festival, as his wife is on the Committee
Councillor C J Theakston declared a prejudicial interest in item 42.8 Beaumaris Festival, as a member of the Festival Committee

36.0 RETIREMENT PRESENTATION TO MR T H ROBERTS

The Town Mayor paid tribute to Mr Roberts's sterling service for more than fourteen years

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

It was resolved to go into Committee

Councillor Jones outlined several of the issues that he had recently dealt with. He observed that when the Ward Councillors work together they can bring significant weight to bear on the County Council, but that it is a big ward to cover. He has met with officials to discuss the future of the Day Care Centre. A decision will not be taken until the future of the school provision in south east Anglesey has been decided. Town Councillors expressed concern at the likely deterioration

of the building in that time, and would prefer to see it in use as a community asset.

Councillor Jones drew attention to a website (www.taiteg.org.uk) through which people can register an interest in local affordable housing.

Councillor Jones has taken up the issue of Pier fees. Concern was expressed at the continuing damage to boats using the pontoon, the lack of key fobs for mooring holders, and the lack of a maintenance budget for such a vital tourist attraction. Without maintenance it will fall into disrepair like the walks in Mill Lane woodlands.

Recommendation to Council:

That a suggestion be put to Anglesey County Council that the income from landing charges and mooring fees be ring-fenced for Pier maintenance.

Councillor Jones has met with National Grid to press for undersea cabling rather than pylons. It would seem that the National Grid will put cables under the Menai Strait.

Councillor Jones expressed concern that the first technical and graduate jobs for Wylfa B will be initially based at Gloucester before transferring to Anglesey. He will be pressing for local advertising so that Anglesey graduates are encouraged to apply.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Carwyn Jones for attending.

It was resolved to go into Council.

It was resolved nem con to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

38.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2014

38.1 Minute 20.0

Mr Rhun Ap Iorwerth AM will be asked for an update on the matters discussed.

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

39.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

The Town Clerk gave an update on progress with the proposals.

If planning approval and funding can be secured, construction will be between January and June 2015.

The Town Clerk drew attention to a Flood Risk Seminar in Bangor

It was resolved nem con that someone from the Town Council should attend.

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

40.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28 JULY 2014

40.1 Minute 50.1 Use of Bowling Green in August

In response to a question the Town Clerk stated that the July Council meeting had been told that permission had been given.

It was resolved nem con that the final sentence of the first paragraph should read "Use of the Bowling Green for a small Welsh CGBA Competition on Mayor's Sunday had been approved by the Mayor using his prerogative"

40.2 Minute 43.1.5 Parking on A545

The Town Clerk reported that the County Council will consider extending the double yellow lines.

It was resolved nem con to record that the Town Council had always pressed for the lines to extend to The Rectory and had not accepted the shorter version.

40.3 Minute 43.1.9 Election

The election will be on Thursday 4 September. There are two candidates.

It was resolved nem con to place an item in the Newsletter pointing out that Town Councillors cannot claim for election expenses.

40.4 Minute 47.0 CCTV

The Town Clerk briefed Councillors on progress.

It may be necessary to spend a few hundred pounds on setting up a project to renew the system. In future, images will be recorded and accessed in Beaumaris. The Town Clerk reassured Councillors that data protection rules will be followed in viewing and accessing images.

It was resolved nem con to give the Town Clerk powers to act.

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

41.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4226	Beaumaris Events	450.00
	<i>This payment is to transfer a sum that was to be paid to Beaumaris Events but for which the cheque was made payable to Beaumaris Town Council</i>	
4227	Biffa Municipal	211.20
4228	T W Ashenden	440.88
4229	UHY Hacker Young	780.00
4230	Rowena Hire	41.70
	Total	£1,923.78

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid

42.0 CORRESPONDENCE

42.1 Planning Application 12C389B Thomas Close Play Area, Beaumaris

Full application for the erection of a 4m high fence

The Town Mayor and Councillors F Carr and J Carr left the meeting

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval

The Town Mayor and Councillors F Carr and J Carr returned to the meeting

The Town Mayor took the Chair

42.2 Planning Application 12C4B/4 46 Cae Mair, Beaumaris

Full application for a balcony

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval

42.3 Planning Application 12LPA1003/FR/CC Beaumaris Castle

Full application for flood alleviation works comprising of the construction of a stone faced secondary flood defence wall along the eastern part of the Green, increasing the height of the existing sea wall and gabion protection between Townsend Bridge and Gallows Point and associated landscaping together with the construction of earth bunding on Castle Meadow on the north side

Amended application number and additional information

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval

- 42.4 Planning Application 12C453 6 Llanfaes Parc, Llanfaes, Beaumaris**
Full application for alterations and extensions
It was resolved nem con to recommend approval
- 42.5 Planning Application 12C454/TPO Church Bank, 28 Church Street, Beaumaris**
Application to remove one oak tree (T1) and thin an oak tree (T2) which are protected by a Tree Preservation Order
Councillors felt that Tree Preservation Orders are there for a purpose and should not be overridden without good reason.
It was resolved by a majority to recommend refusal
- 42.6 UHY Hacker Young: Notice of Conclusion of Audit**
The Town Clerk reported that the external auditor had issued a Notice of Conclusion of Audit for display.
The Town Clerk reported the approach by a reporter investigating alleged hoarding of funds by a 'cash-rich' Beaumaris Town Council. The basis of this was an audit report for the 2010-2011 financial year which referred to cash balances held to fund several schemes such as the Town Hall refurbishment. Cash balances are also needed to fund wages, general maintenance work and projects during the winter when car park takings are reduced.
The reporter also alleged that the payment made for the Big Wheel was not approved. This is not true; the authorisation is minuted.
A draft of the article has been promised.
It was resolved that if there are concerns about what is written, the Town Clerk can call a special meeting to discuss the Town Council's response.
- 42.7 Beaumaris Food Festival: Proposed road closures and request for additional space on the Green/late opening of Castle toilets/assistance to set up**
Councillor F Carr and J Carr left the meeting
It was resolved nem con to accept the proposed road closures. The need to ensure that residents behind Little Lane can get out into Rating Row was noted.
It was resolved nem con to agree to additional space on the Green behind the Attendants' hut for an additional marquee.
It was resolved nem con to agree to late opening of the Castle toilets (until midnight). The Festival organisers will police use and lock up after the event.
It was resolved nem con to lend traffic cones.
It was resolved nem con that Council staff would assist with moving staging into the Castle.
It was resolved nem con to give a donation of £2,000 on the basis that this is a new event that the Town Council wants to succeed.
Requests for support in future years will be judged on merit at the time.
Councillors F Carr and J Carr returned to the meeting.
- 42.8 Beaumaris Festival: Request for letter of support**
Councillors Grant and Theakston left the meeting.
Councillors expressed a wish to see lighter items on the programme which might appeal to a wider, younger audience.
It was resolved nem con to give a donation of £2,000
Councillors Grant and Theakston returned to the meeting
- 42.9 Head of Economic Development, Anglesey County Council: Decline request to attend future Council meeting**
It was resolved nem con to respond, pressing the case that improved transport links are crucial for economic development and would help to diversify the economy of Beaumaris.

42.10 Developing Community Energy

The Town Clerk drew attention to an event organised by Menter Mon

42.11 Walled Towns Friendship Circle

The Town Clerk drew attention to the next meeting

42.12 Mon Menai Bowling: Request to use Bowling Green

It was resolved nem con to agree to the use of the Bowling Green for a Junior Competition on Saturday 4 October

43.0 OLD BATHS SITE ISSUES: REPORT BY TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk briefed Councillors on a meeting with Mr Richie Watson of Lancashire Mortgage Company. The company is talking to planners etc with a view to getting planning permission for the site. A development will enable them to recoup their investment.

It was resolved nem con to give the Town Clerk powers to act to resist their claim of a right of way over the Green

44.0 STREET CLOSURE FOR VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS EVENT

Councillor Grant left the meeting

It was resolved nem con to write a letter of support for a road closure addressing the County Council's concerns

Councillor Grant returned to the meeting

45.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following events:

- 08 July Chamber of Trade meeting
- 15 July Hosted a meeting of Beaumaris Primary School Council in the Council Chamber
- 15 July Victorian Christmas event planning meeting
- 19 July Attended celebration of John Griffith's 70 years service as an organist
- 20 July Mayor's Sunday
- 26 July Belgian Promenade celebration in Menai Bridge

- 01 August Funeral of Mr George O'Dell
- 03 August Regatta Service and RAYC Commodore's Reception
- 07 August RAYC Regatta Prizegiving
- 10 August World War I Commemorative Service
- 15 August Walled Towns Golf Tournament Dinner at Henllys Golf Club
- 17 August Performance at Pinder's Circus
- 19 August Victorian Christmas event planning meeting
- 23 August Denbigh Show

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor Ian Davies

Date