

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2 JULY 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor D T Evans
Councillor G Evans-Jones
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor R A Jones
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor H Mattocks

The Town Mayor took the Chair

26.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Evans-Jones declared a prejudicial interest in item 34 Report and recommendations of investigating panel.

The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 28 Visit by Mussel Operators as a deep water mooring holder but has dispensation to participate but not vote.

Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 28 Visit by Mussel Operators as a mooring holder but has dispensation to participate but not vote.

Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 33.1 Planning Application as a neighbour to the development.

27.0 VISIT BY COUNCILLOR ALUN ROBERTS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

Resolved nem con to go into committee

Councillor S Zalot joined the meeting

Councillor Roberts expressed his thanks, and those of the other Seiriol Councillors, to Councillor I Davies for his work on the Council and as Mayor.

Councillor Roberts attended the meeting in Llanfaes on 14 June. Vandalism is cropping up as a problem in several places (eg Llandegfan, Menai Bridge, Llanddona). He expressed the view that it is important to get young people engaged in the community and complimented the measures being planned in Llanfaes. He offered help from the County Council (eg grants) should it be needed. Councillor K Jones reported that she had been working with officers from the County Council and that there would be an event later in the week to try and find out what the youngsters would like. The Town Council will be funding CCTV in Llanfaes.

Councillor Roberts referred to the schools consultation. He was surprised that a meeting has been scheduled for Friday to receive the response to the consultation. He feels that this is not enough time to give serious consideration to the responses to the consultation which closes at midnight on Monday 2 July.

The drop in sessions and public meetings went well with good positive discussions. His advice was that it is not sufficient to simply oppose closure. An alternative proposal is required. His view is that an integrated school/extra care facility has many merits and provides opportunities for cost savings. His view is that the new Head of Learning is more open to alternative suggestions than the previous post holder.

The proposals will be considered by the Scrutiny Committee on Friday July 13. There will be opportunity for members of the community to speak and he encouraged Beaumaris to take this opportunity and to ensure that the presenters coordinated their presentations to avoid repetition.

Councillors were concerned at the way the process had gone and apparent pre-judging of results. Estyn were very critical of the previous consultation which is why the process has had to be repeated. It was reported that school governors are aware of the possibility of calling for a judicial review should it be necessary.

28.0 VISIT BY MUSSEL OPERATORS TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE MENAI STRAIT OYSTER AND MUSSEL FISHERY ORDER 1962

The Town Mayor welcomed Alan Winstone (Chair of MSFOMA) and Jim Andrews (Secretariat and technical advisor to MSFOMA). Trevor Jones and Kim Mold Mussel Operators were also in attendance.

Alan Winstone explained that the Fishery Order is due for renewal in 2022. This meeting was an early opportunity to engage with local stakeholders in advance of the formal consultation.

Jim Andrews explained the purpose of the Order.

It removes the right of public fishery for shellfish in the area so that Mussel Operators have legal protection for the mussels that they are farming. The Menai Strait mussel fishery is the jewel in the crown of Welsh aquaculture. It is the biggest in the UK and the first in the world to receive Marine Stewardship Council certification as a sustainable fishery. In response to a later question it was stated that the fishery creates 23 full time jobs (all Anglesey residents).

The issues of the marina and deep water moorings were addressed. MSFOMA are content that their lawyers have advised that the deep water moorings are legal. MSFOMA's concern about the proposed marina was that it was on one of the cultivation areas. If it had been on the other side of Gallows Point it would not have been a problem.

Jim Andrews also addressed statements about the Fishery Order at the other end of the Strait. There had been a lot of local public reaction and MSFOMA recognised that this could have been avoided if there had been early informal consultation. They were content that the issues raised had been addressed. A formal application had been submitted to the Welsh Government and a decision was awaited.

The extent and boundaries of the order and the lease areas was discussed. The drying area of Beaumaris Bay is outside the fishery area. The deep water moorings are outside the leased areas in an area that is unsuitable for mussel cultivation due to the tidal flows. Temporary regatta moorings are placed in leased area 6. MSFOMA reiterated that mussels in a leased area are the property of the relevant mussel operator. Those outside a leased area but inside the order boundary cannot be fished by the public (the public right of fishery has been 'severed' by the order) but damage (eg by running aground and squashing them) is not an offence. MSFOMA drew attention to the lease area recently created in the Bangor Pool/Bangor Deep area. The boundary has been deliberately drawn to avoid moorings on the Anglesey side of the channel. MSFOMA clarified that moorings in the area to the north of area 6 (between the leased area and the boundary of the fishery order) are not at risk and they will confirm this in writing. In response to a question as to whether this area could be excluded from the fishery it was stated that its inclusion helped maintain the integrity of the order by preventing public fishing for mussels and it also provided the fishery with additional safeguards against pollution and discharges.

It was confirmed that the order had no effect on (and MSFOMA have no involvement with) hand picking of winkles on the foreshore in Beaumaris Bay.

Looking ahead MSFOMA would like the new order to be for as long as possible (as it provides security for operators investment). They feel that a term of 60 years is unlikely; Fishery Orders are currently being issued for up to 30 years.

The possibility of local processing of mussels is being looked at. This might offer mitigation if Brexit introduces tariffs or delays at the ports for exports. Brexit will not affect the legal basis of the fishery (unlike offshore fishing it is not directly affected by EU regulations) and, apart from support for one boat, the fishery is not dependent on EU grants or subsidies. A local trial to improve seed mussel supply has been supported with EU funds.

There was a discussion of the condition of the banks on the other side of the Strait. Jim Andrews expressed the view that some of the changes are due to normal geomorphological changes (changing currents, moving sand banks etc.). He acknowledged that where there are mussels they do generate a layer of mud. This is analogous to changes in landscape etc caused by terrestrial farming. If mussel farming stopped the mud would disperse.

Recommendation to Council:

To accept the offer of a visit to see mussel farming operations.

Resolved nem con to go into Council

Councillors were pleased that there had been the opportunity for a constructive face-to-face meeting. It might still be useful to have some of the reassurances offered incorporated into some kind of legal document.

Resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

29.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018

29.1 It was noted that Councillor D P Owen should read Councillor D R Owen.

29.2 Item 22.0: Tree Planting.

The Town Clerk has spoken to Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley who was supportive of the idea and suggested a location which could be seen from the road to Llanfaes.

Resolved nem con to accept the suggestion and refer the matter to Greens and Buildings Sub-Committee.

With the above points it was resolved unanimously to accept the minutes as a true and correct record.

30.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018

30.1 Item 25.0: Food Festival Insurance.

The area covered by the Food Festival's insurance (whole Green or just within the fence) will be clarified.

With the above point it was resolved nem con (one abstention) to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

31.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 JUNE 2018

31.1 Item 28.1.10 Mill Woods.

Councillor J A Rowlands reported that he had met the project officer for Cwlwm Seiriol who was keen to progress the suggestion (the funding could also help a "Men's Sheds" project

and a facility for school children at the allotments). The first step is likely to be a volunteer litter pick.

31.2 Item 29.2: Cemetery Works.

The Town Clerk reported that he will be signing off the project to say that the Town Council was happy with the work.

31.3 Item 31.0 Damage to Bus Shelter.

The Town Clerk had unsuccessfully tried to register a complaint through 101. It was suggested that the matter could be left while steps are being taken to address the wider issues.

It was resolved by majority (3 votes against) to refer item 31 back to the Finance and Planning Committee.

With the above points it was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Finance And Planning Committee.

32.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5274	ASL	50.86
5275	Alpha Business Centre	58.63
5276	Biffa	241.73
5277	Sage (UK) Ltd	662.40
Total		£1,013.62

It was resolved unanimously that the bills be paid.

33.0 CORRESPONDENCE

33.1 Planning Applications 12C477A and 12C477B/LB

Bryn Canol, Y Bryn, Beaumaris

Full application for alterations and extensions to include the demolition of the existing sun room

Listed Building Consent for the above

Councillor S Zalot left the meeting

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval.

Councillor S Zalot rejoined the meeting

33.2 Notice of application to carry out flood alleviation works on the Green

The relief pipe will cross the Green road close to the old Baths site after crossing Mount Field. If the work involves closing the exit road a temporary roadway will be needed. There may be a request to store material on the Green though the main works compound will be elsewhere.

It was resolved nem con to welcome the works, to be alert to the possible impact on drainage on the Green and to clarify whether the exiting culvert across the Green road could be used.

33.3 Notice of election in Central Ward

Nominations are to be submitted by Friday 6 July.

It was resolved nem con to receive.

33.4 Liz Milliman: Reviving links with Beaumaris, Australia and gifts

There will be another event on Monday 16 July. The gifts are an Australian flag and a tin of Australian biscuits for Councillors to try

It was resolved nem con to receive.

33.5 Pam Lee: 'Anglesey says No to Pylons' – invitation to meet Albert Owen MP on 17 July

The Town Clerk will seek details of the 17 July event.
It was resolved nem con to receive.

33.6 Anglesey County Council: Place Shaping Workshop on Thursday 5 July
Councillor S Zalot will be attending.

33.7 Innovation Fair at Ysgol David Hughes on Thursday 12 July, 11.00 – 13.30
It was resolved nem con to receive.

34.0 THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATING PANEL TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL BY COUNCILLOR M SARSFIELD

Councillor G Evans Jones left the meeting

It was resolved unanimously to exclude the press and public for a confidential discussion of staff matters.

Councillor Sarsfield explained the need to appoint an appeals panel that would have no involvement in the original investigation and findings.

It was resolved nem con to appoint Councillors K M Jones, D R Owen and D T Evans to the appeals panel.

Councillors K M Jones, D R Owen and D T Evans left the meeting

Professor T Ashenden (Town Clerk) and P Green (Admin Assistant) left the meeting.

Councillor Sarsfield explained the procedures he has been advised to take on board when preparing the report. He further explained that the panel have looked over all evidence available and have operated within the guidelines laid down by Ellis Whittam and the monitoring officer.

It was resolved to adopt the report subject to further information. The panel will then have the remit to continue the investigation.

Councillors G Evans-Jones, K M Jones, D R Owen and D T Evans and officers rejoined the meeting

It was resolved unanimously to re-admit the press and public.

35.0 UPDATING PAST MAYOR'S PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Proposed Councillor R A Jones. Seconded Councillor M Sarsfield

It was resolved nem con to update Past Mayor's photographs in the Council Chamber by inviting Mr F Carr to have his photograph as Mayor displayed in the Council Chamber.

36.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 June	Schools consultation meeting
8 June	Barbeque at the Allotments
12 June	Meeting of Beaumaris Chamber of Trade
14 June	Meeting at Llanfaes Community Centre
23 June	School Governors meeting
1 July	Seiriol Bike Ride

The organiser of the Ail-Dro Charity Shop in the old butchers shop had thanked the community and Town Council for their support during the operation of the shop. Seven thousand pounds had been raised for charity.

The RNLI Weather Station is now up and running.

It was resolved unanimously to buy a voucher for a meal out in town for Karen and Nigel Black in recognition of their work in looking after the town notice board.

The meeting closed at 21.58

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Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot

Date