

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2015 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor D G Jones

The Town Mayor took the Chair

23.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 28.1 Complaint from Starida Sea Services, as an employee of Starida Sea Services.
Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 28.1 Complaint from Starida Sea Services, as part owner of Starida Sea Services.

It was resolved nem con to bring forward Item 3 on the Agenda

24.0 VISIT BY MR ROWLAND THOMAS, ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS IN CASTLE MEADOW

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.

Mr Thomas outlined a proposal to amend the scheme in Castle Meadow by installing a 1m pipe across Happy Valley and the Green to drain surface water from Castle Meadow into the sea. The Town Council's approval in principle to the scheme was requested as well as permission to do initial work on the Promenade in the next couple of weeks.

Councillors were concerned about potential impact on parking on the Green and planned events in the town.

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the proposed scheme and allow installation of the pipe across Council land. No work will be allowed until after 1 October.

Anglesey County Council is to ensure (at their expense) that the new play equipment is reinstated by Playscape (or to Playscape's satisfaction).

Anglesey County Council agreed to consider the possibility of connecting land drains on the Green to the new pipe, though they were cautious about the impact on the overall effectiveness of the scheme.

Agenda item 8.2, Possible reduction in height of proposed wall at West End, was brought forward.

Alun Williams outlined the proposal to reduce the wall by 100mm between the Flood Gate and the Stoplogs, and 200mm between the Stoplogs and the end of the wall. Analysis of the proposals indicate that this will provide an equivalent level of performance to the new concrete wall under current conditions. Inevitably, the level of protection will reduce if sea levels rise as currently expected. Work on the section of wall affected can begin once the concrete wall is complete, therefore a decision is required by about the end of July. Councillors drew attention to the final paragraph of the letter which implies the Town Council will be taking some responsibility for the effectiveness of this scheme.

Recommendation to Council:

To consult with the residents and owners directly affected, with a view to getting responses back in time to make a decision at the July Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

Councillor S Zalot left the meeting

25.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN E JONES TO DISCUSS LOCAL ISSUES

It was resolved to allow Councillor Lewis Davies to join Councillor Carwyn Jones to speak on the future of Haulfre.

Councillor S Zalot rejoined the meeting

Councillor Jones outlined recent activity including involvement in Dementia Friends Scheme, extension of the 30mph zone beyond Cae Mair junction, resurfacing the road to Llanfaes and the condition of the footpath towards Llanfaes, improvements to housing in Llanfaes, the impact of Anglesey County Council's job evaluation scheme, and the cost of a new gas connection to Llanfaes.

Recommendation to Council:

- 1 To agree to the extension of the 30mph zone and to request that Anglesey County Council include double yellow lines from the bus stop to the Rectory in the Traffic Order for the 30mph zone.
- 2 To ask Anglesey County Council who is responsible for maintaining the wall on the landward side of the road towards Llanfaes which is currently in poor condition.

It was resolved to bring forward Agenda Item 11

Intended closure of Haulfre

Councillor Carwyn Jones outlined events since Anglesey County Council's intention to close Haulfre became public.

County Councillors have not yet had copies of the reports referred to in the paper to the Executive. Plaid Cymru Councillors intend to campaign for money to be spent keeping Haulfre open until appropriate alternative provision is available as has happened at Llangefni and Amlwch. Legal advice has been sought on behalf of the residents at Haulfre.

Town Councillors expressed concern at the behaviour of the County Council, which seems to be designed to prepare Haulfre for closure, eg turning potential residents away despite vacancies being available and not doing routine maintenance so as to allow the condition of the property to deteriorate. Many of the issues now identified have been present for many years.

Disappointment was expressed that the local member on the Executive voted in favour of closure, and a lack of confidence in the officers in Social Services was expressed. The opportunity to build a new facility on the Haulfre site is being overlooked.

Recommendation to Council:

To hold a joint meeting of Seiriol Community Councils with Gwen Carrington, including invitations to the AM and MP. It will be a Special Meeting before the end of July.

Councillor Jones asked the Town Council to go public on its opposition to the closure. Councillor Davies emphasised that opposition will be stronger if individuals express opposition by sending their own letters rather than relying on a single Town Council response.

Recommendation to Council:

- 1 To go to the press expressing the Town Council's opposition to the proposals.
- 2 To bring the proposals to the attention of the Older Peoples' Commissioner for Wales.
- 3 Seek to obtain information on how the consultation will work and the safety and condition reports using FOI if need be.

It was resolved nem con to return to Council.

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

26.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015

26.1 Minute 16.2

In response to a question, Council were informed that an email was sent last week to the Chief Executive and Leader of Anglesey County Council in response to Minute 22.1.1 of the 22 June Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

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

27.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 JUNE 2015

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

28.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 JUNE 2015

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

**28.1 Minute 22.1.6
Further complaints from Starida Sea Services**

The Town Mayor and Councillor S Zalot left the meeting

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

It was resolved nem con to exclude the press and public for item 28.1 to allow the discussion of tenants and their lease agreements with the Town Council.

The Town Clerk outlined action taken in response to the complaint discussed at the Finance and Planning Committee meeting, since when there had been a further letter of complaint.

Another account of an incident was reported to Councillors.

Town Councillors felt that it was not their place to control competition between businesses. However, the terms of the agreement should be complied with and that a protocol of behaviour would be useful.

Town Councillors supported the Town Clerk's interpretation of key clauses in the agreement:

- 1 Kiosks only to be used for selling boat trips includes not selling clothes etc.
- 2 Not interfering with other kiosk's business includes not approaching people in a queue for another kiosk
- 3 Staff behaving professionally and not impinging on the operation of other kiosks includes not offering to undercut prices being agreed at a neighbouring kiosk

It was resolved nem con to send a letter to both kiosks stating that complaints had been received, and reminding them of the rules contained in the leases.

The Town Mayor and Councillor S Zalot rejoined the meeting

The press and public were readmitted

The Town Mayor took the Chair

The Deputy Mayor left the meeting

29.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4431	T W Ashenden (Cash payment for emergency plumbing work)	80.00
4432	FAAC (UK) Ltd	5,433.08
4434	Glass Rooms	7,030.80
Total		£12,543.88

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

29.1 Decision on time to install new doors at Town Hall

The contractor can do the work in July. It will involve about one week's disruption. The TIP organisers would prefer the work to be done in October.

It was resolved nem con that the work be done in July as soon as practical.

30.0 CORRESPONDENCE

30.1 Planning Application 12C251E 36 Church Street, Beaumaris Full application for re-rendering chimney and replacing fascia boards

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval.

30.2 Mr Dewi Williams, Anglesey County Council: Possible reduction in height of proposed wall at West End

Dealt with at Minute 24.0 above

30.3 Tourist Information Point: Request for funding from Chamber of Trade

Councillors were concerned that agreeing to funding would let the County Council off the hook for paying for tourism information on the island. The Town mayor explained that the Chamber of Trade are pursuing options for a long-term arrangement with Anglesey County Council.

It was resolved nem con to refuse the request for funding this summer, as it may hinder the possibility of long-term funding.

30.4 Request for discount on parking: Subaru/Colin McRae Charity visit

It was resolved nem con to charge £2 per vehicle and suggest that the other £1 be paid to their charity. The £2 fee will be collected and accounted for separately to the normal tickets.

30.5 Allotment Association Barbeque

This has been rearranged for 12 July

30.6 Concrete blocks in storage

It was resolved nem con to use to pave part of the Dinghy Park.

31.0 ANNUAL RETURN 2014-2015

The Town Clerk explained that the external auditor had sent back the Annual Return. The Internal Auditor has provided an explanation for the figures in the Bank Reconciliation, and an explanation for the Green income being over budget will be provided.

It was resolved nem con that the amended return be signed and returned.

32.0 UPDATE ON PROPOSALS FOR TOUR DE BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

The Town Clerk explained the outcomes of recent meetings with the organisers and the events planned for the run-up to the Grand Depart and Anglesey's Festival of Cycling. Arrangements for the day were outlined.

It was resolved by a majority (1 against) to ask how much Anglesey County Council is spending on sponsoring weather forecasts on S4C

33.0 REPORT ON INTENDED CLOSURE OF HAULFRE

Dealt with above at Minute 24.1

34.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the following recent events:

- 4 June 'Antiques Road Show' at Plas Newydd with the Water Bailiff's silver oar
- 14 June The Deputy Mayor attended Chester's Mayor's Sunday
- 19 June Visit to 22 Squadron at RAF Valley Civic Send-off the Search & Rescue Teams
- 23 June Thomas Close Charity Horse and Trap event.
- 4 July Crafter's Corner 1st Birthday celebration at Popeye's
- 5 July Denbigh Mayor's Sunday

The Town Mayor provided an update on preparations for the event at the Castle and a Mayor's Charity Champagne Cruise on 31 July.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot

Date