

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 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 A J V Grant
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor R A Jones
Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor L J Roberts
Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Evans-Jones
Councillor D W Gallichan

The Town Mayor took the Chair

In response to a Councillor's question it was reported that Councillor Gallichan was at home and up and walking after his operation and that Councillor G Evans Jones had been unwell and had asked to be excused meetings while she recovered.

Resolved (unanimous) To send 'Get Well Soon' cards to both Councillors.

83.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R A Jones declared a prejudicial interesting item 88.4 Budget Consultation as the joint owner of a long term empty property.

Councillor D R Owen declared a prejudicial interest in item 90.1 Planning Application as a restaurant owner.

Councillor L J Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in item 90.1 Planning Application as the property was once her family home.

Councillor L J Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in item 91.0 Beaumaris School as a parent governor.

84.0 VISIT BY TOWN MAYORESS, MRS SARAH ZALOT, TO PRESENT A REPORT ON THE VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS EVENT AND WALES IN BLOOM

Resolved (unanimous) to go into Committee.

Mrs Zalot reported that Beaumaris had won Silver in the 2018 Wales in Bloom contest (missing Gold by 5 points). The unwelcoming parking fee sign on the Green has been mentioned several times as a negative point by judges.

The support received from the Town Council was acknowledged (£1000 in addition to the Town Council's own planting) and it was hoped that this would continue next year.

Councillors congratulated the Committee and noted that it was good to see evidence of community engagement. The Town Council's financial support to the Committee was felt to be good value.

Councillor S Zalot joined the meeting.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

To refer the matter of the car park sign to the Greens and Buildings Committee.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

To continue to provide financial support (£1000) next year.

Mrs Zalot reported that this year's Victorian Christmas event was the busiest yet with an estimated 15,000 visitors. A coach company brought 3 coaches of visitors on Saturday and there were several other coaches on Sunday.

The event has always been free to visitors and only small charges are made for stalls (maximum £60 and as low as £10 for a local charity). It is the Committee's intention that this continues. The draft accounts were circulated and showed that a small surplus of £3000 was generated.

It was confirmed that the Committee's funds are held in their own account (Victorian Night Committee). Donations collected at the Green had paid for extra things like the Fireworks.

The Committee is small and several members are standing down this year. New members are needed and without additional help the event cannot continue. Businesses have been approached to see if they would be prepared to put forward Committee members. The Town Mayor will mention it at the Chamber of Trade meeting. Councillors K M Jones and L J Roberts offered to join the Committee. Councillors suggested that if the Committee made donations to organisations that provided volunteers it might be possible to recruit more help.

The AGM will be held in mid February. The need for new Committee members and volunteers on the day will be highlighted. Without the support of the community this successful and growing event will not be able to continue.

The Committee need space to store their equipment. This could be included in the Town Council's current search for additional storage space.

Town Councillors thanked Mrs Zalot for her presentation and the Committee for its efforts.

Recommendation to Council (Unanimous)

To send a letter of thanks to Catherine Unwin for her contribution (especially over the summer months) to the event.

85.0 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES WITH AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

Councillor Jones sent his apologies and a written report was presented.

Councillors expressed disappointment that Councillor Jones was not present to answer questions on several pressing issues. In particular, his report makes no mention of the consultation on post 16 education which includes proposals to amalgamate sixth forms across the island. Councillors felt it was important that David Hughes retains its successful sixth form.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

To write the Councillor Jones making the point that this important consultation had been overlooked; that the Town Council wanted the David Hughes Sixth form retained and to invite all three Seiriol Councillors to meet the Council to discuss primary and secondary education on the island.

Councillors noted the Community Chest grant scheme and felt that the Bowling Club should consider an application.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

To bring the Community Chest grants to the attention of local groups (sports clubs etc).

Beaumaris will be launched as a 'single-use plastic free town' in March 2019. Councillor Rowlands outlined some of the plans.

Resolved (unanimous): To go back into Council.

Resolved (unanimous): To adopt the recommendations of the committee.

86.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018

Resolved (unanimous): To confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

87.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM

Resolved (unanimous): To confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

88.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018

88.1 Minute 92.1.2 Lido

Councillor S Zalot reported that 'Place Shaping Initiatives' had been mentioned at a recent liaison meeting. The Lido would fit into the Place Shaping framework.

Resolved (unanimous): To register for the Place Shaping Initiative.

88.2 Minute 91.1.3 Closure of Claim.

The Date of the incident should be 2 September 2017.

Resolved (unanimous): With the above points, to adopt the recommendations of the committee.

88.3 Matters referred from above meeting

88.3.1 Proposed visit by Big Wheel 2019

In response to a question Councillor S Zalot was advised that he did not have to declare an interest as an attraction operator.

The Town Clerk reported that the wheel is the same size as previous wheels, the operator is happy to occupy the same site and offers the same financial contribution (approx £1000 per week). The proposed dates are 6 April to 6 May with a few days to set up and dismantle.

It was suggested that missing a year might be a good idea as the novelty was wearing off.

Resolved (unanimous): To refer to Finance and Planning Committee for further discussion.

88.3.2 Quotes for fixed wiring checks

Three quotes have been received. The Town Clerk outlined the bids.

Resolved (unanimous): To accept the lowest bid from Cynan Electrical.

88.3.3 Anglesey County Council 2019/2020 Budget Consultation: Feedback from Town & Community Councils Liaison Forum meeting

Councillor RA Jones left the meeting

Councillor S Zalot reported back from the recent Liaison Meeting.

The cuts have got to a state that the education budget can no longer be protected. However no action is proposed to reduce Leisure Centre costs.

Some Councillors expressed the view that five Leisure Centres and three swimming pools was too many for an island the size of Anglesey. Other Councillors expressed the view that the County Council should do what it said it would do seven years ago when the community took on Beaumaris Leisure Centre and take steps to transfer the other Leisure Centres to the community. If communities were not prepared to take them on

they should be closed. Councillors observed that Beaumaris had been prepared to take on facilities and it was only fair that other communities on the island now take on their share of responsibilities. It was observed that if Leisure Centres in Amlwch and Holyhead were handed over to their communities Anglesey County Council would probably press Horizon and Stena for financial support for them.

Resolved (unanimous): To request that Anglesey County Council stand by their decision taken seven years ago to look at leisure facilities on the island and to deliver their intention to have all Leisure Centres run by their communities. Beaumaris has shown that with County Council support services can be run successfully by the community.

Councillors referred to funding needed to keep Oriel Ynys Mon (a facility mostly for people from outside Anglesey) open. The £250,000 per annum received from the Charitable Trust reduces the amount that the Trust can spend supporting other facilities on the island that are used by local people.

Resolved (unanimous) To tell Anglesey County Council that The Town Council supports asset transfer as a way of keeping facilities open. The Town Council would not object to further asset transfers provided they were funded on the same basis as Oriel Ynys Mon.

Councillor RA Jones rejoined the meeting.

89.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

It was noted that cheque 5567 for £8,368.20, Invoice cover 5394, to Zurich for the insurance premium had been issued between meetings.

5395	Mr N J Baguley – Travel (Cherrypicker collect/return)	63.00
5396	Cynan Electrical – Repair of Snow Machine	87.00
5397	SLCC – Membership renewal	175.00
5398	ALCC – Membership renewal	40.00
5399	Cathedral Leasing – Archway toilets contract	226.98
5400	Wyn Hughes – Green repair/Christmas tree storage etc	250.00
5401	The Bulkeley Hotel – Supper for Civics etc Victorian event	353.60
5402	Wales Audit Office	366.30
5403	T W Ashenden – Payment to Abberleigh Pool Care	553.80
5404	N W Sound & Lighting – Bonfire and Victorian event	2622.00
Total		£4,737.68

Resolved (unanimous) that the bills be paid.

90.0 CORRESPONDENCE

90.1 Planning Application LBC/2018/2 7 Castle Street, Beaumaris

Listed Building Consent for the creation of a new shop frontage together with alterations and extensions

Councillor D R Owen and Councillor L J Roberts left the meeting.

It was stated that this was a proposal to create double doors (and make some internal changes) so that it would be easier for people to enter the shop without queuing on the street.

Resolved (by majority) to oppose the changes. The changes are not in keeping with the existing façade of the Listed Building or the streetscape.

Councillor D R Owen and Councillor L J Roberts rejoined the meeting.

90.2 Utilitywise: Offer to obtain competitive quotes for electricity supplies

The Town Mayor left the meeting

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

There may be options to fix charges by extending the current contract or changing to a new supplier.

Resolved (unanimous): To take up the offer.

The Town Mayor rejoined the meeting

The Town Mayor took the Chair.

90.3 Anglesey County Council: Contact number for members wishing to discuss Flood Alleviation Scheme on area of the Green

Resolved (unanimous): To receive.

The Town Mayor reported from a meeting with the contractor (Dawnus) on 29 November. The works are a big project and are currently planned to last until June. The importance of completing works at the coach park as soon as possible was impressed on the contractor.

Arrangements for accessing the site on the Green next to the old Baths were discussed. It would be useful for them to have the exit barrier raised so that they could use the exit road for entrance and exit. A temporary trackway for cars will be constructed across the Green so as to segregate Green user traffic from construction traffic. Councillors felt that it was important that insurance responsibility for the arrangements on the Green needed to be clear.

Resolved (nem con): To agree to the proposed arrangements.

90.4 Dr S MacVicar: Run Fest event in 2019

The organisers would like to meet the Council to discuss the event which they wish to hold on 8 September 2019. There is a possibility of a clash with the Food Festival.

A report from the Town Clerk on the impact of the Food Festival will be on the agenda of the next Finance and planning committee.

Resolved (unanimous) to invite both the Food Festival and the Run Fest organisers to a special Finance & Planning Committee meeting in January.

90.5 Beaumaris Branch NSPCC: Christmas Carol Service Monday 10 December at 7.00 pm

Resolved (unanimous): To move the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee meeting to Tuesday 11 December at 7.30 pm to avoid a clash.

91.0 BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL – STATUTORY NOTICE

Councillor L J Roberts left the meeting

The Statutory notice has been reissued. The closing date for consultation is now 27 December. The Governors have met and are seeking legal advice. They would like to take up the Town Council's offer of financial support (approx £2,000) for assistance in drafting a response.

Town Councillors were appalled at the timing of the consultation over the Christmas period. The need to reissue the consultation was just the latest example of a string of irresponsible acts by the County Council. The closing date should be extended so that the consultation period did not fall across the Christmas period.

Councillors were of the view that the Minister should be invited to Beaumaris which was in danger of becoming the only town in Wales without a school.

Councillors felt that closing the school would have a devastating impact on the town and will hasten the transition to a 'summer time only' town. A Councillor observed that it was already hard to find local people to recruit to jobs in town.

Resolved (by majority with one abstention): To set aside a sum of £5,000 for use by the Governors with a possible further £5,000 to be used if needed.

Resolved (unanimous): To invite the Minister to a meeting in town in January, if she would not come to Beaumaris a delegation (Councillors, Governors, Head Teacher) would go to Cardiff. The local Assembly Member would be invited to be involved and to help facilitate the meeting.

Resolved (unanimous): To write immediately to the County Council expressing dismay and disgust at the timing of the consultation and to ask that the closing date be postponed so as not to affect people's Christmas.

Resolved (unanimous): That the Town Council would respond to the consultation supporting points made by the governors. The Town Clerk to have powers to act to send a response.

Councillors were reminded of the importance of sending in their own individual responses to the consultation.

92.0 TEMPORARY OFFICE ASSISTANT

One application was received by the closing date.

Resolved (unanimous): That Councillor M Sarsfield and Councillor H Mattocks will form an interview panel.

In response to a question about Welsh Language skills it was stated that the priority was to find someone with the required Health & Safety experience. In response to a Councillor's concerns that more attention should be paid to the Welsh Language an item will be included on the agenda of the next Audit and Personnel agenda.

93.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 November Rescheduled Bonfire and Fireworks Display
It was reported that numbers were down (2,000-3,000). About £12,000 had been collected and about £2,500 given to local groups who had provided volunteers. There had been a loss on the event this year.

11 November Remembrance Sunday events

15 November Canolfan AGM

24/25 November Victorian Christmas

2 December Menai Bridge Mayor's Civic Service.

Resolved (unanimous) to agree to the request from Menai Bridge to borrow the snow machines.

The meeting closed at 21.57

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Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot

Date