

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 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 I Davies
Councillor D T Evans
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor R A Jones
Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor D P Owen
Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Evans-Jones

The Town Mayor took the Chair

121.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

122.0 VISIT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

Resolved nem con to go into Committee.

Councillor Carwyn Jones gave some background to the need for the move towards the extra-care model for social care. The consultation on extra care provision in Seiriol ward was not straight forward. Having extra care, and the associated social housing units, in Seiriol ward was not an issue. The location was controversial with very different views expressed across the ward. There were also strong views expressed on the need to keep Haulfre open. Councillor Jones spoke at the executive meeting but abstained when it came to the vote. The Executive's view was that the school site was the most appropriate. Alternatives such as next to the Canolfan or on the Lairds site were not practical.

Town Councillors expressed the view that putting the extra care in Beaumaris does nothing to address the demographic problems of a declining and aging population. Social housing on the school site should be for young families. In addition to housing, employment opportunities are needed. For many years there has been no investment in jobs in Beaumaris compared to Llangefni or Holyhead. It was reported that there is a growing recognition in the County Council that Beaumaris and Amlwch have not had the attention that they deserve. The Town Council are looking to Councillor Carwyn Jones, in his role as portfolio holder for Economic Development, to address this issue.

In response Councillor Carwyn Jones expressed the view that reversing the demographic change would take time. Developing the Lairds site is key to the economic development of Seiriol Ward. Though a proposal for housing did not get into the local development plan it can still be developed for employment and he promotes its potential at every opportunity.

Recommendation to Council:

To write to the Chief Executive of Anglesey County Council, copied to Ward Councillors and the Assembly Member, expressing the concerns raised and the need to take action to support Beaumaris.

Councillor Carwyn Jones outlined the background to the schools consultation and decision. The executive had taken into account the Scrutiny Committee report and representations made and had decided to consult on a straight choice between Beaumaris and Llangoed schools. Councillor Carwyn Jones's preference would be to keep both schools open with a smaller school alongside the extra care facility in Beaumaris. Looking to the future he hoped that development of the Lairds site, jobs associated with the Science Park, Wylfa etc. would bring (or keep) families in this part of Anglesey. The school places currently spare would then be needed since there is no spare capacity in Llandegfan, Menai Bridge or Llanfairpwll.

Town Councillors challenged Councillor Carwyn Jones as to why the executive ignored the best scoring of the four options presented to them and decided to consult on closing one school or the other ruling out all other options. In response he repeated his earlier point that the financial position was such that either schools have to close or numbers of teachers and head teachers have to be cut. Town Councillors pointed out that several options were provided that delivered cost savings and kept both schools open. Why have these been deliberately left out of the consultation? It is as if the County Council are deliberately pitching one community against another.

Councillors pointed out that the County Council's Place Shaping strategy is to use each town as a nucleus for its surrounding area. This fails if there is no school in the town.

Councillors felt that the Town Council should make representations, including to the Welsh Government, to oppose closure. It was pointed out that the Minister for Education had declined an invitation to get involved at this stage because of the possibility that she may have to make a decision on the case later.

Recommendation to Council:

To invite the leader of Anglesey County Council, Portfolio Holder for Education, Head of Education (Arwyn Williams), Assembly Member, Member of Parliament, Head of Estyn and the Children's Commissioner for Wales to a meeting in Beaumaris. It will be a Special Council Meeting at a time and date to suit the visitors.

Councillor Carwyn Jones outlined several other recent developments:

Welsh Government funding that will hopefully progress improvements to the A545;

Potential redevelopment of the Social Club site for social housing;

The flood alleviation work in Maes Hyfyd etc is awaiting final approval from Welsh Government;

Kingdom Company no longer operate on Anglesey. The contract was ended by mutual consent. However the issues of litter, dog fouling and parking do still need to be addressed;

Several grant opportunities from the Charitable Trust and County Council have opened.

The Development Consent Order for Wylfa is progressing. There will be an opportunity to make representation in June – July. Councillor Carwyn Jones will be pressing for as much mitigation and community benefit as possible. A second Development Consent Order for the National Grid Connection is due. Councillor Carwyn Jones is keen to press for a third major project – a new bridge.

Town Councillors expressed some concern that once Wylfa Newydd starts being built Anglesey will be perceived as an industrial site which may damage tourism. Effort will need to be put into mitigating any negative effects. In Response Councillor Carwyn Jones said that he is already working with the Anglesey Tourism Association.

Resolved nem con to go back into Council.

Resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

123.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018

123.1 Minute 110.8 Sea Wall Damage

The County Council have inspected the damage and have added it to their list of works required.

123.2 Minute 114 Promotional Leaflet

Details of a potential producer have been forwarded to the office. Cost is likely to be closer to £2000.

123.3 Minute 119 Mayors Announcements

The date of the next Council Meeting should be Tuesday 3 April.

Resolved nem con, with the above points, to confirm as a true and correct record.

124.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 MARCH 2018

124.1 Minute 134.1.3 Induction Loop

A separate loop will be needed for the Council Chamber. The matter will be progressed.

124.2 Minute 139.1 Councillor Allowances

The Town Clerk clarified that the Town Council has to make the allowance available. It is up to individual councillors whether or not they want to receive it. Each Councillor will have to notify the Town Clerk.

124.3 Minute 139.2 Round Table Discussion

It is not practical for the Town Clerk to attend any of the proposed dates or locations. Resolved nem con to accept the Town Clerks assessment that he should not attend.

124.4 Minute 148 Possible Claim

Councillor S Zalot gave an update. Ellis Whittam cannot assist. The Monitoring Officer will be consulted for advice. It would appear that the Council will have to commission professional legal assistance.

Councillors were reminded that the matter should not be discussed outside the chamber. Appropriate procedures were being followed and Councillors would be given more information when appropriate. At the moment it was important that the ability to form investigatory and appeal committees in future was not compromised by releasing details too early.

In response to a question about one of the actions in the minutes it was clarified that actions were not taken until the recommendations are ratified by the following Council meeting.

Resolved nem con, with the above points, that the recommendations be adopted.

125.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5203	Photostatic	53.40
5204	Brookes & Sons	64.62
5205	Galleon Supplies	80.40
5206	WTFC NW/Chester Link	400.00

Total **£598.42**

Resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

126.0 CORRESPONDENCE

126.1 Issues with the use of Castle Square

The Town Clerk outlined a couple of complaints: horse fouling and bollards not being replaced. In addition Councillors pointed out that the flagstones are very slippery when wet.

Resolved nem con to report the issues to the County Council (the square is part of the highway)

126.2 Request to park Classic Cars on the Green on 16 June

There will be 20-25 cars arriving at 12.00 and remaining through the afternoon.

Resolved nem con to agree to the request.

126.3 Request to use 'Stones' area for Rowing Club Competitions

There are two events on Sunday 29 April and Sunday 7 July. About 15 boats will be involved. Only the boats and trailers will be parked in the stones area.

Resolved nem con to agree to the request.

126.4 Request for Llanfaes Playground/Community Centre support

The Town Clerk outlined the request for £784.69. Accounts have been provided.

There was a discussion as to whether or not this should have been dealt with through the new donations procedure and whether it was covered by the Council resolution that the playgrounds and Community Centres should seek a group insurance. The need for organisations to seek funding from sources other than the Town Council was reiterated.

Recommendation to Council (by majority with 1 vote against):

To agree to the request.

The confirmation letter should state that the next application should be made in the autumn before the renewal date (though it is accepted that this will be for an estimated amount) and that the Community Centres and playgrounds should be seeking a group insurance.

126.5 Quote for repair of exit barrier induction loops

The implications of a failure of the loops were discussed. The cost of replacement is £900 plus VAT.

Recommendation to Council (by majority with 4 votes against):

To not repair the loops but to clarify what warranty is provided on the new loops.

126.6 Invitation to Anglesey County Council Chairman's Charity Concert on 20 April at Memorial Hall, Amlwch

The Town Mayor will attend.

126.7 Registration for One Voice Wales April Training

The Town Clerk gave details of the modules. Councillors who are interested are to notify the Town Clerk.

127.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 March The Mayor and Mayoress, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended the Chester Mayors Banquet.

12 March Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Committee discussion of Beaumaris Primary School.

12 March Accepting Declarations Of Acceptance of Office from newly elected Councillors.

13 March Chamber of Trade meeting

14 March Walled Town Friendship Circle meeting

- 15 March Allotment Society AGM at Bulkeley Hotel
- 16 March Wales in Bloom North Wales Launch at Town Hall
- 20 March The Council as Employer Training in Abergele
- 29 March Flood warden Training

The meeting closed at 21.30

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Councillor J P Zalot
Town Mayor

Date