

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Councillor I Davies
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: None

The Town Clerk took the Chair

70.0 ELECTION OF INTERIM TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Clay Theakston and seconded by Councillor Alastair Grant that Councillor J Zalot be elected Town Mayor. There were no other nominations. Councillor J Zalot was elected unanimously.

The Town Mayor took the Chair.

There was a disturbance in the public gallery as the Mayor took the Chair.

Proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor I Davies that Councillor C Theakston be elected Deputy Mayor. There were no other nominations. Councillor C Theakston was elected unanimously.

71.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 76.6 FOI Request as his brother in law is the applicant.
Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 76.6 FOI Request as the applicant is an employee.

72.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017

72.1 Minute 57.0

Councillors emphasised that the Town Council was opposed to the proposal to site the Extra Care facility on the school site.

72.2 Minute 67.0

Councillor D Gallichan had rejoined the meeting part way through the item.

With the above points resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

73.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2017

73.1 Minute 98.0

The minute should state that the proposal was withdrawn to give Councillors time for consideration before the meeting on 19 December.

The Town Clerk reported that he had spoken to Anglesey County Council. The County Council is not able to act as mediator in Town Council problems. The monitoring officer advised that any complaints should be requested in writing so that the Town Council could deal with them.

It was noted that in addition to the resolution to exclude press and public there should have been a resolution to alter the agenda.

There was a disturbance in the public gallery during discussion of this item.

With the above points resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

74.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017

74.1 Minute 100.0

The Town Clerk repeated that the County Council will not investigate. He also reported that he had spoken to Ellis Whittam. Members other than those authorised by council had spoken to Ellis Whittam possibly in breach of the code of conduct. He also reported that he had not yet requested a copy of the written complaint.

There was a discussion of how to proceed. It was suggested that the three County Councillors for Seiriol ward might form a panel and that the Chief Executive of the County Council could be involved as he would be able to bring in the Monitoring Officer and legal advice.

Resolved nem con that there should be an independent investigation of the issues.

Resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Special Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

75.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

There were no extra bills for payment.

76.0 CORRESPONDENCE

76.1 Planning Application 12C490/LUC Gadlys House, 62 Castle Street, Beaumaris Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use that the building has been used as two flats

Resolved nem con to recommend approval.

76.2 Planning Application 12C474A Castle Court Cottages, Beaumaris Full application for alterations and extensions

Councillors noted that these Grade II listed buildings are an important part of Beaumaris' heritage. There would be issues of how to fit modern services into the properties while maintaining their character. Current planning policy means that housing development in Beaumaris should be for the local housing market.

Resolved nem con to arrange a site visit.

76.3 Planning Application 12C450C/LB 2 Green Edge, Beaumaris Listed Building Consent for re-roofing

The Town Clerk reported correspondence from Glyn Jones pointing out that this was just one application of three for re-roofing 1 and 2 Green Edge.

Resolved nem con to ask Anglesey County Council to send the other applications.

76.4 Learning Links CIC: Re-energising link with Beaumaris, Australia

Resolved nem con to investigate re-energising the link.

76.5 Hannah Saville: Behaviour of younger residents

A Councillor asked why, given that the Town Council had no powers, this was on the agenda when it could simply have been passed to the local PCSO three weeks ago. The Town Clerk confirmed that it had been passed to the police.

Resolved nem con to write to Hannah Saville to report that the police had investigated.

76.6 Gareth Williams: Freedom of Information request

The Town Mayor and Councillor S Zalot left the meeting.

The Town Clerk outlined the request. The Town Council do not hold any relevant information. The Town Clerk asked whether Councillors held anything. It was pointed out that the request should be handled using the Data Protection Act not Freedom of Information.

Resolved nem con to reply saying that no information was held.

The Town Mayor and Councillor S Zalot rejoined the meeting.

76.7 Beaumaris Bowling Club: Request to meet Greens & Buildings Sub-Committee

The Town Clerk summarised the matters the Bowling Club wished to discuss.

Resolved nem con to invite the Bowling Club to a meeting of the Greens and Buildings Committee.

76.8 Jan deKoning: Visit of Big Wheel

£3,000 has been offered by the operator for a three week stay. The operator's preference is to site the wheel behind the attendants hut.

Resolved by majority (1 vote against) to agree, subject to discussion with local residents about the location. How the £3,000 income will be used will be decided later.

76.9 Rev Fairlamb: Quotation for scaffolding for Church Clock Tower

The Town Clerk reported that the Church had received a further quote for scaffolding. Taking into account the shared cost of scaffolding and the new clock face the bill to the Town Council will be around £40,000. The cost of repairing the clock face will not be covered by insurance.

Resolved nem con to accept the Town Clerk's report.

76.10 CCTV Services: Revised quotation for new CCTV Cameras

The cost of the cameras previously agreed by the Town Council will increase by £436. The five towns are making an application to the Charitable Trust to cover the cost of extending the systems.

Resolved nem con to receive the report.

76.11 Request for new water heater in Happy Valley

Resolved nem con to agree to purchase a new water heater.

77.0 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Town Clerk reported that following consideration of published guidance and receipt of advice from the Town Clerk of Caernarfon he recommended appointment of Luned Vaughn Jones of Gwynedd County Council who has been used by Caernarfon Town Council. The cost will be approximately £750.

Resolved nem con to agree to the recommendation.

78.0 CASUAL VACANCIES FOR COUNCILLORS IN CENTRAL, EAST AND WEST WARDS

Notices inviting electors to request an election have been issued. Councillors encouraged electors to request an election.

**79.0 COUNCILLOR LLINOS MEDI, LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL: A545
BEAUMARIS TO MENAI BRIDGE**

It was reported that there has been agreement on a three-way split of the Cemetery works between Welsh Government and Anglesey County Council.

Councillors welcomed the letter and the suggestion that the option of widening the road was a practical possibility.

Resolved nem con to write welcoming the news and to invite her to come to the Council to discuss how Beaumaris Town Council, Seiriol Ward community and Anglesey County Council could work together to progress the matter.

**80.0 RESPONSE TO INITIAL REQUEST TO END INVOLVEMENT OF KINGDOM SECURITY
IN WASTE ENFORCEMENT ON COUNCIL LAND**

The Town Clerk reported his conversation with Anglesey County Council. Enforcement is part of a three-pronged approach involving litter bins, education and enforcement. Councillors were still concerned at the potential negative publicity of heavy handed enforcement on the Green.

Resolved nem con to again contact Anglesey County Council to explain that we do not want the services of Kingdom security on the Green. The Town Council will deal with litter on The Green.

**81.0 RESULT OF DISCIPLINARY HEARING CONCERNING MACEBEARER/LETTER FROM
RESIDENT**

Resolved nem con to postpone this item to the end of the meeting as it would be less disruptive to exclude the press and public at that point.

There was a disturbance in the public gallery during discussion of this item.

82.0 INTERNAL DECORATION OF TOWN HALL

Resolved nem con to look at the test colours after the meeting with a view to giving the Town Clerk powers to act.

83.0 BUS SHELTER FOR LLANFAES

Several quotes have been received for supply and installation ranging from £1800 to £3000. Councillors observed that it would be good to involve the Llanfaes Community Centre Committee to help ensure that the design meets residents' needs.

Resolved nem con that the Town Clerk will consult the Committee and report back with costs for the preferred design.

84.0 PROGRESS WITH HAPPY VALLEY PLANNING APPLICATION

The Town Clerk has spoken to the Town Council's planning consultant. A further Heritage Assessment costing about £2000 will be needed. The consultant had not commissioned the assessment because they had not had an official instruction from the Town Council.

Resolved nem con to go ahead with the Heritage Assessment report.

There was a disturbance in the public gallery during discussion of this item.

85.0 REPORT ON CROSS-SECTOR MEETING: BUDGET PROPOSALS 2018/2019

Councillor S Zalot reported that the proposal to increase council tax by an additional 1% to fund an increase in social service funding was defeated. The council tax increase will be 4% next year.

Resolved nem con to receive the report.

86.0 CCTV CAMERA ON PIER

Anglesey County Council have asked if a CCTV camera attached to the BTC system could be placed on the end of the pier covering the pontoon. They will pay for installation and maintenance.

Resolved nem con to agree to the request. Arrangements (especially specifying that Beaumaris Town Council is the Data Controller) will be confirmed in writing.

87.0 RESULT OF DISCIPLINARY HEARING CONCERNING MACEBEARER/LETTER FROM RESIDENT

Proposed and seconded to exclude the press and public for a confidential discussion of staffing matters.

*The meeting was suspended at 8.25 pm because of a disturbance in the public gallery.
The meeting restarted at 8.32 pm after the press and public had left the chamber.*

Resolved nem con to exclude the press and public for a confidential discussion of staffing matters.

- 87.1** It was reported that following a formal hearing on 26 October a letter was sent to a Macebearer stating that the allegations of assault made against him had not been upheld. Subsequently the Mayor had withdrawn his appointment as Macebearer. Councillors expressed the view that taking such action after the person had been cleared was unfair. It was noted that the Macebearers were appointed for the following year at the Annual Meeting and approved by Council. In the past, following this appointment, Macebearers had continued to serve in their role until retirement.

Resolved nem con to reinstate the person as Macebearer.

Councillors discussed the difficulty of investigating current issues in a way that gave the public confidence. Councillors were of the view that it was important to find someone who could investigate independently.

- 87.2** The letter of complaint from Mr D T Evans was read out. A response could not be made until after the hearing had been completed because it included reference to the incident being investigated.

Resolved nem con to respond to Mr Evans apologising for and explaining the delay and addressing the points he raised.

Resolved nem con to re-admit the press and public.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot**

Date