

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor C J Theakston

The Town Mayor took the Chair

The Town Mayor drew Councillors' attention to the recent death of Eirian Llwyd Jones, wife of Ieuan Wyn Jones the former AM for Anglesey.
It was resolved nem con to send a letter of condolence.

75.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

76.0 VISIT BY PAUL COLCLOUGH (LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER) AND AVRIL FRANCIS (BRANCH MANAGER) NATWEST BANK TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF BANKING SERVICES IN BEAUMARIS

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.

Mr Paul Colclough confirmed that branch locations and hours are reviewed on a twelve-month rolling programme. Beaumaris is not due for review for at least twelve months. Decisions about branches are made locally (by Paul Colclough). He has authority to vary branch hours by up to 30%

Footfall is falling for all branches and banks as online services become more popular. The long-term future of the branch depends on attracting new business (ie new accounts). NatWest are actively prospecting for new business, and Town Councillors encouraged NatWest to work to exploit the position they now find themselves in following the closure of the HSBC branch.

There was discussion about the opening hours, particularly for those at work and businesses. NatWest's experience is that customers prefer consistent hours, preferably five days per week. The night safe is available for out-of-hours deposits. Mr Colclough will keep opening hours under review.

There was discussion of some of the problems associated with moving and administering accounts. Avril Francis encouraged people to contact her if they do experience problems so that she can try to help.

Mr Paul Colclough undertook to consult the community should the Beaumaris branch come up for review in future.

The Town Mayor thanked Paul Colclough and Avril Francis for attending. It is an important issue for the town, and the Town Council is grateful that opening hours are kept under review and to have the commitment to consult the community.

77.0 VISIT BY SALLY HEYWOOD, COMMUNITY VOICES CO-ORDINATOR, CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, TO DISCUSS SETTING UP A LOCAL PROJECT

Sally Heywood explained the background to CAB and the Community Voices Project. The aim of the project is to enable communities of interest to better engage with decision makers, whether in businesses (eg bank closures) or public services (eg adult social services). The project would provide assistance, help and guidance on evidence collection and establishing community opinions. Ms Heywood asked the Town Council to bear in mind the project as a source of assistance and will send details of a Community Visioning Event planned for next month.

78.0 VISIT BY DAVINA CAREY-EVANS TO DISCUSS ANGLESEY MARINE WEEK INCLUDING A BEAUMARIS MARINE DAY ON SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

Davina Carey-Evans explained the background for Anglesey Marine Week and the plans for a Beaumaris Marine Day. There will be stalls and stands on the Green promoting marine services and activities but not trading. 10 August was impractical but the weekend 16-17 August is available.

Recommendation to Council:

To pencil the dates in the diary and leave the Town Clerk to make appropriate arrangements.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.

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

79.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014

79.1 Minute 72.1 'Meeting the Challenges'

There has been no response to the Town Council's submission.

It was resolved nem con to seek a response.

79.2 Minute 73.0 Flood Defences

The Town Clerk confirmed that the work is in hand. One or two items remain to be completed.

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

80.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2014

80.1 Minute 118 Rates Estimates

The Town Clerk reported that the new figure for Band 'D' properties was received in January.

80.2 Minute 120.1 Floral Displays

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Anglesey County Council outlining plans for commemorative floral events.

It was resolved nem con to plan Beaumaris events in conjunction with the County-wide events.

80.3 Minute 122.3 Closure of Haulfre

The Administrative Assistant reported further information from someone who was at the meeting.

Councillors expressed concern at the way the meeting was run.

It was resolved nem con to write to the County Council about the appropriate use of translation facilities.

With the above points, it was resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

81.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4110	HSS Hire	84.51
4111	Expo Management	178.80
4112	ACE Lifts Ltd	278.40
4113	J R Webster	28.22
4114	The Cookshop	114.81
4115	Evans Bros	20.88
Total		£705.62

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

82.0 CORRESPONDENCE

82.1 12C94N/FR Spar, 11 Castle Street, Beaumaris

Full application for the installation of a new shop front

12C94P/LB Spar, 11 Castle Street, Beaumaris

Listed Building Consent for the above

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval.

82.2 12C446A/LB Armoury Flat, Old Barracks, Rosemary Lane, Beaumaris

Listed Building Application for the installation of a gas pipe and gas central heating system

It was resolved nem con to recommend approval.

82.3 Damage to grass at Bryn Tirion

Councillor J Zalot reported a conversation with an officer of the County Council. The County Council have given a written warning to the tenant.

It was resolved nem con to write to Anglesey County Council welcoming the action taken and asking for reinstatement, leaving to the County Council the question of who pays.

82.4 Mr D Jump: Request to use the Town Hall

It was resolved nem con to allow the Heritage Group to meet in the Town Hall. The Town Clerk reported that he had discussed the fire escape issues with Mr Jump and felt there might be a way forward. He will be meeting the architect on Wednesday.

82.5 Town Hall works

It was resolved nem con to install a new hand dryer in the ladies archway toilet and to commission the induction loop in the main Hall and to investigate an induction loop for the Council Chamber.

83.0 ADOPTION OF RATES ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Proposed by the Town Mayor

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor

Beaumaris Town Council adopts the final draft of the Rates Estimates 2014-2015 as recommended by the Finance and Planning Committee, and that the precept for 2014-2015 be set at £26,774.53, the equivalent of £25.54 per Band 'D' property.

The proposal was agreed nem con

84.0 TO CONFIRM THE CHARGES FOR 2014-2015 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was resolved nem con to confirm the charges.

85.0 SIGNATORIES FOR COUNCIL CHEQUES

NatWest Bank appear to have lost the paperwork for the mandate. It is likely that new Councillors will have to re-submit their details.

It was resolved nem con to raise the issue with Paul Colclough (copy to the Branch Manager).

86.0 FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

86.1 Beating the Bounds 2014

It was resolved nem con that the Greens & Buildings Sub-Committee will take on the role of beating the Bounds Sub-Committee and will co-opt non-Councillors as necessary.

86.2 WWI Commemorations

It was resolved nem con to form a Committee of Councillors D W Gallichan, S Zalot, F Carr, J Carr and G Evans Jones and to co-opt non-Councillors as necessary.

87.0 MEMBERSHIP OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor J W Jones announced his intention to stand down at the end of this session. The Town Clerk reported that he needed a formal letter of resignation before he can action an election.

Councillors noted that the resignation would be accepted with regret, thanked Councillor J W Jones for his service, and gave best wishes for the future.

88.0 HONORARY BURGESSES

It was resolved to make a formal proposal after informal discussions had been completed and soundings taken.

89.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor announced that he and the Mayoress had attended the following recent events:

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| 10 January | Castle Players' Pantomime
It was resolved nem con to write a letter of congratulation to Castle Players and compliment the involvement of youngsters. |
| 24 January | 'Allotfest' at the David Hughes Centre organised by the Beaumaris Allotments Society |
| 27 January | Official opening of Llanfaes Community Shop |

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor D G Jones**

Date