

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor Councillor F R Carr  
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C M Brimecombe  
Councillor J R Carr  
Councillor G Evans-Jones  
Councillor D W Gallichan  
Councillor M Jones (arrived at 7.30 pm)  
Councillor B L Kotkowicz  
Councillor R J Parry  
Councillor J A Rowlands  
Councillor C J Theakston  
Councillor J P Zalot  
Councillor S Zalot

**The Town Clerk was in attendance**

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor I Davies  
Councillor A J V Grant

**The Town Mayor took the Chair**

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#### **43.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor G Evans-Jones declared a prejudicial interest in item 49.3 Complaint from Alison Hull as her husband is site manager for the allotment committee.  
Councillor C Theakston declared a prejudicial interest in item 49.3 Complaint from Alison Hull as he has an allotment.

#### **44.0 VISIT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALUN ROBERTS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES**

Councillor Roberts gave an update on recent discussions by the Executive of Anglesey County Council on Extra Care Housing and the future of the school. Councillor Roberts would choose to have a school on the site rather than Extra Care housing. A site at the top of the hill is not ideal for elderly people with mobility issues. He accepts that Haulfre has disadvantages but is concerned that several Haulfre residents would not be able to be accommodated in Extra Care Housing.

Councillor Roberts expressed concern that the proposal's for closing Beaumaris School were not part of a credible strategy for Beaumaris and Seiriol Ward. School closure would have an impact on the economy and community of Beaumaris and would accelerate the current fall in population. He is concerned that a disproportionate number of parents in Seiriol ward will choose Menai Bridge and Bangor schools rather than Llangoed and Llandegfan. Llandegfan is an old fashioned building that does not meet modern accessibility standards and the planned £700,000 spend will not address that problem.

Councillor Roberts expressed the view that a more innovative approach is needed for the future of Seiriol ward and referred to a recent meeting that he and Councillor Carwyn Jones had with the owners of the Lairds site. It is the only practical development site available in the area. It would suit a mixed development of small industrial units serving marine and tourism sectors plus a mix of housing. Ironically the original proposals for the site included a new school.

In closing Councillor Roberts observed that 40% of the population was already over 65 and ageing. Unless young people are kept in the town there will be no one to work in the local tourism businesses.

*Resolved nem con to go into Committee.*

Councillors referred to the need for an improvement to the A545 as well as the problems caused by the growing number of second and holiday homes which were taking homes out of reach of young people. Councillor Roberts agreed and had mentioned transport infrastructure in his response about the school. An integrated plan for the area was needed bringing together transport, economic development, housing and education.

Discussion of item 52.0 Future of Beaumaris School was brought forward.

Councillor M Jones joined the meeting.

Councillor Alwyn Roberts reported on the scrutiny and executive meetings. He complimented the contribution made by chair of Governors and the chair of the campaign committee and the presentation made by the three county Councillors. Unfortunately the Executive voted to proceed to formal consultation on the closure. In fighting the closure proposal alternative proposals to the county council's current thinking will have to be submitted (e.g. the relocation of pupils during building of an Extra Care facility). The council and community will need to be very clear that it will not allow the school to be closed. The scoring system will have to be challenged and there will have to be engagement with Cardiff.

**Recommendation to Council:**

To write to the education department expressing concern at the decision and dissatisfaction with the process and stating that the decision will be detrimental to the future of Seiriol ward.

In closing Councillor Roberts urged Councillors to attend the public meeting that will be held as part of the statutory consultation.

**45.0 VISIT OF DEWI WILLIAMS, HEAD OF SERVICE HIGHWAYS, WASTE AND PROPERTY AND ROWLAND THOMAS, SENIOR ENGINEER: STRUCTURES SECTION, ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEMES**

Mr Dewi Williams outlined the works already done and highlighted that though protection against coastal flooding had been improved there still remained work to do to protect against pluvial flooding (i.e. resulting from heavy rain).

There are three elements. Improved drainage in Maes Hyfryd and along Allt Goch and a bund in Castle Meadow. The road closure notice for the work in Maes Hyfryd and along Allt Goch will be published shortly. A small bund had been built in Castle Meadow to attenuate the flow of surface water into the moat. A large bund as originally planned would provide protection against 100 year storms but does not have land owner support and would probably require a public enquiry to secure approval to proceed. An alternative proposal has been developed which is more acceptable to the land owner: Two drainage pipes across the Castle car park and into the sea which would provide a 20-30 year solution. The Welsh Government has supported the proposal subject to local consultation on the two options. As part of the consultation there will be a public meeting in the Town Hall on 21 November in the afternoon.

Councillors expressed support for option 2. If in 20-30 years the bund needed to be enlarged it would probably not have to be as big as the current option 1. By keeping the amount of water retained to below 10,000 m<sup>3</sup> the extra regulations associated with registration as a dam will be avoided.

**Recommendation to Council:**

To support option 2 retaining the option for a larger bund in future if necessary. A letter of support will be provided to Anglesey county council.

Mr Dewi Williams also referred to proposals for a pedestrian crossing. A location between the Bull and Rowland's Pharmacy is proposed. The coach stops (drop off and pick up) would be moved to School Lane which would result in wider pavements on Castle Street.

**Recommendation to Council:**

To give the Town Council's support to the proposals.

Mr Dewi Williams said that he had approached Welsh Government for funding support for the work at the cemetery and will follow up in January when funds may become available from under spends.

He outlined some further coastal defence work proposals for Anglesey including improvements on the road to Llanfaes. This would cost £200,000 of which £50,000 of match funding would be required from the county council. Given uncertainty about the cemetery work he did not need an immediate decision but asked that the Town Council consider splitting the cost of the match funding (i.e. a contribution of £25,000) to secure the project.

Mr Dewi Williams acknowledged the need for improvements on the A545. It would have been a £10-12 million project 10 years ago when the opportunity for a feasibility study was not taken up. It has been raised as a priority with the North Wales Transport Forum. Mr Williams confirmed his agreement in principle to using revenue from the Castle car park to support the Town Council taking on the Gaol provided his internal revenue targets were adjusted accordingly.

Councillors expressed support for anything that improves facilities in town and expressed thanks for the betterment already achieved.

There was a discussion of the proposed third crossing of the Menai Strait. The preferred option is a two span bridge close to the existing bridge. There is increased willingness to proceed due to the development at Wylfa and National Grid's proposals for a second pylon line. Using a tunnel to cross the strait would cost £200 million, a new bridge £150 million. Routing the cables across the bridge would save a considerable sum. When the proposal was put to the Transport Minister he was open to the suggestion. Councillors welcomed this news but did point out that an improved crossing was likely to put more pressure on the A545 and that improvements elsewhere on the A55 would be worthwhile.

*Resolved to go back into Council.*

*Resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.*

**46.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017**

Resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

**47.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017**

**47.1 Item 70.1.5**

In response to a Councillors question the Town Clerk outlined several practical problems in holding the event in the town hall: the need to provide a licensed bar and a booking for an event the day before which would have to be cleared away overnight on the Saturday. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council was providing the buffet. The bar is a cash bar. While some Councillors accepted that practical circumstances sometime meant that Town Council decisions had to be adapted others felt that the Mayor should have been kept informed.

Resolved nem con that in future no changes be made when implementing council decisions without informing the Town Mayor.

Resolved, with the above point to adopt the recommendations of the committee.

## 48.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

5076	One Voice Wales	40.00
<i>This bill was removed as it was for training that Councillor G Evans-Jones would pay herself.</i>		
5077	Mrs B Williams	123.43
5078	T W Ashenden	127.20
5079	ACE Lifts	139.20
5080	The Bulkeley Hotel	144.00
5081	BT	146.32
5082	Xpose Media	152.40
5083	Anglesey County Council	180.00
5084	Huws Gray	205.58
5085	Playquest	360.00
5086	F E Roberts	418.06
5087	Cynan Electrical	501.94
5088	Fine Turf Services	600.00
5089	Rowtype Printers	686.40
5090	Peter Hughes	721.97
5091	Turnock Ltd	852.00
5092	Zurich Municipal	8238.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>£13,596.89</b>

Resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

It was reported that NatWest bank have not confirmed that Councillor Rowlands has been added to the mandate. The Town Clerk will chase up with the bank.

## 49.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### 49.1 12C489 4 Bunkers Hill Beaumaris

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

### 49.2 12C488 Police House, 61 New Street, Beaumaris

Full application for alterations and extensions  
A proposal to recommend refusal on grounds of size and visual impact was defeated (4 for, 5 against 2 abstentions).  
Resolved by majority (5 for, 4 against, 2 abstentions) to recommend approval.

### 49.3 Alison Hull: Complaint concerning Notice to Quit Allotment and Freedom of Information request

*Councillors G Evans-Jones and C Theakston left the meeting.*

The Town Clerk advised that occupying an allotment plot was not sufficient to warrant a declaration of interest by Councillors.

The Town Clerk outlined the history of the case. Assistance has been provided over a period of years. A notice to quit is a last resort to protect the interests of neighbouring plot holders and those on the waiting list. Health and other problems had been taken into account by the association in reaching their decision.

Resolved nem con to stand by the decision and back the allotment association.

In response to a question the Town Clerk reminded Councillors that the Town Council delegate administration of inspections, the waiting list etc. to the association. As landlords the Town Council issued the notice to quit on advice of the association. This complaint to the Town Council is in effect the appeal against the association's decision.

The Town Clerk advised that he has the information need to respond to the information request. A copy of the response will be sent to Councillor Parry and to Jill Anker of the Allotment Association.

**49.4 Annual General Meeting and Quarterly Meeting of North Wales Walled Towns Friendship Circle at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 November**

The Town Mayor and Councillor G Evans Jones will attend. Councillor M Jones gave his apologies.

**49.5 Planning Aid Wales. Training course "Pre-application Consultation: Maximising your community influence". 2.00 – 4.30 pm 28 November 2017 Colwyn Bay.**

Councillors were given details of the event.

**50.0 REPORT ON MEETING WITH AONB PROJECT OFFICERS CONCERNING DOG AWARENESS GRANTS**

The Town Clerk reported from the meeting. Grant funding is available which could be used to provide dog waste bags dispensers and stickers on litter bins reminding people that they can be used for dog waste. It would require 25% match funding from the Town Council.

Resolved by majority (4 for, 3 against, 5 abstentions) to decline the offer of dispensers.

**51.0 REPORT ON SURVEY OF POSSIBLE NEW CCTV CAMERA LOCATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that the £10,000 grant from the Charitable Trust would cover:

1. Coverage of Happy Valley and the route in and out of town from the Llanfaes direction.
2. Coverage of Margret Street and Church Street from an existing pole at the old Post Office.
3. Coverage of the A545 out of town in the vicinity of the Allt Goch Bach junction.

The Police have expressed their support for the proposed locations.

In response to questions about cameras to cover the entrance to the allotments and parking at the far end of the green the Town Clerk pointed out that this would take the cost over the available £10,000 grant.

Resolved nem con to proceed with the proposals that fit into the £10,000 grant.

**52.0 UPDATE ON FUTURE OF BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Taken above at item 44.

**53.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| 1 October  | Mayor's Sunday Llangefni                            |
| 6 October  | BAAFTAs – Beaumaris Allotment Society annual awards |
| 8 October  | Chair of County Council's civic service in Amlwch   |
| 14 October | Visit to St David's Hospice in Llandudno            |
| 4 November | Beaumaris Bonfire and Fireworks                     |

The meeting closed at 21.15

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Town Mayor  
Councillor F R Carr

Date .....