

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Deputy Mayor Councillor G Evans Jones
Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor F R Carr
Councillor I Davies
Councillor D G Jones
Councillor M Jones
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor J R Carr
Councillor B L Kotkowicz

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

74.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

75.0 VISIT BY COUNCILLOR IEUAN WILLIAMS, LEADER OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2016

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.

Councillor Ieuan Williams outlined the financial challenges facing the County Council. Though the settlement from the Welsh Government is better than expected, cuts of £3m are still needed. The strategy has been to make savings by working more efficiently, to generate additional income and to cut services. The County Council has tried hard to avoid cuts to services until such time as further funding cuts force their hand. However, three areas are under threat and out to current consultation:

- 1 Youth Clubs
- 2 Heritage attractions
- 3 Libraries

Anglesey County Council has recently asked for expressions of interest to run the heritage attractions. Councillor Williams will check to see if Beaumaris Town Council can be added to the list of interested parties.

Town Councillors raised several issues:

- 1 Why loss-making cafes in Leisure Centres are being kept open
- 2 Why the loss-making Leisure Centres (Menai Bridge is the only one which makes a surplus) are not being closed or given to Community groups to run. They are a net cost of £800,000 to the County Council. The swimming pools are too many for Anglesey.
- 3 Why Oriel Ynys Mon was costing the County Council over £200,000 per year
- 4 Town Councillors pressed Anglesey County Council to improve facilities for household recycling before changing the frequency of black bin collection.

- 5 Given Anglesey's increasing reliance on tourism, the wisdom of cuts to Tourist Information Points and Centres was questioned.
- 6 The fairness of Beaumaris having to run so many of its own facilities while other parts of the island still have facilities provided was questioned. Beaumaris Council Tax payers are having to pay twice - once to support their own community facilities and again to pay for loss-making facilities elsewhere.

In closing, Councillor Williams said he would investigate:

- 1 The refusal to provide a street lamp on the path to the Guide Hut
- 2 The potential cost of mothballing the Gaol and Courthouse and how much it costs to run them
- 3 The savings made in closing the Tourist Information Centre and the effect that there has been on tourism

Finally, Councillor Williams thanked the Town Council, and in particular the Mayor, for its efforts in dealing with the floods on 5 December and Boxing Day. In return, the Town Council thanked County Council staff for their contribution.

76.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS DAVIES TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

Councillor Lewis Davies outlined some of the issues that he had dealt with recently.

The extension to the Planning Application at Casita has been approved. The recent landslip has highlighted the risk of development on the site.

Councillor Davies has had many representations about the Library at Beaumaris and will press for it to be retained.

He is pressing for the remainder of the Flood Alleviation Scheme to be completed. He has pressed for the Laird's site to be included as a candidate site in the Joint Local Development Plan. The Planners' argument is that if included, there would be an over-allocation of housing on Anglesey.

Councillor Davies undertook to find out who is responsible for rats in the drains and chase up the need to repair holes in the wall at the Little Beach which are used by rats.

It was resolved nem con to go into Council.

It was resolved nem con to write to thank the Town Mayor for his work as Chief Flood Warden during the Boxing Day floods.

77.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015

It was resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

78.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2015

It was resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

It was resolved nem con to write to Anglesey County Council (Chief Executive) thanking its staff for their hard work over the Christmas period.

79.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21 DECEMBER

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations.

80.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4558	Liverpool Arms Hotel	667.20
4559	Ace Lifts Ltd	740.04
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	Total	£1,407.24

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

81.0 CORRESPONDENCE

81.1 Anglesey County Council: Temporary Road Closure – Allt Goch Bach

The Town Clerk outlined the details of the closure.

81.2 Anglesey County Council: Response to request for additional street lamp on path to Beaumaris Guide Hut

It was resolved nem con to give the Town Clerk powers to act to agree to fund the installation once Councillor Ieuan Williams has had a chance to follow it up with officers.

In accepting the proposal, it must be made clear that this is a one-off decision and does not set a precedent.

81.3 Welsh Government: Engagement event on Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill and explanatory memorandum at Llandudno on Thursday 4 February

Councillors Theakston and S Zalot expressed an interest in attending.

It was resolved nem con that a member of staff also attends.

81.4 Meeting of One Voice Wales Area Committee at Shire Hall, Llangefni, on 21 January at 7.00 pm

Councillor F Carr will attend.

81.5 Anglesey County Council: Consultation on a new way of allocating Social Housing on Anglesey

Electronic copies will be circulated to Councillors so that the proposals can be read before discussion at a future meeting.

It was resolved nem con to write to Anglesey County Council asking for details of how the current points system works.

81.6 Seiriol Alliance: Meeting 19 January at Canolfan Beaumaris 1.15pm – 4.15pm

Councillor S Zalot will try to attend.

The proposal to see if any of the £10,000 funding could be used for the light at the Guide Hut was defeated by a majority (5 against, 4 for, 2 abstentions)

82.0 LANDSLIP ON A545

The Town Clerk briefed Councillors on the landslip, which is on Council land adjacent to the Cemetery. Anglesey County Council is doing initial remedial work, and will provide Beaumaris Town Council with a report on its views as to what further work needs to be done.

The Town Clerk advised that further work should not be done until professional advice has been obtained.

It was resolved nem con to write to the Welsh Government to see if any provided to Communities to deal with the consequences of flooding and heavy rain would be available to assist with the landslip, without being specific about the work needed or cost.

83.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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**Deputy Mayor
Councillor G Evans Jones**

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