

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor Councillor F R Carr  
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C M Brimecombe  
Councillor J R Carr  
Councillor I Davies  
Councillor D W Gallichan  
Councillor A J V Grant  
Councillor M Jones  
Councillor J A Rowlands  
Councillor C J Theakston  
Councillor J P Zalot

**The Town Clerk was in attendance**

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor G Evans-Jones  
Councillor B L Kotkowicz  
Councillor R J Parry  
Councillor S Zalot

**The Town Mayor took the Chair**

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**32.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**33.0 VISIT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS DAVIES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES**

Resolved nem con to go into committee,

Councillor Davies asked about the Town Council's opinion on the proposed mobile phone mast at Gallows Point. Councillors confirmed that that they had expressed support.

Councillor Davies reported on a meeting between the three Seiriol Ward councillors and Mr Dewi Williams (Head of Service Highways, Waste and Property) to discuss several issues: a potential pedestrian crossing site between the pharmacy and the Bull Hotel, the flood alleviation works in Castle Meadow and at Maes Hyfyd (which will include the provision of extra off-street parking), possible double yellow lines in New Street to improve the exit from the fire station and repair of potholes in Henllys Lane. He has also asked the Tree Officer to look at some trees in Maes Hyfyd which have been the subject of a complaint.

He had attended the scrutiny meeting which had considered reports on Beaumaris School and Extra Care Housing provision in Beaumaris. Rhian Jones and Emma Taylor spoke well in defence of the school. The Seiriol Councillors spoke against closure. Unfortunately the decision was made to proceed with closure of the school. The committee also agreed to proceed with plans for Extra Care Housing on the site. There are still opportunities to oppose the school closure: the Executive will discuss the proposal on 28 October and there is a formal closure process to go through.

Councillor Davies said that if the school closure goes ahead he would campaign for social housing on the site. Accommodation is needed for working age people who will be employed in tourism in the town and servicing the care needs of a growing elderly population. An Extra Care Facility on the site would be a threat to Haulfre and the two disabled facilities at the site and would do nothing to address the unbalanced age demographics in the town which has contributed to falling pupil numbers.

The flood alleviation works and associated road and parking improvements at Maes Hyfryd were welcomed. Councillors encouraged Anglesey County Council to keep residents well informed.

Town Councillors observed that there was still a formal process to go through before the school could be closed and it was important that the Town Council was represented at the Executive meeting.

Town Councillors were supportive of Councillor Lewis's comments about social housing. They asked if there were policies that Anglesey County Council could adopt to help local people secure a place in the housing market. Councillor Lewis reminded councillors of the council tax holiday home premium though this did not apply to holiday lets which were run by a business.

#### **34.0 VISIT BY MRS SARAH ZALOT, CHAIR OF BEAUMARIS IN BLOOM**

Mrs Zalot distributed the portfolio that had been submitted. Beaumaris in Bloom had entered two categories: Large Village, where they won Silver and 'Its Your Neighbourhood' which involved renovating the David Hughes Centre area and incorporated the new mural. They also won the Best Front Garden in Wales award for the cottage garden at Castle Court.

The Committee was grateful for the support that it had received from the Town Council and others in the town. Mrs Zalot outlined some things which would help to achieve a better result next year:

- Better coordination and communication between the Council's flower bed contractor and the Committee to avoid duplication of effort between volunteers and the contractor.
- Some flowers in the beds died. Different varieties may be more suited to local conditions (particularly on the sea front). The hanging baskets were disappointing.
- Local people and businesses have asked if they could bid for the work. A competitive tender exercise may encourage improvement and encourage new ideas.
- The judges' comments included suggestions of bigger beds and sustainable planting (for example more use of perennials and less reliance on annuals).

Councillors congratulated the Committee on its success and was supportive of proposals for increased coordination. The success should be promoted in the local press.

The Town Clerk clarified the tender arrangements. There had been a previous advertised tender exercise but last year the existing contract had been simply extended for a further year. The existing contract covers winter planting 2017/18. A new contract would be for planting from spring 2018 onwards.

**Recommendation to Council:** To competitively tender for next years planting contract. The tender terms will identify the need to collaborate with the Beaumaris in Bloom committee.

The Committee is receiving offers of financial support. The Town Clerk undertook to consider what the most suitable banking arrangements for the Committee might be.

Mrs Zalot said that next year's 'Its Your Neighbourhood' project would be the beach at West End. Anglesey County Council have been consulted and are supportive. Town Councillors had some concerns about the risks of taking responsibility for and placing a bench and bin on land which belonged to someone else.

**Recommendation to Council:** To get a bench and bin to install as part of the 'Its Your Neighbourhood' work.

Finally Mrs Zalot thanked Council for their support in providing money to spend at a local garden centre on plants etc. however it would have been helpful to have a more precisely stated budget.

**Recommendation to Council:** To set a budget of £1,000 for next year (Councillor Grant abstained).

Resolved to go back into Council.

Resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

**35.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Resolved to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

**36.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Town Clerk drew attention to a letter from Councillor S Zalot outlining his concerns about the decision taken. Councillors were of the opinion that the points raised did not have a bearing on the accuracy of the minutes. The letter will be considered at the next meeting.

Resolved to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

**37.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Item 56 Accident following Food Festival.**

Councillor M Jones pointed out that he had stated that the Food Festival denied any responsibility and any claim should be against Edwards of Conwy. The Town Clerk stated that it had been suggested to him that the Food Festival shared some responsibility for the sequence leading up to the accident.

Resolved: The item should read: To allow Zurich to investigate and resolve the claim between all insurers.

**Item 58 Contacts for HR Consultant**

The Town Clerk will inform Councillors when the contact arrangements are in place.

**Item 52.3 Bills for Payment**

The Town Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Beaumaris Handicapped and Disabled Club.

Resolved: With the above points to adopt the recommendations of the committee.

**38.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

5059 Playdale Playgrounds	34.99
5060 Anglesey Tourism Association	60.00

5061 Biffa	129.48
Total	£224.47

**Resolved:** That the bills be paid.

A cheque from the Imprest account for £119 payable to TW Ashenden was signed. This was needed because there was an error in the payroll BACS payments which meant that the Town Clerk had to make an emergency cash payment to a member of staff.

In response to a question the Town Clerk reported that the Bank had said that the paperwork to add Councillor Rowlands to the mandate was still being processed. Councillors expressed dissatisfaction with the level of service being provided by the bank.

**Resolved:** To invite NatWest to attend a council meeting.

### 39.0 CORRESPONDENCE

#### 39.1 Rhian Jones: Response to Welsh Government School Organisation Code Consultation Document

Received. Councillors repeated their disappointment at the decision about the future of the school and undertook to continue to oppose closure.

#### 39.2 Citizen's Advice Bureau, Gwynedd: Annual General Meeting at Penrhyn Hall, Bangor on Friday 6 October at 2.00 pm

Received

### 40.0 BDO: COMPLETION OF AUDIT OF COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 AND ISSUES ARISING REPORT

The auditor had only raised minor points about completion of the form. Councillors expressed thanks to the Town Clerk and staff for successful completion of the audit.

**Resolved:** To post the information on the Town Council's website.

### 41.0 GAOL AND COURTHOUSE: BUSINESS PLAN AND OFFICER'S COMMENTS, LETTER FROM DELYTH MOLYNEUX, HEAD OF LEARNING, ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL AND UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY, PROPOSED BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TEAM AND CASH FLOW FORECAST

Councillor Rowlands outlined what had been produced in response to Anglesey County Council's request for more information. The Welsh Language Policy is in place, a management structure has been documented and some figures put into a cash flow forecast. At this stage it is difficult to be precise about income and expenditure. For example it is believed that the Town Council will be able to secure the Happy Valley Car Park but it is not known what the terms will be.

It was important that a submission be made by the deadline (6 October) or risk losing the opportunity.

Officers pointed out that the current version (six) of the cash flow forecast showed that the Town Council would be committing to spending £180,000 of its own funds over a five year period. It is possible that some of this expense could be offset by Heritage Lottery Fund Grants and Government support for the creation of jobs (eg Jobs Growth Wales).

Councillors expressed the opinion that investing about £36,000 a year to secure the future of these Heritage Assets and tourist attractions was money well spent. Concerns were raised that this would be money that was not now available for other initiatives such as a new Happy Valley pavilion. Councillors were of the opinion that income would support the costs. One Councillor expressed concern that he was being asked to support a business case that that he had not had an opportunity to read.

Councillors expressed the view that by submitting the documents they were not committing to take on the assets but would be looking to open negotiations for example on how Anglesey County Council could support the Town Council (financially and in kind).

**Resolved (by majority 1 vote against):** To submit the documents.

**42.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 2 September            Opening of the Food Festival. The Mayor congratulated the Food Festival committee on the success of the event.
  
- 3 September            Merchant Navy Day. Short Act of Remembrance and hoisting of Red Ensign at the RAYC.  
**Resolved:** To adjust the halyards and hoisting arrangements at the Town Hall to facilitate flag raising ceremonies.
  
- 12 September        Welsh Guards, Freedom of Bangor march and ceremony.
  
- 17 September        Civic Service Conwy
  
- 28 September        Canolfan Beaumaris. Event to present donations from the Food Festival.

The meeting closed at 21.07.

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**Town Mayor**  
**Councillor FR Carr**

**Date**.....