

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor R J Parry

The Town Mayor took the Chair

72.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor F Carr declared an interest in item 73, Food Festival, as a Board Member of the Canolfan
Councillor J Carr declared an interest in item 73, Food Festival, as her husband is a Board Member of the Canolfan
Councillor M Jones declared an interest in item 73, Food Festival, as a member of the organising committee

73.0 VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BEAUMARIS FOOD FESTIVAL TO DISCUSS A REQUEST TO HOLD THE EVENT ON BEAUMARIS GREEN FROM THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee

Councillors F Carr, J Carr and M Jones left the meeting

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr Hefin Jones, Chair of the Food Festival Committee, and Mrs Di Bell, Secretary of the Canolfan and Food Festival Committee.

The Food Festival Committee is grateful for the support provided for last year's Food Festival, which was a success. A key lesson learned is the need to have the Festival all together in one place; it makes it easier to organise and to marshal, and visitors prefer it. The Green is the ideal location. In particular, it is close enough to the town for the shops etc to benefit. Castle Meadow is considered to be too far away from the town to achieve this aim. The Committee is requesting five day use of the Green, two days to set up, two days for the Festival and one day to dismantle.

Town Councillors were concerned about the potential impact on the long-standing policy of no commercial activities on the Green. Ownership of the Green was secured on the basis that it was a recreational area.

Some Councillors were concerned that commercial activities would put ownership at risk.

Some Councillors expressed a counter view that the situation was no different from the Craft Fair, and a Food Festival designed to raise funds for the Canolfan could be interpreted as recreational use rather than commercial use.

It was acknowledged that a large area of the Green would be required. The risks of severe weather and flooding were raised. Good contingency arrangements would be needed.

The Food Festival representatives acknowledged these issues. The Green is by far the best option and it is worth working hard to overcome the problems. The principal alternative location is out of town and would not bring benefits to local traders.

In response to specific queries and suggestions, the Food Festival representatives stated that the fee for parking on Castle Meadow would be £3: the fee for entry to the Food Festival will be a separate charge. The Food Festival Committee is prepared to pay a fee for use of the Green equivalent to the Green's typical takings for that time of year. The 'Stones' area could be reserved for Resident's Pass holders.

Several other possibilities were discussed, such as using Council staff to man the Castle Meadow Car Park and sharing takings 50-50 and using part of the Green in association with road closures in Raglan Street, White Lion Square etc.

The Food Festival representatives repeated that the Green is by far the best option and best meets the needs of producers, visitors and local traders. A quick decision is required as producers need certainty.

It was proposed and seconded to recommend to Council to seek legal advice on the risk to ownership of the Green.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to recommend to Council that the request be granted subject to checking the legal position to ensure that the use is within the conditions of our ownership of the Green.

The amendment was defeated 4 votes for, 5 votes against.

The original proposal was agreed nem con.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

Councillors F Carr, J Carr and M Jones rejoined the meeting.

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

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.

Councillor Lewis Davies outlined his written report of recent activity.

Recommendation to Council:

To send a letter to the school thanking them for participating in the NSPCC Concert.

Recommendation to Council:

To ask Councillor Davies to press the case for having a polling station in the Town Hall.

Councillors expressed support for Councillor Davies' support for a cemetery in Llanddona.

Councillor Davies drew attention to the next consultation on the Local Development Plan which will happen over the next few weeks. Apart from the Laird's site, which is a Brownfield site needing cleaning up, no new development land has been allocated in Beaumaris. Councillors were concerned at the lack of development land and the consequent constraints on economic development.

Councillor Davies recently visited the food bank at the Oasis Church. He has agreed to be a co-ordinator and asked that if Councillors knew of people in need that they should let him know.

In respect of the Williams report, Councillor Davies said that closer cooperation short of merger was the way forward. It is already happening in education and planning.

Councillor Gallichan left the meeting.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

It was resolved nem con to send a letter of thanks to Llangoed School for their contribution to the NSPCC Concert.

75.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2014

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

76.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 DECEMBER 2014

Councillor Gallichan rejoined the meeting.

76.1 Minute 95.1.4

Copy of letter from Anglesey County Council to Welsh Government not read out/circulated as specified on Agenda

It was resolved nem con to receive the letter.

A proposal to write to Anglesey County Council asking what the current position of the project is was defeated.

76.2 Minute 95.1.14 Request to switch off smoke detectors

North Wales Fire & Rescue Service and the Town Council's Insurers have been consulted. Both have agreed that one zone can be switched off during a performance subject to a suitable risk assessment and appropriate alternative precautions. A stand-alone smoke detector will be placed in the offices.

With the above points it was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations.

77.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

There were no extra bills for payment

Councillor Theakston left the meeting

78.0 CORRESPONDENCE

78.1 Planning Application 12C436A/FR Land at Cichle Farm, Beaumaris

Full application for the siting of 4 safari tents together with the installation of a septic tank

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval.

Councillor Theakston rejoined the meeting.

78.2 Quotation for recommended works to Town Hall Lift

The Town Clerk outlined the work identified by the maintenance engineers. The Town Clerk recommended the purchase of a pit prop, door barrier, rubber mat and alarm upgrade.

It was resolved by a majority to accept the Town Clerk's report and purchase any items required.

78.3 Anglesey County Council: 'Meeting the Challenges' – Initial budget proposals for 2015-2016

Councillors expressed concern that items which support the vitally important tourist industry (tourist centre, street cleaning) were being cut. Councillors were concerned that the proposals were too vague for effective consultation and that the 5% rise in Council Tax is too high.

It was resolved nem con to write requesting a detailed breakdown of the proposals as the current details are not good enough for consultation, and request that decisions are postponed until effective consultation has been carried out.

79.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following recent events:

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| 04 December | Christmas Festivities in Caernarfon with the Coca Cola Truck |
| 06 December | Glyn Edwards' 65 th Birthday Celebration at RAYC |
| 08 December | NSPCC Christmas Concert with Beaumaris and Llangoed Schools |
| 10 December | Beaumaris Primary School Christmas Concert |
| 12 December | Christmas Party in the Town Hall for OAPs |
| 13 December | RAF Winter Ball at RAF Valley |
| 16 December | Chamber of Trade Meeting |
| 22 December | Christmas F & P Meeting followed by mince pies and drinks |
| 23 December | Christmas Reception at Beau's Tea Rooms |
| 24 December | Midnight Mass at St Mary's Church |
| 26 December | Hot Pennies at the Bulkeley Hotel |
| 31 December | New Year's Eve Fireworks and assisting with the collection |

01 January 2015 Tug of War on the Green

It was resolved nem con to include an agenda item in a future meeting on the possibility of resurrecting the Pram Race at New Year.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor Ian Davies**

Date

