

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 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 I Davies
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: None

The Town Mayor took the Chair

90.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 97.0 payment 5167 as recipient of the payment.

The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 101.0 Report on recent complaints as he looks after the Town Clerk's house while the Town Clerk is away.

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

Resolved nem con to go into Committee.

Councillor Lewis Davies reported that he and the other Seiriol Councillors had met with officers of the County Council and a solution to the Social Club issue may be achievable. The proposal is for 6-7 one bedroom flats (with off road parking) on the site. There are still several planning and conservation issues to be addressed but prospects are promising. One bedroom flats are planned in order to address the long list of people wanting one bedroom flats in Beaumaris.

The announcement of Welsh Government funding for the A545 was welcomed and Councillor Davies commended Anglesey County Council's quick response.

Councillor Davies gave an account of the Scrutiny Committee's meeting which considered the Extra Care Housing proposals for Seiriol ward. Lewis Davies is now a member of the committee. The outcome was that the Scrutiny Committee voted to site the Extra Care facility at Haulfre and put social housing on part of the school site. A proposal to retain Haulfre as a residential care home for those in need of high levels of care (e.g. to help prevent bed blocking in hospitals) was defeated.

In response to comments from Town Councillors, Councillor Davies said that he believed that the ownership issues which had held up development of the Social Club site had been resolved. Some concern was expressed that the development was only single bedroom apartments. Two bed flats would be better for a small family (e.g. couple and child) and would help keep families in Beaumaris.

In relation to extra care provision, Councillors made reference to the sheltered housing at Gerddi Stanley (which had included a warden's flat and common room) and the now closed Day Care Centre which together would have provided the sort of care planned for the extra care facility. Councillor Davies was asked to take up the possibility of re-opening the Day Care Centre.

Reference was made to the work that the Governors had put into campaigning for keeping the school and the recent delivery to Anglesey County Council of a petition and case for keeping the school open.

Recommendation to Council:

To write to the governors thanking them for their efforts.

92.0 VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BEAUMARIS BAND TO DISCUSS NOMINATION OF YOUTH BAND TO REPRESENT WALES AT THE 2018 EUROPEAN BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Fred Evans and Gary Pritchard outlined the achievement of the band in being selected for the competition and the efforts being made to raise the estimated £27,500 needed to attend. The aim is that everyone in the youth band is to have the opportunity to go and that no one is to be excluded on grounds of affordability.

The band, which has a turnover of £50,000 is normally self sufficient. However raising £27,500 in just four months is a challenge. Gary Pritchard outlined plans already in place including concerts, band members raising money individually and grant applications.

Councillors expressed their admiration and support for the band. They are fine ambassadors for the town. It was acknowledged that this funding request did not fit into the normal Town Council rules for donations and grants however there was a good case for making an exception.

Recommendation to Council:

To provide funding up to a maximum of £10,000 to cover any shortfall between the amount raised by the band and the amount needed to attend the contest. This will be made up of: £2,500 grant (Financial year 2017/18); £2,500 grant (Financial year 2018/19); £3,000 proceeds from the big wheel visit; £2,000 interest free loan. The Town Council's powers to make a loan will be checked.

93.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JANUARY 2018

Resolved nem con to (i) record that there were disturbances in the public gallery as the Mayor took the chair and during items 73.1; 81.0 and 84. and (ii) clarify that the meeting was suspended after the start of discussion of item 87.0.

With the above points resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

94.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SITE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2018

94.1 Item 2.0

Councillor S Zalot drew attention to the statement that the property may be used as holiday accommodation. In the meeting on 22 January (item 106.1) it was stated that planning permission for a property had been refused for contravention of Joint Local Development Plan Policy TAI 5 (Local Market Housing).

Resolved by majority (3 for 2 against) to write to Anglesey County Council to ask them to clarify TAI 5 – Local Market Housing and explain why one permission was granted and the other refused.

With the above point resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations.

95.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018

Resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations.

96.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018

The Town Clerk clarified that Council had, in response to a suggestion by Anglesey County Council, agreed in principle to contribute to repair work to the pavement alongside the road to Llanfaes.

Recommendation to Council:

That any surplus funds left after the Cemetery works be allocated to repair work on the road to Llanfaes.

With the above point resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations.

97.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5161	Menai Tool Hire	25.32
5162	Wales in Bloom	80.00
5163	BT	109.56
5164	Evans Bros	212.99
5165	T W Ashenden	230.65
5166	Photostatic	424.44
5167	Town Mayor, Councillor J P Zalot	500.00
5168	The Bulkeley Hotel	16.00
5169	B Roberts (Paints)	115.54
5170	Huws Gray	217.81
Total		£1,932.31

Resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

98.0 Correspondence

98.1 Planning Application 12C493 45 Cae Mair, Beaumaris

Full application for alterations and extensions
Resolved nem con to recommend approval.

98.2 Notice of Election to fill Council Vacancies

The Town Clerk reported that a Notice of Election had been published. The closing date for nominations is 9 February and, if contested, the election will be on 8 March.

98.3 Cruise Ship visits to Beaumaris

The Town Clerk reported on a meeting with Steffan Hughes of Anglesey County Council. Viking Cruises are planning to bring their cruise passengers on excursions to Beaumaris on four occasions (10 May, 9 August, 20 August, 30 August). Each accession will bring in 600-800 people. They would like some kind of a civic welcome and the possibility of special events at the Castle have been discussed. The Chamber of Trade is keen to get involved.

Resolved nem con to approach the Sealed Knot to see if they could be involved in a re-enactment at the Castle and talk to Beaumaris Band about performing in White Lion Square.

Resolved nem con to form a small Committee with representatives of the Town Council (Mayor or Deputy Mayor), CADW, Chamber of Trade to meet with Steffan Hughes and the Tourism Officer of Anglesey County Council to make plans for the visits.

98.4 Confirmation of appointment of Internal Auditor

Luned Fon Jones (Gwynedd County Council) has accepted the appointment.

98.5 Anglesey Tourism Association: Annual Meeting on Thursday 22 February at 10.00 am at Dylan's Restaurant, Menai Bridge

Councillor S Zalot stated that he intended to go.

98.6 Training for Councillors – Planning

Two places are available on a course organised by Anglesey County Council on 27 February. The Town Mayor and Councillor S Zalot will attend.

99.0 ADOPTION OF RATES ESTIMATES 2018-2019

Proposed by the Town Mayor

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor

Beaumaris Town Council adopts the final draft of the Rates Estimates 2018-2019 as recommended by the Finance and Planning Committee, and that the precept for 2018-2019 be set at £28,427.87, the equivalent of £26.77 per Band D property.

Staff and Council were complemented on the prudent financial management that resulted in no increase in the precept.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

100.0 TO CONFIRM THE CHARGES FOR 2018-2019 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

There is no change from 2017/18.

Resolved nem con to confirm the charges.

101.0 INTERIM REPORT ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO RECENT COMPLAINTS

The Town Mayor left the meeting

Resolved nem con to exclude the press, public and staff for a confidential discussion of matters involving staff.

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee

Councillor S Zalot read out a summary of what he had done in terms of the detailed investigation working with Ellis Whittam, the HR Consultancy, who had visited the Town Council office to provide an independent examination of the investigation. He had provided Councillors with a full copy of the report in advance. He stated that Ellis Whittam had been extremely helpful and professional in their support of the independent investigation in terms of legal, VAT and HR expert advice.

Councillors examined in detail seven recommendations made following the joint investigation. The County Council Monitoring Officer has also been consulted.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations of the independent investigation and provide a public summary of the findings as soon as the final information and reports are provided by Ellis Whittam.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council

It was resolved nem con to accept the proposal of the Committee

Resolved nem con to readmit the press, public and staff

The Deputy Mayor explained that the results of the discussion could not yet be announced because Councillors were awaiting a few final remaining items of information. These were expected within the week. A full public report would be given at the end of the process.

The Town Mayor rejoined the meeting

The Town Mayor took the Chair

102.0 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a copy of a draft staff hand book from Ellis Whittam. It will require tailoring. It includes sections on Internet use, IT security and social media.

Councillor Davies reminded Councillors that his proposal at a previous meeting had been intended to ensure that staff had guidance and delegated responsibility to respond to posts on social media – for example to quickly correct errors and misconceptions.

103.0 UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF GAOL AND COURTHOUSE

The Town Clerk reported on a meeting with Anglesey County Council which had covered various details of the transfer. Anglesey County Council will recruit seasonal staff and open the attractions between 24 March and 30 September. The Town Council will have no commitment to take on these staff after September. The possibility of longer hours was discussed and the County Council were open to the suggestion provided Beaumaris Town Council covered the cost of the extra staff needed. Anglesey County Council are prepared to offer the Town Council management of the Coach Park (or a share of the proceeds) for a five year period to support the transfer. The asset transfer will include a condition that the properties must be run as a tourist attraction for 10 years. The buildings' poor condition was acknowledged but Anglesey County Council are not prepared to contribute to the costs of repair on the grounds that the asset transfer is free of charge to the Town Council. As a result of the free of charge transfer the value of the property can be used as match funding for grant applications.

In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that the proposed transfer arose from an application made by the Town Council in response to a competitive open request for proposals by the County Council.

A visit to the properties will be arranged over the next couple of weeks.

Resolved nem con to agree to a joint statement with Anglesey County Council.

104.0 ELECTION COSTS

Based on costs for the 2017 election the expected cost for the forthcoming election is £4500 plus approximately £750 for printing and distribution of polling cards.

Resolved nem con to pay for the printing and distribution of polling cards.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot**

Date