

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

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

**The Town Clerk was in attendance**

**APOLOGIES:** The Town Mayor Councillor G Evans Jones  
Councillor J R Carr  
Councillor A J V Grant  
Councillor B L Kotkowicz

**The Deputy Mayor took the Chair**

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**14.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D W Gallichan declared an interest in item 19, Extra bills for payment, MSOD donation, as a member of the MSOD Club  
Councillor J Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 19, Extra bills for payment, MSOD donation, as a member of the MSOD Club  
Councillor J Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 19, Extra bills for payment, MSOD donation, as his son owns an MSOD

**15.0 VISIT BY OFFICERS OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS LIBRARY TRANSFORMATION**

The delegation from Anglesey County Council was introduced: Delyth Molyneux, Head of Lifelong Learning, Dylan Edwards, Estates, Arwyn Hughes, Finance Manager, Lifelong Learning, Karen Sullivan, Lifelong Learning, Jackie Lewis, Menter Mon, and Bethan Hughes Jones, Lifelong Learning.

*It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.*

Delyth Molyneux outlined the work that has gone on over the last twelve months or so to modernise the Library Service and meet the needs of the County Council to find cost savings.

*Councillor C Theakston joined the meeting.*

A key result of the consultation was a need to work in partnership with communities, hence the current initiative to meet with communities.

*Councillor S Zalot joined the meeting.*

Bethan Hughes Jones confirmed that the Library Service is a statutory service and there is an obligation to meet defined service standards. She outlined current thoughts about the partnership model to be implemented. Anglesey County Council would provide the statutory element of the service and meet the staff costs of providing that service. The partner would take on the building and its costs, and would be able to develop other

use of the building. If volunteers were available, the Library opening hours beyond the statutory minimum could be provided. The core service would include library stock and provision of IT. The number of hours available to provide a core service over the statutory minimum would not be clear until later in the process as it depends on the building cost savings achieved.

Holyhead and Llangefni Libraries are due to continue as full time libraries because on their own they contribute to meeting 48% of the statutory minimum coverage of the population. Menter Mon have applied for money from the Rural Development Fund for a feasibility study on the partnership proposals.

In response to a question, Jackie Lewis explained that at the moment it was 'business as usual' for European Funding. The Rural Development Fund is the EU funding stream available to Anglesey from this funding round, which ends in 2020. Bids are being submitted, however availability of match funding is a constraint.

There was a discussion on the possibilities of creating a community hub around the Canolfan, Health Centre, Library and David Hughes Centre. Jackie Lewis said that this would be something the feasibility study would look at. The possibility of including the car parking in the partnership was discussed (car parking was included in the Leisure Centre deal). The timetable for the transformation means that outline proposals have to be submitted to the County council in November. Ideally, the plan needs to be finalised by April, but Delyth Molyneux said it was more important to get it right than to do it quickly. Nothing will happen to the building before the plan is finalised, any change would require further public consultation. In closing, Delyth Molyneux offered an opportunity for further more detailed discussion, and asked that the Town Council let them know reasonably soon whether it was interest in a partnership so that Anglesey County Council would know whether or not there was an opportunity worth pursuing.

#### **16.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALWYN ROWLANDS TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES**

Councillor Rowlands outlined several issues he had been involved in.

It looks like Haulfre will remain where it is until 2020 due to difficulties of finding a suitable location for the extra care housing facility.

The treatment of the Laird's site in the Joint Local Development Plan is important. Proposals for 300 homes had worried the Planners. There could be an opportunity for a mixed development which might include housing, a school, shop, light industrial units and extra care facility.

Councillor Rowlands outlined plans for primary education in the area. Consultation on school provision will happen in twelve months also covering Llandegfan, Beaumaris and Llangoed. Falling pupil numbers and changing demographics in the area are a big challenge.

The opportunities presented by the Library Service Transformation Project were discussed, including the possibility of hosting a satellite office/drop-in centre for the County Council so that people would not have to travel to Llangefni to deal with the County Council.

Implications of the bank closure and changes to the Post office service were discussed. Councillor Rowlands said he would ask Albert Owen MP about the five-town strategy.

*It was resolved nem con to return to Council.*

#### **17.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016**

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

**18.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016**

**18.1 Minute 29.0 Beaumaris Primary School**

It was resolved nem con to delete 'improving educational standards were acknowledged' and replace with 'a vast improvement to educational standards was acknowledged'

**18.2 Minute 28.0 Report on meeting of Castles of Edward I Steering Group**

It was resolved nem con to refer the item about banners back to the Committee

**18.3 Minute 24.1 Report on meeting with Mr Michael German and Mr Paul Colclough of NatWest Bank**

The Town Clerk reported back from the meeting.

NatWest say they are complying with the Access to Banking Code by providing banking at the Post Office, providing a mobile branch, and ATM and a bilingual call centre.

The closure has been postponed until 5 September.

The Bank offered face-to-face meetings with customers in the Town Hall to discuss concerns and to sponsor an issue of the Newsletter to describe the planned closure arrangements. They also offered that the mobile branch could attend events such as the Food Festival.

The Bank offered to meet the Council again on 5 December to review how the new arrangements were progressing.

The Town Clerk asked if, in the light of the meeting, Councillors wanted to proceed with the recommendations of the Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee to investigate alternative banking arrangements and encourage people to leave NatWest.

In response to a question the Town Clerk advised that Councillors M Jones and S Zalot, as customers of NatWest, did not need to declare an interest.

Councillors felt that there was merit in supporting the presence of a mobile branch within the town. The security of banking the Town Council's cash was important.

It was resolved nem con to refer item 24.1 back to the Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee.

With the above points, it was resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

**19.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

4700	Cynan Electrical	72.00
4701	Menai Strait One Design Club (Section 137 Donation)	400.00
4702	Fron Goch Garden Centre	633.80
4703	R G Hire	1,334.40
4704	FAAC (UK) Ltd	2,184.00

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**£4,624.20**

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

**20.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**20.1 Planning Application 12C474/LB Castle Court Cottages  
Listed Building Consent for internal alterations together with the erection of a rear extension**

It was resolved by a majority (6 for, 2 against) to recommend refusal. The properties are historic, probably old Pilot houses, which should be referred to as 1 & 2 The Green. Development would detract from the adjacent World Heritage site, would be out of

keeping with neighbouring historic properties and would be over-development of the site.

Anglesey County Council should seek advice of Cadw and other bodies (eg Civic Trust) about the proposals.

**20.2 Anglesey County Council: Cultural Assets - Beaumaris Gaol and Courthouse**

The Town Clerk drew attention to the documents, which are available in the office. It was noted that there may be an opportunity to link this proposal with the Library Transformation proposals.

**20.3 Request for help to contribute to the Ynys Mon Population Needs Assessment**

It was resolved nem con to note the request.

**20.4 Quote for new play equipment at Happy Valley**

A quote for £14,000 for additional play equipment has been received. It will be paid for from the grant funding already approved.

It was resolved nem con to go ahead with the play equipment.

**20.5 Walled Towns Friendship Circle: Quarterly meeting on Thursday 30 June at 7.00 pm at Guildhall, Conwy**

The Walled Towns Friendship Circle are reported to have expressed concern about the Town Council's involvement in the Circle.

It was resolved nem con to include an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**20.6 Beaumaris Allotments Association: BBQ at 6.00 pm on Friday 8 July**

The Town Clerk informed Councillors of the arrangements

**20.7 Anglesey County Council: Refusal to transfer Beaumaris Coach Park**

The Town clerk read out the letter. Councillors pointed out that the possibility of the Town Council own enforcement officer was to be explored with Anglesey County Council

**20.8 Future of Post Office**

The Town Clerk reported that Stuart Taylor from the Post Office and the Regional manager for Spar would come to meet Councillors on Tuesday 19 July at 10.30 am

**21.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On 19 July at 6.30 pm the Town Mayor is opening the Beaumaris History display at the David Hughes Centre

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

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**Deputy Mayor  
Councillor F R Carr**

**Date .....**