

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 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 G Evans-Jones
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor R A Jones
Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor D P Owen
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor K M Jones
Councillor J A Rowlands

The Town Mayor took the Chair

13.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M G Sarsfield declared an interest in Item 17.0 because he lives next door to the property where there was a site meeting.

There was a discussion concerning the interests of members in item 15.0, the renewal of the Menai Strait Oyster and Mussel Fishery Order 1962. Previously, members had had a dispensation so that they could discuss the Order in relation to moorings in Beaumaris Bay. This had been allowed because it was a subject in which a large number of members had an interest, and which potentially had a major impact on the local community.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that members with an interest in moorings and activities within Beaumaris Bay apply for dispensation so they could speak on the Mussel Fishery renewal order.

14.0 VISIT BY COUNCILLOR LEWIS DAVIES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor Davies had sent an apology since he was attending the Seiriol Ward School Consultation meeting in Llandegfan. He would also be attending Consultation meetings in Beaumaris on Tuesday and Llangoed on Wednesday.

15.0 VISIT BY MUSSEL OPERATORS TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE MENAI STRAIT OYSTER AND MUSSEL FISHERY ORDER 1962

The Town Clerk advised that the attendance of Mussel Fisheries Operators was recorded in the diary, but there was no contact information. He assumed the attendance had been arranged by the Administrative Assistant.

16.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1 MAY 2018

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

16.1 Minute 8.2 Report and investigation

A member said he had asked the question at the Annual Meeting but it had not been dealt with. The Town Mayor said the matter could not be discussed at the present meeting since it was not on the agenda.

16.2 Minute 2.0

It was noted that Councillors Grant and S Zalot had witnessed the signing of the Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

It was agreed that an amendment would be made to the minutes.

17.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SITE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

Councillor Sarsfield left the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and carried nem con to adopt the recommendations of the site meeting.

Councillor Sarsfield returned to the meeting.

18.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29 MAY 2018

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations of the Finance & Planning Committee be adopted

18.1 Minute 18.0

It was stated that the second letter had been discussed in a Council meeting, and thus it was agreed to amend the minutes to state that a second letter had been sent on 16 January, but to date no reply had been received.

The Town Clerk said he had investigated the matter, and prepared a report on the correspondence from Councillor D T Evans.

It raised issues concerning the moving of a car at the time of the Food Festival by Council staff, a proposal to rent a garage from the Mayor's son early in 2017, and a further matter relating to an issue that was referred to a disciplinary panel and thus the letter as a whole could not be presented to Council. Council procedures would normally have meant that the disciplinary matter would have been dealt with within seven days. When the matter had not been investigated, he had advised Councillor Evans verbally as to the reasons why a reply to his letter had not been sent. After a further delay, a letter was sent to him on 26 December to confirm the reasons for there being no reply. Following a further letter from Councillor Evans, a reply to the issues raised in the original letter of 23 July was sent on 10 January 2018. A further letter from Councillor Evans dated 16 January did not agree with the response. This letter was discussed in Council and a further letter of response was sent on 8 February. The letter was recorded in the book of outgoing mail. Councillor Evans said he had not received the last letter and it was agreed that he could have a copy.

18.2 Minute 12.1.1

Councillor S Zalot said that the Statutory Consultation on Education Provision by Anglesey County Council only gave two options for local schools. Both options resulted in the closure of one.

A lot of publicity had been given recently to investment by new companies in the Wylfa Power Station, and this would result in more families moving into Anglesey. A third option should be given to allow both schools to stay open and no sheltered housing to be built on the existing Beaumaris school site, which should stay as it is.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that a letter be sent to Anglesey County Council to make it clear that the residents of Beaumaris do not wish the Primary School to close or to have other facilities built on the site.

The Town Clerk said he had received a message from Emma Taylor to remind members that Consultation process there was a drop-in session at Beaumaris School between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Tuesday 5 June. It had been suggested that people should attend at about 6.00 pm so that the event turned into a public meeting.

18.3 Minute 12.1.5

A member asked for the request by the Lifeboat station to park vehicles on the 'Stones' area be referred back to the next Finance & Planning Committee. He felt that the 'Stones' area was primarily a picnic area and that it was now proving to be a general parking area.

The proposal was not seconded.

18.4 Minute 6.0 Formation of Sub-Committees

18.4.1 The Town Clerk advised that he had received a message from Councillor Rowlands. He said that he did not agree with the minutes in relation to the appointment of members to the Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee. He had proposed Councillor D T Evans as the sixth member of the Committee and he did not recall there being a vote.

Members stated that they recalled there had been a vote and the minute should remain.

18.4.2 The Town Clerk said that in the list of members forming the Gaol & Courthouse Sub-Committee, there was a mistake and that Councillor G Evans-Jones should be one of the Committee and not Councillor D T Evans.

18.5 Minute 10.1

The Town Clerk reminded members that there was a meeting with local business owners to discuss items being placed on the footways of Castle Street and Church Street. The meeting would be held at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall on Tuesday 5 June.

The Town Clerk advised that in a discussion with an officer from the Highways Department, he had been informed that this meeting had been called primarily because of a request by the Town Council to reduce street furniture. The aim was to see if there could be an agreement between business owners and the Town Council. In recent weeks, the Highways Department had undertaken a couple of surveys of the centre of Beaumaris and not noticed any 'A' boards that contravened the present regulations.

A number of members said they would not be able to attend because they were giving priority to the School Consultation meeting.

18.6 Minute 11.3 Bills for Payment

The Town Clerk advised that the cheque for bill 5251 Plantscape had been found within the bills presented to Council but it had been attached to another. The bill would be presented later in the meeting.

18.7 Minute 12.1.3 Beaumaris Food Festival

The Town Clerk advised that the organiser of the Food Festival had visited the Town Hall the morning after the Finance & Planning Committee Meeting. He had advised him that the Town Council wished to have a meeting with the organisers of the Food Festival but required a donation request form to be completed beforehand, a copy of a plan of the section of the Green they wished to occupy and the insurance certificate for the event. Attendance at tonight's meeting had been offered but the organiser of the Festival said he was unable to attend. A meeting would be arranged once the paperwork had been submitted to Council.

18.8 Minute 16.0 Update of Mayoral Board

A member stated that he objected to Past Mayor's medals being offered to people who had resigned from office, and he proposed that the matter be referred back to the next Finance & Planning Committee.

There was no seconder for the proposal and thus the recommendation to Council remained as stated.

Several members said they agreed with the sentiments expressed but felt that the Council needed to move forward and not dwell on past issues.

A member asked for the Mayoral photograph to be discussed at the next Finance & Planning Committee and this was agreed.

With the above points, members agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Finance & Planning Committee meeting of 29 May.

19.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5254	Councillor J P Zalot (Mayor's Allowance)	1,500.00
5255	Anglesey County Council (Election Costs)	4,182.57
5256	Mr R Vincent	40.60
5257	Information Commissioner	40.00
Total		£5,763.17

The bill 5251 Plantscape £2,889.00 carried over from the last meeting was also presented.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the bills be paid.

20.0 CORRESPONDENCE

20.1 Invitation to a meeting at Canolfan Beaumaris to discuss finances and partnership working

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Council accept the invitation to attend a meeting at Canolfan Beaumaris.

20.2 Robert Charlton: Possible use of old Baths site

The Town Clerk issued members with copies of the letter and photographs supplied to show the present condition of the site. He then gave members and outline of the previous history of the site. This included an account of actions taken by the Town Council when there had been a proposed developments of an hotel and holiday units on the site. These had been prevented largely because there was no vehicular access to site. Earlier owners of this site had been granted licences to allow them personal access. Lt Col Burkham had assisted in producing paperwork for earlier investigations into rights of way for the site, and he had offered to provide the original paperwork.

Members said that they were in favour of the site being tidied up and for an appropriate development. However, legal advice would be needed, particularly to ensure that there was not free access to anybody who wished to cross from the Green to the site in the future.

It was proposed, seconded and carried nem con that a site visit be arranged.

20.3 Llanfaes Community Centre and Play Area management Committee: Notice of General Pubic Meeting at Llanfaes Community Centre on Thursday 14 June at 7.00 pm

20.4 The Town Clerk advised that several residents had complained about an area of the lower Cemetery being left uncut.

Originally there was an aim to encourage wild flowers in part of the Cemetery but the area was around graves, some of which were visited by relatives. Staff also felt that the uncut grass reflected badly on the maintenance of the Cemetery.

The meeting agreed that areas around the graves should be effectively maintained. A possible area for wild flower encouragement was above the landslip works.

21.0 ANNUAL RETURN 2017-2018

To approve the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

In response to a question, the Town Clerk agreed to look at the response to one statement within the general paperwork.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018 be approved.

**22.0 PROPOSED COUNCILLOR D W GALLICHAN, SECONDED BY THE TOWN MAYOR
To contact Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley to look at the possibility of planting trees to commemorate the reign of HRH Queen Elizabeth II**

Councillor Gallichan said that he wished to do something to commemorate the long reign of the Queen. He believed that trees had been planted in the past to celebrate the reign of Queen Victoria. Clearly there was a need to discuss the matter with Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley if the trees were to be planted on his land, and he hoped that members would also consult with the public to see if they felt it was appropriate. It was noted that depending where the trees were established, they would help to remove excess water, and thus help alleviate flooding.

At a vote, the proposal was carried unanimously.

23.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following events:

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| 11 May | Inauguration of the Mayor of Denbigh |
| 17 May | Inauguration of the Mayor of Caernarfon |
| | Primary School for photographs to be placed in the press |
| 24 May | The opening of the Beaumaris Festival |
| 25 May | Attendance at an evening of opera at Beaumaris Festival |
| 26 May | Judging of the Craft Fair Stalls for Beaumaris Festival |
| 3 June | The Deputy Mayor had attended a Lions meeting in Bangor |

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Town Council on behalf of Beaumaris Festival for the support it had given to the event.

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**Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot**

Date