

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
The Deputy Mayor Councillor R A Jones
Councillor D T Evans
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A N Gough
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor L J Roberts
Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor M G Sarsfield

The Town Mayor took the Chair

12.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

13.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

7.02 Councillor S Zalot arrived

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Council move into Committee
Councillor Jones congratulated the Town Mayor on his recent appointment as Mayor of Beaumaris. He then proceeded to present his update to Council.

Primary School

Councillor Jones reported that the Executive of Anglesey County Council had met on 20 May to:

- Rescind the previous decisions made by the Executive with regard to the future of education in the Llangefni and Seiriol areas.
- To ask the Officers to look afresh at the various issues in relation to schools' modernisation and the requirements under the Schools' Organisation Code 2018 in the Llangefni and Seiriol areas, and to bring an appropriate report back to the Executive in due course."

The Consultation process had been a long and frustrating process for all concerned and Councillor Jones praised the efforts of all concerned in trying to keep the Primary School open. He stated that unfortunately he would no longer have the opportunity to speak on the Seiriol Consultation in the future as his wife was now employed at Llandegfan School. Future campaigners should ensure that the new consultation under the Schools' Organisation Code 2018 be followed to the letter.

A member stated that it was important that the condition of the school was not allowed to deteriorate. It was noted that the school had been allocated Condition Grade B, which was welcomed.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that a letter be sent to Anglesey County Council welcoming a continued investment in Beaumaris Primary School and expressing the hope that this will continue.

Flood Prevention Scheme

Councillor Jones reported that the new Contractors working on the Mount Field area had discovered a lot of sand in the bottom of their excavations. This could present serious dangers to operational staff while installing the large concrete pipes, and he predicted that the cost of the pipe in stallion would escalate. Unfortunately, the new problems being experienced were likely to cause delays in the whole Flood Prevention Scheme.

Beaumaris Pier Railings

Dawnus had been contracted to carry out the work of painting in May/June this year but had since gone into liquidation. Anglesey County Council now planned to carry out the work in September/October after the school holidays. A member stated that the railings should be shot blasted before painting.

A member reported that the landing halfway down the steps to the pontoon was damaged and the situation needed reporting to Anglesey County Council as Pier owners.

Llanddona Horse & Pony Show

Last year's event was very successful and the Committee were able to give donations to various local organisations. It was hoped that this year's event on August 24 would be just as successful.

Beach Clean 4 June with Kiko Matthews

This would commence at 6.00 pm at Gallows Point, finishing at the Lifeboat Station. Local group Plastic-Free Beaumaris Di-Blastic were involved in the organisation.

Fun Run 5 June at Llandegfan

All welcome

Old Social Club

Councillor Jones said that real progress was being made to convert the building into 6 self-contained apartments for local people. Local concerns have been addressed. The next stage will be the submission of a Planning Application, hopefully by the end of the month.

Former Laird's site

Ways of developing the site were still being pursued. A member stated that there was a possibility that the £1.6bn Newport M4 relief road would not now go ahead.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Anglesey County Council be asked to chase the Senedd for more funding now to be made available for North Wales

Garages at Thomas Close

A Councillor stated that six of the garages had been boarded up and asked if the rumour that there was a plan to demolish all the garages was correct. Councillor Jones confirmed that this was the case, and that there would be parking spaces for residents in their place.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Jones for his presentation and he left the meeting

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to go back into Council

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee that had just sat.

14.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be accepted.

14.1 A member asked why Councillors had been named throughout the minutes. It was agreed that this was not Council's policy. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillors be not named in future.

14.2 Minute 8.0 Bills for payment

An error was noted in the addition. It was agreed to add 0.26 to the total.

With the above points, it was carried unanimously that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

15.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GAOL & COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

15.1 Councillor J Zalot said he had declared a personal interest as his daughter was employed at the Gaol and Courthouse

15.2 Minute 5.0 Formation of an executive Sub-Committee – Budget

The Town Clerk stated that the budget had already been set in the Rates Estimates for 2019-2020. Expenditure from within the budget needed to be approved by Council in the normal manner. He had taken advice from the Monitoring Officer and had been told that it was not acceptable for individual members to determine items of expenditure as put forward in the proposed spending matrix. Spending on items in between meetings could be authorised by an officer. The Model Financial Regulations agreed by Council confirmed that Council's Financial Officer may authorise expenditure within budgets, and even outside of those, for urgent matters. The Monitoring officer had advised that not to follow the guidelines would be a breach of Financial Regulations and could lead to intervention by the External Auditor.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Minute 5.0 be referred back to the next meeting of the Gaol & Courthouse Committee.

The Town Clerk was requested to attend to next meeting of the Gaol and Courthouse Committee to advise on financial matters.

15.3 New contactless card machines had been installed in both the Gaol and the Courthouse and it was reported that they had generated enough money over the past weekend to cover their costs for the next twelve months

15.4 A member stated that the door to the Courthouse was not clearly visible due to street furniture and weekend craft markets in the Square. Better signage was required to direct visitors to the entrance. The member requested that improved access to the Courthouse be placed on the agenda for the next Gaol & Courthouse Committee Meeting.

With the above points it was carried unanimously that the recommendations of the Gaol & Courthouse Committee be adopted.

16.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

16.1 Minute 13.0

It was agreed that the words 'be investigated' be added to the end of the proposal.

16.2 Bills for Payment:

5560 Summer Planting Scheme

It was reported that the Wales in Bloom Committee were unaware that this bed had not been included in the tender. They would now require an estimated £300 to plant it up.

5548 BT Phone Bill

An itemised bill was requested

16.3 Minute 10.1.8 Flood alleviation works update/request for meeting

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that this minute be referred back to the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

16.4 A member stated that he had arranged a meeting with representatives from NatWest Bank to discuss the way forward with internet banking and new payments systems.

With the above points, it was carried unanimously that the recommendations of the Finance & Planning Committee be adopted

17.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5569	Snowdonia Fire & Security – Service at Happy Valley	88.82
5570	Menai Tool Hire – Tool for Marquee	57.00
5571	Florabundance – Bouquets/displays for Annual Dinner	258.00
5572	Galleon Supplies – Goods for Council toilets	484.50
	<i>It was noted that Council now operates two extra toilets facilities in the Gaol and the Courthouse. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that a breakdown of income and expenditure for Council toilets be provided for the next Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee meeting.</i>	
5573	Stroma Pallett – Plants for Wales in Bloom	600.00
5574	Beaumaris Print – Car Park Tickets	1,065.00
5575	T W Ashenden – Mower for Putting Green	1,239.00
5576	Councillor C J Theakston – Mayor’s Allowance	1,500.00

Total	£5,292.32
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It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the bills be paid.

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE

18.1 Planning Consultation HHP/2019/125 Church Bank, Church Street, Beaumaris

Full application for alterations and extensions

Planning Consultation LBC/2019/22 Church Bank, Church Street, Beaumaris

Listed Building Consent for the above

A member complained that the drawings were not adequate. He proposed that Anglesey County Council be asked for better drawings and that extra time be requested for consideration of the plans once received. The proposal was seconded and carried by a majority.

19.0 ITEM REFERRED FROM FINANCE & PLANNING MEETING 28 MAY 2019:

19.1 Camper Vans on the Green

Numerous complaints had been received about the amount of camper vans parking overnight on the Green over the recent Bank Holidays. At one point 17 camper vans had been counted parking overnight. A Camper Van owners’ website listed Beaumaris Green as a cheap venue for £1 overnight charge. A member asked that the website operator be asked to take down all posts concerning parking on Beaumaris Green.

It was noted that the kiosk staff do issue camper van owners with leaflets informing them that overnight camping on the Green was not permitted. A member suggested that Camper Van owners be issued with brochures giving details of local camp sites.

Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and carried by a majority that prices for a height barrier with a removable arm for the Emergency Services be sought immediately and that the height barrier be installed as soon as the Coach Park was available. The height barrier to be removed during the daytime and replaced when staff close for the day.

It was further proposed, seconded and carried by a majority that Beaumaris Green be closed to all camper vans with immediate effect.

20.0 ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019

Copies of the Annual Accounts and the Accounting Statement for 2018-2019 were circulated to Councillors.

A member asked why the paperwork had not been issued earlier. The Town Clerk said that the Internal Auditor had provided the Accounting Statement just before the meeting commenced. Acceptance of the accounts was required to be minuted in the Council Minutes.

More time was required to study the accounts and the question was raised as to whether the decision could be deferred. The Town Clerk replied that the deadline for submitting the Accounting Statement to the External Auditor was 1 July 2019.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the documents be made available in the Council Chamber and that a Special Council meeting be held on Tuesday 11 June at 7.00 pm for the purpose of approving the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2019.

21.0 BEAUMARIS BEACH CLEAN ON 4 JUNE

This had already been discussed in the report by Councillor Carwyn Jones earlier in the evening.

22.0 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the press and public be excluded for this item.

The Town Clerk said that the present situation was causing office staff considerable stress and anxiety and that Council was in danger of not fulfilling its obligations of Duty of Care to staff members. A replacement member of staff following the Administrative Assistant's resignation in March was now a matter of urgency.

The Town Mayor offered to liaise with Conwy Council as they had recently experienced similar difficulties.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that a suitable replacement be sought as a matter of urgency.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the press and public be readmitted

23.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following recent events:

16 May	Denbigh Mayor Making
20 May	Conwy Mayor Making
22 May	Official opening of Beaumaris Festival
25 May	Opening of Craft Fair

27 May Opening of Fringe Festival

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor C J Theakston

Date