

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016 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 I Davies
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor D G Jones
Councillor M Jones
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Carr

The Town Mayor took the Chair

56.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

57.0 VISIT BY MR MIKE GERMAN AND MR PAUL COLCLOUGH OF NATWEST TO DISCUSS BANKING ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF NAT WEST BANK IN BEAUMARIS

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee

Mr German asked for feedback on the mobile branch and Post Office service.

He outlined plans for replacement of the ATM in Beaumaris, and made a commitment that NatWest would retain an external ATM in the town, if need be at a different location. He undertook to find out what options there were for the 'beeps' which warn when cash is being dispensed.

He outlined enhancements to the service at the Post Office. The transaction limit is being raised to £2,000 and by arrangement to £10,000. Larger limits may be possible for special events and during the summer season.

Mr German acknowledged that feedback about the quality of service at the Post Office was mixed.

He referred to the offer to give talks to residents (eg scam awareness) and was asked to organise dates with the Town Council office.

He outlined a new Community Banker role. This will provide a face-to-face presence in the town (eg for account opening, advice on savings accounts, etc). There are to be six across North Wales. It was agreed to explore the possibility of the Town Council hosting these sessions.

The implications of the Menai Bridge bank closure were discussed. The maces could be transferred to Llangefni, but the bank will want confirmation in writing of the Town Council's preference.

Councillors feel that this further round of branch closures displayed a poor sense of customer service and commitment to serving communities. In defence, Mr German said that the bank had to respond to a changing world where there was less and less use of branches, and increasing use of online services. He confirmed that there will be no compulsory redundancies arising from this round of branch closures. The Business

Banking Centre currently in Menai Bridge will move to Parc Menai, Business Relationship Managers will travel to customers for appointments.

In response to a request from Councillors. Mr German said he would ask if the closure could be postponed until the end of summer, but felt that he would struggle to get agreement.

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

Councillor Davies outlined some of the local issues he had been involved in.

Anglesey County Council is pressing hard for the new Wylfa connection to go underground, and Councillor Davies asked the Town Council to respond. In return, the Town Councillors asked the County Council to use the power line as a bargaining chip in negotiations about the future planning applications for Wylfa B

The possibility of siting the new Extra Care facility at the Primary School site is being explored, alongside the review of Primary School provision in this part of Anglesey.

Waste collection services over Christmas were discussed. The County Council have agreed that extra residual (black bins) waste will be collected if left in a clear plastic sack. Householders would have to provide their own sacks.

Town Councillors asked for Councillor Davies to press the County Council for trolleys for recycling boxes.

Parking problems in town were discussed. Councillors asked Councillor Davies to press for a residents' parking scheme in town, and ask for continuing action against parking in coach bays .

Finally, reference was made to the floods of one year ago. Councillor asked Councillor Davies to pass on their thanks for the flood defence works done since then, and in particular for the agreement to place a bund in Castle Meadow.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.

59.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016

Councillor Theakston left the meeting

59.1 Minute 25.0 NSPCC Carol Concert

This will now be at the Primary School.

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

60.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SITE VISIT OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2016

Councillor Gallichan had sent his apologies.

With the above point, it was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the site visit.

Councillor Theakston returned to the meeting

61.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2016

61.1 Minute 90.0: Copy of Anglesey County Council Protocol of Social media

The County Council protocol on social media had been circulated. Attention was drawn to paragraphs 2.1.5 and 2.1.6

A proposal to refer this back to the Committee was defeated (four votes for, six against, one abstention)

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee
Councillor J Zalot left the meeting

62.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4836	E W Roberts	55.80
4837	Gwen Evans-Jones	68.00
4838	T H Roberts	150.00
4839	Western Platforms	366.00
4840	Dwr Cymru	1,427.17
4841	Zurich Municipal	7,788.42
4842	Llanfaes Play Area Association	300.00
4843	Thomas Close Play Area Association	641.00
4844	J R Webster	101.30
4845	B Roberts (Paints)	113.86
Total		£11,011.55

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

63.0 CORRESPONDENCE

63.1 Welsh Government: Consultation on The Draft Account and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

The Town Clerk outlined the main points. There is no impact on the Town Council.
It was resolved nem con to receive.

Councillor J Zalot rejoined the meeting

63.2 Anglesey County Council: Response to complaint about light at Brownie and Guide Hut

Anglesey County Council have agreed to replace the bollard with a standard column.
It was resolved nem con to send a letter of thanks.

63.3 Anglesey County Council: Response to concerns raised about changes to waste collection procedures

It was resolved nem con that the new arrangements are acceptable.

63.4 Anglesey County Council: Response to request for Resident Parking Schemes

It was resolved nem con that in view of the representations made to the November Council meeting, to ask for a Residents' Parking Scheme to be implemented (streets to be covered to be agreed at a later date). The scheme should only allow resident parking and should not allow short-term visitor parking as that would defeat the object of the scheme.

Councillor I Davies left the meeting

63.5 Anglesey County Council: Heritage Assets – Gaol and Courthouse, Beaumaris Invitation to present proposal and business plan on Wednesday 11 January at 4.00 pm

The Town Council is one of two groups to have expressed an interest.

It was resolved nem con to get a professional to prepare the necessary business plan and to arrange a meeting of the Sub-Committee

63.6 Councillor Carwyn Jones: Copy of complaint to Police and Head of Highways about cars parking in Bus Stop spaces

It was resolved nem con to write to Anglesey County Council supporting the complaint and asking them to step up enforcement.

63.7 Albert Owen MP: Wylfa Newydd 'B' Development

It was resolved nem con to invite Albert Owen MP to a meeting to discuss the jobs to be created at Wylfa, and in particular availability of 'on the job' opportunities for training and experience.

63.8 Anglesey County Council: Persons to attend Budget Proposals 2017/18 meeting

Councillor S Zalot would normally attend, but is not available. No other Councillors are available to attend.

It was resolved nem con to reply with an apology.

63.9 Menter Mon: Anglesey County Libraries Workshop on Tuesday 13 December 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at Llangefni Town Hall

No Councillors are able to attend.

63.10 Jackie Waddicor: Request to use the Town Hall for Refugee Relief Clothes Collection on Saturday 10 December

It was resolved nem con to agree to the request

63.11 Cancellation of Workshop Seminar about Walled Towns and Castles of Edward I

The drop-in session in the afternoon will still go ahead

63.12 Walled Towns Friendship Circle: Annual Dinner Menu

Councillors were asked to send menu choices and payment to the office by 13 January

63.13 Councillor D G Jones: Fire in St Mary's Church tower

Thankfully, the fire did not spread into the Nave. However the fire did spread into the channel for the clock weights and has damaged the frame that supports the bells. Services will be in the Iorwerth Rowlands Centre while the Church is out of action.

It was resolved nem con to offer use of the Town Hall if needed and to send a letter of support.

64.0 CLOSURE OF NATWEST BANK AT MENAI BRIDGE

It was resolved nem con to send a letter expressing considerable disappointment at the closure and deploring the impact on local businesses and the local economy. The closure is a betrayal of NatWest's customers and of the community.

65.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5 November Beaumaris Bonfire and Fireworks
- 17 November Conwy Quiz Night in aid of Mayor of Conwy's Charity
- 24 November Walled Towns Friendship Circle AGM
- 26 November Beaumaris Victorian Christmas

The Town Clerk reminded Councillors who have not yet provided their Declarations of Interest to provide them so that the Council can fulfil the legal requirement to publish them on the website.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor G Evans-Jones**

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