

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor G Evans Jones
The Deputy Mayor Councillor F R Carr
Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor J R Carr
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor D G Jones
Councillor M Jones
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor J P Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor I Davies
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Mayor took the Chair

The Town Mayor announced the recent death of Councillor Raymond Bartley, former Mayor of Denbigh. The funeral is on 18 January.

66.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Mayor declared an interest in Item 71.2, Planning Application, on the grounds of a previous discussion with the applicant.

Councillor J Zalot declared an interest in item 73.0, Fire Safety Audit: Door to Bulkeley Hotel, as he is employed by the Bulkeley Hotel.

67.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALWYN ROWLANDS TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

Councillor Rowlands outlined several issues that he had been involved in recently.

Drawing up the budget and finding the required savings is a major activity.

The Transformation Programme is continuing. Work at the County Council Offices is complete, work to outsource Libraries and Heritage attractions is continuing.

He has met the Boundary Commission to make the case for Anglesey to remain a constituency, but this looks unlikely. A proposal to limit mainland portion of the new constituency to Bangor and Bethesda has been submitted.

Councillor Rowlands outlined some problems with the changes to the waste collection service. Recycling rates have gone up by one third.

The need for affordable homes in Beaumaris was acknowledged. Anglesey County Council will need to be alert to any funding opportunities.

Councillor Rowlands referred to the successful tourist season in Beaumaris. There is a need to consider how better to attract cruise passengers to Beaumaris.

Finally, Councillor Rowlands referred to suggestions that proposals for a new bridge and the crossing of the Menai Strait by the new power line be combined. The new bridge would be expected to increase traffic to Beaumaris which increases the need to improve the A545.

In response to a question from Councillors, Councillor Rowlands said consultancy costs have been reduced from £9m to £4m. The costs arose from use of temporary staff in

senior posts such as Head of Finance. This has now been addressed and training and development put in place to reduce future need to bring in external expertise. Town Councillors made several observations.

- The Highways Department were thanked for the preparation work done in advance of the recent forecast bad weather
- The Beaumaris Chamber of Trade should liaise with the Cruise Guides. It appears that the coach tours from cruise ships visit Beaumaris early in the morning (8.30-ish)
- Councillor Rowlands was encouraged to look at the potential for the site above Gallows Point for affordable and social housing.

Councillor Rowlands agreed to provide his support to attempts to get Anglesey County Council to act on the old Swimming Pool site.

Councillors expressed disappointment that the town was having to compete to get the control of the Courthouse and Gaol, Heritage attractions which are important to future tourism in the town.

68.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes were a true and correct record.

68.1 Minute 63.2 Light at Guide Hut

The work is now complete with a standard size column

68.2 Minute 63.13 Fire in Church Tower

No further action can be taken until any asbestos is cleared. A better estimate of work required will be done when that is complete.

With the above points it was resolved nem con that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

69.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2016

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

70.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4864 Paul Green	44.97
4865 HJT Electrical	96.36
4866 Zurich Municipal	412.81
4867 FAAC (UK) Ltd	432.00

Total	£986.14
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It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

It was resolved nem con to purchase a replacement vacuum cleaner.

71.0 CORRESPONDENCE

71.1 Planning application 12C163B/TPO Bryn Hyfryd, Llanfaes

Application for works to trees which are protected by a Tree Preservation Order

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval

71.2 Planning application 12C479 Land at former Market Garden, Rose Hill, Beaumaris

Full application for the erection of a dwelling

The Deputy Mayor left the meeting

Councillors expressed concern that there was no provision for off-street parking. The Town Council had recently received representations about the problems of on-street parking in town.

It was resolved by a majority (five for, two against) that the Town Clerk would investigate whether lack of off-street parking was a valid reason to object. If it is, a site visit will be arranged: if not, approval will be recommended.

The Deputy Mayor rejoined the meeting.

71.3 Proposed Temporary Road Closure: Anglesey Half Marathon 5 March 2017

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval of the road closure

71.4 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Regional Meeting 26 January 10.30-12.30 at Llandudno

The Town Clerk provided details of the event

71.5 Sonia of Beaumaris: Claim for damage to goods

It was resolved nem con to agree to compensate at cost price not retail cost

71.6 Beaumaris Events: Offer of return visit of Big Wheel

The Town Clerk outlined the background to the request. Beaumaris Events have declined to underwrite the visit of the Big Wheel in 2017. The Operator, Jan de Koenig, had asked the Town Council if they would agree to a visit between Easter and May Bank Holiday in return for giving £4,000 which could go to Beaumaris Events or a good cause of the Town Council's choosing.

Councillors were not clear on the involvement of Beaumaris Events in this request. The Town Clerk outlined the role of Beaumaris Events in underwriting previous visits of the Big Wheel and in building up a fund which was able to underwrite events such as the visit of Ronnie O'Sullivan to the Canolfan.

It was resolved by a majority (five for, three against) to refer the matter to the Finance and Planning Committee, making it clear that the request was to the Town Council, not Beaumaris Events, and to circulate Jan de Koenig's email with the Agenda.

71.7 Anglesey County Council Standards Committee: Vacancy for independent member

It was resolved nem con to propose the Town Mayor for the Selection Committee

72.0 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

The Town Clerk outlined the requirements. The forms need only be filled out the first time a declaration is made. The forms will be published as a public register.

It was resolved nem con to acknowledge that the Briefing Note had been received and that the Councillors will comply with the requirements.

73.0 FIRE SAFETY AUDIT AND UPDATE

Councillor J Zalot left the meeting.

The Town Clerk briefed Councillors on the requirement to install fire separation between the kitchen and the Bulkeley Hotel. The Bulkeley Hotel proposed that if the Council purchased the parts and materials (cost £1,753.20) they will cover installation, which needs to be completed by 23 February.

It was resolved nem con to agree to the proposal.

Councillor J Zalot rejoined the meeting.

The Town Clerk outlined the findings of the recent fire audit of the Town Hall.

- Fire separation needs to be improved, particularly by installing a hatch to close the access from the kitchen to the roof, and providing better fire doors
- Party and internal walls need to be checked for fire separation

- The alarm system should be extended to the Shops (given the nature of the floor between the Town Hall and the Shops)
- The fire escape needs rust treatment, repainting and a structural inspection

The Town Clerk said that urgent requirements are being progressed.
It was resolved nem con to proceed as outlined, involving external expertise as necessary.

74.0 STABILISATION WORKS AT CEMETERY AND UPDATE

The current progress was outlined. The next step would have been to employ GroundSolve at a cost of about £10,000 to let and manage a contract to complete the work. However, the proposal for netting and soil anchors has added £200,000 to the estimated cost of engineering, making a total amount of £250,000
Options will need to be discussed with GroundSolve.
It was resolved nem con to discuss the proposals and options for reducing costs with GroundSolve.

75.0 TREE SURGERY WORK AND UPDATE

The findings of a Wildlife Survey were outlined. The replanting scheme will be 6-10 Lime and Beech saplings in the copse area, with Birch trees at the top of the new slope.
It was resolved nem con to accept the proposals and proceed with the surgery work at an estimated cost of around £6,000

76.0 NATWEST BANK: RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING RECENT VISIT

The Town Clerk reported Mr Mike German’s response to issues raised.
The old branch will be altered internally to allow G4S access to the cash machine. This will mean that the cash machine will be out of action for the second week in February.
The ‘beep’ is for the benefit of blind people, so that they know their money has been dispensed.
A Community Banker has been appointed and will be in Beaumaris one full day each week from April.
Mr German is in discussions with Spar with a view to improving the service provided at the Post Office counter.
It was resolved nem con to agree to a meeting to introduce the new Community Banker, and to thank Mr German for his responses.

77.0 MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| 10 December | Refugee relief collection at Town Hall
<i>It was resolved nem con to write a letter of thanks to Ms Jackie Waddicor for organising the event</i> |
| 12 December | NSPCC Concert at the Primary School |
| 15 December | Bingo Event at Llanfaes Community Centre |
| 23 December | Staff Christmas Lunch at Liverpool Arms Hotel |
| 26 December | Hot Pennies event at Bulkeley Hotel |
| 31 December | New Year’s Eve Fireworks
<i>It was resolved nem con to write to Merlin Fireworks and to the Bonfire Committee thanking them for the quality of the display.</i> |

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor G Evans Jones

Date