

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 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

105.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I Davies declared a prejudicial interest in item 111.0 Tenders for flower beds/Happy Valley maintenance as he is a friend of one of the bidders.

Councillor I Davies declared a prejudicial interest in item 112.0 Report from rodent inspector as he is a friend of a member of the allotment committee.

The Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 112.0 Report from rodent inspector as he has an allotment.

106.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALUN ROBERTS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

Resolved unanimously to go into Committee.

Councillor Roberts referred briefly to the election later in the week. When approached for his views about events he has limited himself to simply encouraging people to go out and vote.

Councillor Roberts referred to the recent bad weather and in particular the subsequent interruptions to water supply. There has been a lot of frustration about lack of communication from Welsh Water and the difficulty of contacting them. He hopes that Welsh Water will learn from these events and improve their communication.

Anglesey County Council have announced a 4.8% increase in council tax, 0.8% of which is earmarked for social services. There is budget for repairs to the A545 and for investigation of options for improvements. However the £10m required for a new road is unlikely to be available soon. Town Councillors expressed frustration that so much was being spent on the Llangefni link road, the need for which (and benefit of) was not as great as a road to Beaumaris which supports a significant tourist economy. The recent bad weather will put budgets under pressure as there will be an increased need for highway repairs.

The importance of Beaumaris as a tourist destination was discussed. Councillor Roberts is concerned at the potential impact of Brexit on tourism from Europe. Councillors expressed concern at the lack of investment by Anglesey County Council in tourism attractions in Beaumaris. Councillor Roberts reported views on the County Council that Beaumaris was 'well looked after'. His view was that Beaumaris deserved support for its commitment to take on facilities like the Gaol and Courthouse. The Island Games, for which Anglesey is the only bidder, is an opportunity as some sports will be hosted in Beaumaris.

Councillor Roberts expressed his disappointment with the decision to locate the extra care facility on the school site despite the scrutiny panel's recommendation of location at

Haulfre. He was concerned that even with the extra care facility there would still be a need for the level of residential care provided at Haulfre. Councillor Roberts sympathised with Town Councillors' views that this decision prejudiced the decision about the school. In response to questions Councillor Roberts said that he and Councillor Davies had tried to have the decision called in but were unable to muster support of sufficient Councillors. The time limit for call in had now passed. Town Councillors suggested other routes to oppose the decision such as engaging the Older People's Commissioner.

Councillor Roberts said that he would continue to fight to retain the school in Beaumaris. Projections showed that by 2022 there would be more pupils in Beaumaris than Llangoed. Retaining a school was vital for the long term future of the town.

Resolved unanimously to go back into Council.

107.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018

Resolved unanimously that the minutes are a true and correct record.

108.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018

108.1 Minute 121.1.4 Identification of Open Spaces

The definitions for the different categories had been circulated. Policies ISA 4 and ISA 5 of the Joint Local Development Plan provide safeguards to existing open space and a requirement to consider provision of new open space alongside new housing developments. It was pointed out that in the past children have been encouraged to use the school grounds as a play area rather than open areas in Maes Hyfryd etc.

Resolved unanimously to respond to the Joint Planning and Policy Unit to suggest that the school grounds be identified as informal/formal recreation space and also to clarify whether the future of educational open space would be threatened by closure of the school and ask how this important area of open space could be protected against loss to development.

108.2 Minute 121.1.2 Waiving fees in relation to burial/cremation for children

It has been confirmed that the Town Council will have to invoice the County Council quarterly for re-imburement of any fees waived.

108.3 Minute 126 Littering Enforcement

The Town Clerk reported that it has proved to be impossible to agree a date for Meirion Edwards to attend a Council meeting. The Town Council objected to the threat to end the service of emptying litter bins on the Green.

Resolved unanimously to invite Meirion Edwards to a special meeting at a date to suit him and to investigate alternative contractors to empty the litter bins on the Green.

108.4 Minute 125 Bus Shelter at Llanfaes.

The Deputy Mayor asked that the work be expedited and that he be informed when the order is placed so that he can keep the community informed.

Resolved unanimously, with the above points, that the recommendations be adopted.

109.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5188	Ian Sankey	30.00
5189	Galleon Supplies	266.40
5190	J O Williams & Son	342.00
5191	FAAC (UK) Ltd	2,712.00

5192	F E Roberts	42.66
5193	B Roberts (Paints)	628.26
5194	Tempcon Instrumentation	1,160.40
5195	Beaumaris Print	32.00
Total		£5,213.72

Resolved unanimously that the bills be paid.

110.0 CORRESPONDENCE

110.1 Planning Application 12C494A/CA 7 Stable Mews, Mill Lane, Beaumaris

Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area

Proposed and seconded to recommend approval as this is a well wooded area.

An amendment (1) was proposed and seconded that the live Chestnut be retained but that the dead Elm could be removed.

Councillors expressed the view that in a flood prone area trees served a valuable purpose in controlling ground water.

A further amendment (2) was proposed and seconded that a condition of approval to remove the dead tree should be that a replacement tree be planted.

Amendment 1 was passed by majority

Amendment 2 was passed by majority

The substantive resolution: To approve removal of the dead Elm, to oppose removal of the live Chestnut and to require a replacement tree to be planted, was passed by majority (3 for 2 against).

110.2 Planning Application 12C325C/LB Awel y Mor, 5 Raglan Street, Beaumaris

Listed Building Consent for alterations and extensions

Resolved unanimously to recommend approval.

110.3 Menter Mon: Energy Training Programme 9.00 am – 4.00 pm Tuesday 6 March in Llangefni

The Town Clerk drew attention to the event.

110.4 Mr R Hughston: A545 proposals

Some concerns were raised about the proposals. Two one way roads might encourage speeding and the cost of bringing the carriage road up to standard might be high compared to improving the existing road.

Resolved nem con (1 abstention) to thank Mr Hughston for his suggestions, to say that the Town Council have been pressing for alternatives and to forward his letter to the Highways Department.

110.5 Thomas Close Play Area: Request to include grass cutting for the Play Area in invitation for tenders for flower beds/ground maintenance work

This has been added to the maintenance contract in previous years. The tender has now closed.

Resolved unanimously that this work be added to the contract for the successful company.

110.6 Councillor Carwyn Jones: Response to Education Consultation in Seiriol area

Resolved unanimously to receive

110.7 Wales in Bloom Launch on Friday 16 March at 10.30 am

Councillors were reminded of arrangements for the event. Castle Players will be approached for loan of the public address system.

110.8 Sea Wall Damage

Last week's storm has damaged the promenade and sea wall. Anglesey County Council are being notified and the hazardous area has been cordoned off. It was noted that the new flood defences did their job and kept water off of the Green.

110.9 Walled Town Friendship Circle

The next meeting is at 7 pm on 14 March in Conwy.

111.0 TENDERS FOR FLOWER BEDS/HAPPY VALLEY MAINTENANCE

Resolved unanimously to defer the item until the end of the agenda to facilitate exclusion of the press and public.

112.0 REPORT FROM RODENT INSPECTOR CONCERNING ALLOTMENTS

In response to a question from Councillor Davies The Town Clerk advised that occupation of an allotment did not amount to an interest.

Councillors I Davies and C Theakston left the meeting.

The background to the investigation was explained: a reported suspicion that there might be rats on site. The Town Clerk had visited with the Town Council's pest control contractor. There is evidence of rats, there are very many potential sheltering places and they will be attracted by the chicken feed. The pest control officer recommended that action to control rats was not required or recommended.

An email had been received from the association about the fence around the plots. It has been raised with the estate and the farmer. It will be raised again. There is believed to be a responsibility on the farmer to keep his animals in. In relation to rabbits, in the past the Town Council has provided materials for the allotment association to repair the fence.

Resolved unanimously to accept the Town Clerk's report; that a letter be sent to the association explaining the rat situation and asking them to monitor it; and to ask their advice on where the rabbit proof fence needs attention.

Councillors I Davies and C Theakston rejoined the meeting

113.0 UPDATE ON LOCATING DEFIBRILLATOR OUTSIDE OF TOWN HALL

Resolved unanimously to: proceed to apply for Listed Building Consent to install a cabinet on the Town Hall; and to get an additional defibrillator (so that the one in the Bulkeley Hotel can be retained) at a total cost of £1600 - £1700.

There was a discussion of further provision in town.

Resolved unanimously to: obtain two extra units for installation at the Green kiosk and the Happy Valley Pavilion; and to discuss provision elsewhere in town at a future meeting.

114.0 PROPOSED TOWN MAYOR, SECONDED DEPUTY MAYOR:

The Town Council engages a marketing company to produce a leaflet to promote attractions in Beaumaris

The Town Mayor made the case for the Town Council commissioning a leaflet promoting the town that could be widely distributed in North Wales and beyond. It would promote the town as a whole and be independent of any particular businesses. The estimated cost would be £10,000. The Deputy Mayor made the case that it was important to be proactive in attracting visitors to the town especially to increase footfall at the Gaol and Courthouse.

Some Councillors felt that it should be done in partnership with contributions from the Chamber of Trade and the County Council others felt that examples elsewhere showed that it was important that the Town Council take the lead in promoting the town and it would get done quicker if done independently.

Resolved (by majority) to investigate further with a view to getting cost estimates to discuss at the next Finance and Planning meeting.

115.0 ITEM IN NEWSLETTER

Concerns were expressed about alleged inaccuracies in the item about the election in the newsletter. Councillors expressed concern that discussing the matter during an election campaign might expose the Town Council to a risk of breaching election rules. A copy of a letter of complaint to the electoral officer was circulated. It is up to the Returning Officer what action to take. The newsletter article will be an agenda item for the next Finance and Planning Committee.

116.0 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It has previously been agreed that Sub-Committees should meet regularly, once a quarter on pre-planned dates.

Resolved unanimously to reinstate the arrangement from the first Finance and Planning committee meeting after the Annual Meeting.

117.0 COUNCIL AND STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

An e-mail address for the Town Clerk had been set up.

Resolved unanimously to set up separate e-mails for the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of Audit and Personnel and individual members of staff.

118.0 E-MAIL COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS WITH ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Town Clerk reported that emails from the town council's @tiscali.co.uk account were being rejected by the County Council. It has been reported to the IT department. A Councillor reported that this was due to implementation of new filtering software (TLS) by several County Councils.

Resolved unanimously to contact the Head of IT at Anglesey County council to request that Town Council emails be whitelisted/given a 'bye' through the filtering system.

119.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayor's announcements.

The Town Clerk outlined arrangements following the election. The Caucus for the next Mayor will be before the Council Meeting on Monday 2 April. The Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday 1 May. Due to leave commitments he will be available for accepting Declarations of Acceptance of Office on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March. Newly elected Councillors will also be able to make their declaration before the Finance and Planning Committee meeting on Monday 26 March.

Resolved unanimously to: notify all successful candidates of the arrangements and to make it clear that there will be no meetings between the election and the Finance and Planning Committee meeting on 26 March.

Resolved unanimously to exclude the press and public for discussion of commercially confidential tender bids.

Councillor I Davies left the meeting

120.0 TENDERS FOR FLOWER BEDS/HAPPY VALLEY MAINTENANCE

The Town Clerk outlined the tenders received. One fully met the criteria, a second of similar cost omitted the pruning and herbicide treatment at Happy Valley. The third was approximately 80% more than the other two bids.

A Councillor pointed out that the borders at Happy Valley, which should have been included in the specification, had been omitted.

Resolved unanimously to accept the fully compliant bid from A & C Landscapes.

Resolved unanimously to do a follow up tender exercise for the borders at Happy Valley.

Resolved unanimously to re-admit the press and public

The meeting closed at 21.25

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**Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot**

Date