

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2016 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 D W Gallichan  
Councillor A J V Grant  
Councillor D G Jones  
Councillor M Jones  
Councillor R J Parry  
Councillor C J Theakston  
Councillor S Zalot

**The Town Clerk was in attendance**

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor B L Kotkowicz

**The Town Mayor took the Chair**

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**95.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor I Davies declared an interest in item 103.2 Freedom of Anglesey March, as an Honorary Member of RAF Valley Mess  
The Deputy Mayor declared an interest in item 103.1, Library Service provision, as an employee of the Library Service

**96.0 VISIT BY MRS KAREN ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL HOUSING OFFICER, ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW WAY OF ALLOCATING SOCIAL HOUSING ON ANGLESEY**

*It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.*

Mrs Roberts outlined the proposed banding scheme. The new scheme should enable more flexible discussion with applicants about their prospects of getting social housing. It is expected that only a few applicants will be allocated to the 'Urgent' Band (urgent need and local connections). Most will be in Band (1) (housing need and a local connection). Housing will be allocated in Band order, then chronological order within the Band.

In response to a question about Sheltered Housing, Mrs Roberts explained that there are two types: 1) for over 60s and 2) for over 60s and/or people with a registered disability.

*Councillor S Zalot joined the meeting*

In response to points raised by Councillors, several elements of the current scheme were explained:

Applicants who fail to disclose that they have sufficient funds to purchase a property will have action taken against them up to and including repossession.

Applicants can specify as many areas as they wish

The existing policy has up to 50 points for local connections

Town Councillors expressed several concerns:

Mixing young and old people in sheltered housing has led to cases of anti-social behaviour. Local people find it difficult to get homes in Beaumaris. This is having a knock-on effect on the number of families in the town and pupil numbers in the school. Part of the problem is a shortage of social housing. Many houses were bought under the 'Right to Buy' scheme. The area between Llanfairpwll and Beaumaris is also an area of high demand for social housing.

Councillors urged the County Council to take steps to increase supply. The County Council has plans to purchase ten former Council properties this year, and are looking to build additional homes in future years.

Beaumaris needs jobs and housing if its future as a living community is to be secured. Feedback on Anglesey County Council's plans was requested.

**Recommendation to Council:**

To respond to the County Council making the points above, and in particular the need to ensure homes for local families.

Mrs Roberts asked that any cases of abuse to the system be raised with her.

**97.0 VISIT BY MR HUW JONES OF NATURAL RESOURCES WALES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MARINE SAC AND SPA CONSULTATION**

Huw Jones explained the proposals to extend the SPA for Terns and SAC for Harbour Porpoise. In both cases the extension is to protect habitat and feeding areas from possible future damaging activities. Current levels of activities (eg fishing) are not having a negative impact and therefore will not be restricted. Looking to the future, new activities will have to have their impact assessed. Mr Jones expressed the view that the proposals would not have an impact on the development of Wylfa, sub-sea cables, shipping routes or offshore wind power.

Councillors expressed caution, giving their experience of the MCZ proposals. It is important that economic activity is taken into account when protecting the environment.

Mr Jones pointed out that these areas are not nature reserves. Economic activity will continue and there is no need to change current activity. NRW are required to take the economy into account in their work, and to play its part in developing the economy of Wales in carrying out its duties.

**Recommendation to Council:**

To respond, supporting the proposals providing the status quo is not affected and that these proposals are not the back door route to MCZs. If current activities are affected, there should be further consultation with local communities.

**98.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES**

Carwyn Jones outlined some of the things that he had been involved in.

Councillor Jones welcomed that Anglesey County Council have backed down on the Traveller site proposals and had agreed to proper consultation.

There was a discussion on the future of the Gaol and Courthouse. Three expressions of interest have been received and tender documents are about to be issued. Town Councillors expressed the opinion that they were assets transferred from the Borough Council in 1974 and that the Town Council should have been consulted on their future and been given first refusal to take them over. Carwyn Jones recommended contacting Councillor Ken Hughes (Portfolio Holder) and Delyth Molyneux (Head of Education).

**Recommendation to Council:**

- 1 To write to Anglesey County Council reminding them of their obligations arising from the 1974 transfer
- 2 To request that, given the importance of the assets to the community, the Town Council should be involved in the tender process and be consulted before decisions are taken

*It was resolved nem con to go back into Council*

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

**99.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016**

It was resolved nem con that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting

## **100.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016**

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

### **100.1 To confirm the Rates Estimates and Charges for 2016-2017**

It was resolved nem con that Beaumaris Town Council adopts the final draft of the Rates Estimates 2016-2017 and that the precept for 2016-2017 be set at £27,345.13, the equivalent of £26.37 per Band D property

## **101.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECONVENED MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2016**

### **101.1 Minute 121.0**

The Town Clerk outlined options for purchase of a marquee.

It was resolved nem con to purchase the more robust marquee, which is more suited to exposed locations.

### **101.2 Grant for Play Equipment at Happy Valley**

It may be possible to defer the work and still keep the grant offer open. If there is a deadline, there may be a need to move quickly. The equipment costs £13,620

It was resolved nem con to go ahead with the proposals

It was resolved nem con to give the Town Clerk powers to act on the above two points

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the reconvened meeting

## **102.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

4603	City Electrical Factors	38.14
4604	Evans Bros	45.72
4605	GSE Waste Management	117.00
4606	Diversified Business Communications	178.80
4607	Lands End Tyres & Exhausts	190.00
4608	DIFA PLA Pest Control	450.00
4609	Wyn Hughes	664.00
4610	B Roberts (Paints)	768.58
4611	Huws Gray	1,263.40

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**£3,265.64**

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid

## **103.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **103.1 Anglesey County Council: Meetings to discuss future Library Service provision on 15-17 March**

*The Deputy Mayor left the meeting.*

Councillors recognised the value of the service but were concerned at potential cost implications and the increasing demands on a small pool of volunteers if a community-run option is adopted.

Councillors F Carr and Theakston will attend the meeting.

*The Deputy Mayor rejoined the meeting.*

### **103.2 Freedom of Anglesey march on Sunday 11 September**

*Councillor I Davies left the meeting.*

The impact on the main County Council ceremony was discussed. The Town Clerk stated that the RAF had made the request to march.

It was resolved nem con to agree to the request and to give the Town Clerk powers to act in collaboration with Councillor Merfyn Jones (on behalf of the Food Festival)

It was resolved nem con to include a proposal to offer the Royal Welsh Freedom of the Town on a future Agenda.

*Councillor Davies rejoined the meeting*

### **103.3 Agenda for meeting of WTFC Car Rally at 10.30 am on 8 March at Conwy**

The time is not practical for working people.

It was resolved nem con to write stating that the Council wants to be involved but that meetings during the day are not practical and that an evening meeting is preferred.

### **103.4 AGM of Beaumaris Allotments Society at 7.30 pm on Monday 14 March**

It was resolved nem con to write a letter of appreciation to Mr Dave Jones, the retiring Chair.

### **103.5 Llanfaes Community Centre: Request for donation**

The cost of the insurance has been reduced from last year's cost.

It was resolved nem con to give a donation to cover the cost of the insurance (£390.70)

### **104.0 PURCHASE/PART EXCHANGE OF NEW MOWER**

The proposed mower will enable more efficient grass cutting at the Cemetery.

It was resolved nem con to give the Town Clerk powers to act to purchase a new mower at a cost of £1,000 (less £400 trade in)

### **105.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

25 February	Official opening of the Sea Wall Flood Defences attended by the Minister, Carl Sargent AM
27 February	Mayor's Charity Ball at the Bulkeley Hotel
04 March	Chester Mayor's Banquet

The Town Mayor drew attention to the Flood Warden recruitment meeting on Friday 11 March in the Town Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.50 pm**

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**Town Mayor**  
**Councillor J P Zalot**

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