

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 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 M Jones
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor D G Jones
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor C J Theakston

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

106.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Jones declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1,20 Request to hold Food Festival on the Green, since he is the organiser of the event.

The Town Mayor declared an interest in item 12, Proposed one-way system, since he has family living in the affected area.

The Deputy mayor declared an interest in item 12, Proposed one-way system, since her parents live on Church Street.

107.0 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

107.1 12C90C/LB George & Dragon, Church Street, Beaumaris

Application for internal alterations

Approval recommended on the understanding that any works of art or historic structures discovered will be protected.

107.2 12C216C/LB Steeple Corner, 1 Wexham Street, Beaumaris

Application for the installation of 2 no. roof lights to rear roof

Approval recommended.

107.3 12C458B 9 New Street, Beaumaris

Application for replacement windows to front elevation

Approval recommended.

107.4 12C329C/LB 4 Raglan Street, Beaumaris

Application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of new sash windows, improvements to the roof together with refurbishments, repairs and maintenance
(Additional information)

Approval recommended.

108.0 TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

108.1 12C100N/VAR Llys Newydd, Llanfaes, Beaumaris

Application under Section 73 for the variation of condition (01) from planning permission reference 12C100M/DEL (Erection of 4 holiday chalets) so as to allow amendments to the approved scheme on plots 3 and 4

GRANTED

108.2 12C466A 53 Wexham Street, Beaumaris

Full application for alterations and extensions

GRANTED

109.0 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

There were no other planning matters.

110.0 BILLS FOR PAYMENT

110.1 Balances as at 22 February 2016

Business Direct Reserve	£324,786.47*
General	16,197.88
Imprest	1,337.32

Total **£342,321.67**

* In addition to this sum £20,000 is set aside for the year-to-year working balance.

110.2 Imprest account payments since last meeting on 25 January

28 January Net Pay	3,327.58
4 February Net Pay	816.54
HMRC	1,499.19
Gwynedd Council	802.27
11 February Net Pay	612.06
18 February Net Pay	614.60

110.3 Bills for payment

4583	BestHost	31.50
4584	Evans Bros	52.68
4585	Cybi Building Plastics	54.00
4586	J W Jones	60.00
4587	Photostatic	73.40
4588	F E Roberts	145.57
4589	E W Roberts	121.50
4590	Snowdonia Fire Protection	148.26
4591	Photostatic	136.56
4592	T W Ashenden	155.58
4593	B Roberts (Paints) Ltd	175.63
4594	Huws Gray	246.72

4595	One Voice Wales	316.00
4596	Howard Charles Hughes	720.00
4597	Glass Rooms	7,030.80
	<i>Some Councillors felt that minor adjustments to the doors were required. It was reported that the company had returned once to make some minor adjustments. The situation would be continued to be monitored.</i>	
4598	BTC Imprest a/c	9,000.00
	Total	18,468.20

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

111.0 CORRESPONDENCE

111.1 Correspondence read out

111.1.1 **Anglesey County Council: Consultation document on proposal to introduce Council Tax Premiums for second homes and long-term empty properties**

Members generally welcomed the idea. They noted that there are exemptions for paying Council Tax should the person be in hospital care. It was felt that any extra money generated should be reinvested in the island.

Recommendation to Council:

To respond to the consultation, giving support to the scheme but asking that any money generated should be invested in starter homes and encouraging employment.

111.1.2 **Anglesey County Council: Consultation document on Gypsy & Traveller sites**

A member said that he had spoken to a County Councillor. It seemed that the County Council had got itself into an awkward position because the site near Pentraeth had now been occupied for over nine years, and this gave the occupiers some rights. The feedback he had was that the designated site is likely to go to that location at Pentraeth, with financial support from the Welsh Government.

Recommendation to Council:

Respond to the consultation by stating that the site at Pentraeth is totally unsuitable and dangerous, being close to a major road. A safe alternative would be the land near Penhesgyn where people could live safely and in dignity.

111.1.3 **Anglesey County Council: Executive's Forward Work Programme March-October 2016**

Received.

111.1.4 **Responses to Consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill – Once Voice Wales and Town Council**

Members who had attended the consultation meeting in Llandudno said it was clear that there was a lot of opposition to the plans outlined in the Bill. The lady who had presented the draft document on behalf of the Welsh Government had previously faced a lot of opposition at consultation meetings in South Wales.

Recommendation to Council:

The points raised in the letters from One Voice Wales and Beaumaris Town Council be endorsed.

111.1.5 **Councillor Ieuan Williams, Leader, Anglesey County Council: Response to request for further information following attendance at Town Council meeting**

Members noted that the County Council would take over responsibility for a light on the path to the Guide Hut if the Town Council paid for the initial installation. A previous meeting had agreed to go ahead with the scheme under such circumstances. It was noted that expressions of interest for operating the old Courthouse and the Gaol had been invited by Anglesey County Council back in October 2015.

Recommendation to Council:

The Town Council should register an interest in managing the old Courthouse and Gaol in Beaumaris.

111.1.6 H M Courts & Tribunals Service: Provision of services in Wales

Members commented that if the Courts on Anglesey were closed, persons would find it difficult to travel to a Court in Caernarfon when summoned to do so. This would set them up to fail to attend when required. It was not local justice as the Courts were supposed to provide.

Recommendation to Council:

To write to the Courts & Tribunal Service objecting to the closure of the Courts on Anglesey.

111.1.7 Cadw: Response to request for access to Castle during floods

The Town Mayor said that he had met a representative from Cadw during the flooding event at Christmas. There was a need to adjust the height of the sluice gate during periods of bad weather – firstly to prevent water coming in from the sea at high tide, and secondly to ensure that the moat can be drained during periods of heavy rainfall. He said that he was happy to do a risk assessment and method statement as requested. Members said they welcomed the suggestion of a further meeting with Mr Pollard of Cadw.

Recommendation to Council:

To respond saying that the Town Council feels that the Flood Warden and representatives of Anglesey County Council and all emergency services should attend a meeting with Cadw to discuss the situation.

111.1.8 Wexham Street Residents Group: Response to request to withdraw objections to flood relief works

The Town Clerk left the meeting as a resident of Wexham Street.

The Town Mayor welcomed the response but stated that he disagreed with some of the points raised in the letter. It was suggested that copies of the letter should be sent to Anglesey County Council, Rhun ap Iorwerth AM, Albert Owen MP and possibly to the Welsh Assembly Government.

Another member asked who were the people that comprised the Residents' Group.

It was noted that Anglesey County Council was unable to make a decision on carrying out the proposed works because the complaint had been made to a higher authority.

Recommendation to Council:

Copies of the letter be sent to Anglesey County Council, Rhun ap Iorwerth AM and Albert Owen MP asking them to request that the Welsh Government make a decision on the complaint.

The Town Clerk returned to the meeting.

111.1.9 Complaint about bullying/harassment of elderly resident

The press and public were excluded for this item in order to protect the identity of the resident concerned.

It was noted that dealing with the matters reported was not within the remit of the Town Council. It was agreed that the complainant should be advised to contact the local PCSO to discuss the problems that his mother faced.

The press and public were readmitted to the meeting.

Councillor Gallichan left the meeting.

111.1.10 Quote for floral bedding schemes in 2016

The Town Clerk advised that there was no flower bed now at Gallows Point. A member commented that the original one might be replaced.

Recommendation to Council:

The quote be accepted.

111.1.11 Natural Resources Wales: Offer of representative to attend to discuss Marine SAC and SPA Consultation

There was a short discussion on the possible implications of setting up Marine SACs and SPAs

Recommendation to Council:

To accept the offer for a representative to attend a meeting of the Town Council
Councillor Gallichan returned to the meeting.

111.1.12 Anglesey County Council: Request to present review of December flooding events

The Town Clerk said that he had made a provisional booking for representatives of the County Council to attend the April Council Meeting. It was agreed to endorse the actions of the Town Clerk.

111.1.13 Anglesey County Council: Official opening of Beaumaris Flood Alleviation Scheme on 25 February

The Town Mayor said that he would be attending this event. He was aware that Anglesey County Council had applied for three additional grants in relation to flood defences. These related to events on 5 December and 26 December and the landslide. He was aware that the County Council had been successful in obtaining a grant just for the landslide works. He asked that the Green barrier be raised for the arrival of the Minister on 25 February.

111.1.14 Automobile Club of North Wales: Request to hold classic car show on 17 July

The Town Clerk said that this was a regular event which took place on the Stones area.

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request.

111.1.15 Anglesey Half Marathon: Request to have flood gates/barrier open and locate a Portaloo in car park

Members commented that the Town Council did not operate a car park, and presumed the request was to locate a portaloo at the Coach Park. It was agreed that the flood gates should be opened unless a flood warning was in place.

Recommendation to Council:

The organisers be informed that the Town Council does not have a car park and that Anglesey County Council is responsible for the Coach Park, where it is assumed the portaloo would be placed. The Town Council to advise that the flood gates can be opened provided no flood warning is in place on the day. A portaloo could be located at the Dinghy Park.

111.1.16 Planning Aid Wales: Training event in Town Hall on 26 April

It was agreed that members should advise the Town Clerk if they wish to attend a training session.

111.1.17 Play Quest: Maintenance/Inspection of play equipment

The Play Quest equipment had already been inspected as part of the general inspection of play equipment undertaken by the Town Council. Despite this, it was felt that Play Quest should inspect its piece of equipment in order to protect the guarantees given at installation.

Recommendation to Council:

To accept the quote

111.1.18 Cadw: Celebration of 30 year anniversary of designation of Beaumaris Castle as a World heritage Site 2 March 3.00-7.00pm at David Hughes Community Centre

It was noted that the Deputy Mayor would be attending this event.

111.1.19 Meeting of Seiriol Alliance on 25 February at 6.00-8.00pm in Canolfan Beaumaris

Members were advised that the Deputy Mayor would attend with the Town Clerk in order to present a grant funding scheme

111.1.20 Beaumaris & District Leisure Centre: Request to hold the Beaumaris Food Festival on the Green on 10 and 11 September 2016

Councillor M Jones left the meeting

The Town Clerk said that he had had a meeting with Councillor Jones to discuss this request. Essentially, the request was to use the same area of Green as last year, but also to include the central access road to the Green. The Town Council would still control parking on the main Green area, but the attendant would not have a telephone and CCTV. The Food Festival organisers had nonetheless offered to provide a kiosk for him to operate from. Originally they had asked for the Council parking area to be operated from the exit road, but after discussion it had been agreed that the entrance could be opposite Green Edge through the gate in the bund. The exit would then be as usual. Bearing in mind the problems caused when trying to use the exit road as a Green entrance during the Tour of Britain Cycle Race, it was felt that this would be preferable.

Members needed to decide whether to give permission for the event on the Green, and if so, would they also give over the main entrance road.

Recommendation to Council:

That approval for the Food Festival be given with the arrangements as outlined by the Town Clerk. An item should be placed in the Newsletter advising of the parking restrictions on the Green for this event.

Councillor M Jones rejoined the meeting

111.2 Correspondence not read out

111.2.1	Anglesey County Council	Flood Gates operation and manual
111.2.2	Anglesey County Council	Executive's forward work programme
111.2.3	Anglesey County Council	Resurfacing works at Menai Bridge
111.2.4	Anglesey County Council	Grant opportunities
	<i>A member said this information should be circulated to other organisations. The Town Clerk said he believed the Administration Officer had already done this, as indicated on the letter.</i>	
111.2.5	Anglesey County Council	Construction Futures Wales Briefing
111.2.6	Anglesey County Council	FSB Leaders Debate
111.2.7	Anglesey County Council	Temporary Road Closure Half Marathon
111.2.8	Anglesey County Council	Gypsy & Traveller sites on Anglesey
111.2.9	C Cllrs Davies & Jones	Gypsy & Traveller site at Pentraeth
111.2.10	Historical Promotions	Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebrations
111.2.11	Cadw	Queen's 90 th Birthday Beacon
111.2.12	Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley	Queen's 90 th Birthday Beacon
111.2.13	Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley	Flooding – report from Mr B Killingworth
111.2.14	Rhun ap Iorwerth AM	February Newsletter
111.2.15	Rhun ap Iorwerth AM	Local Government (Wales) Bill
111.2.16	RLG Programme	Local Government (Wales) Bill
111.2.17	Cadw	Access to Castle during flood alerts
111.2.18	Welsh Government	Funding to assist in post flooding repairs
111.2.19	Welsh Government	Membership of One Voice Wales
111.2.20	One Voice Wales	L G (Wales) Bill Consultation questions
111.2.21	One Voice Wales	Appointments advertisements
111.2.22	Walled Towns	Next Link Meetings
111.2.23	Katherine Owen	SLCC Meeting/Minutes
111.2.24	SLCC/Katherine Owen	'Protecting Your Society's Future'
111.2.25	Canolfan Beaumaris	Thank to Council for donation/Monthly meetings
111.2.26	Katherine Owen	Death of ex Councillor Mair Williams

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| 111.2.27 | CCTV Users Group | Annual Conference 23-25 May |
| 111.2.28 | Janice Davies, Llangefni | CCTV Cameras |
| 111.2.29 | Gareth Winston Roberts | Trefi Mon – Broadband contribution |
| 111.2.30 | The Ombudsman | Good Administration/Good Records Management |
| 111.2.31 | Chamber of Trade | Minutes of meeting 12 January |
| 111.2.32 | PCSO Wendy Kay | Councillors' contact details |
| 111.2.33 | Councillor D G Jones | Trees at Allt Goch Bach |
| 111.2.34 | Elliot Mills | Public Toilet hire 5 & 19 August |
| 111.2.35 | Natural Resources Wales | Marine SAC and SPA Consultation |
| 111.2.36 | Town Mayor | Community Flood Plan Survey |
| 111.2.37 | Luned Edwards | Funding for Pan Wales CT Project |
| 111.2.38 | Lindsay Haveland | CTA Wales funding bid |
| 111.2.39 | Tal Michael | CAB Trustees |
| 111.2.40 | Anglesey Tourism | No Pylons & Grid meeting 5 February |
- Members who had attended the meeting said that the public were generally disillusioned and the MP had been dissatisfied with responses obtained from National Grid. There had merely been a repeat of previous arguments about not putting a cable under water.*
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| 111.2.41 | Anglesey Tourism | Musical Matinee at Menai Bridge 5 March |
| 111.2.42 | EON Energy | Viewing & paying bills online |
- A member said that viewing and paying bills online took away peoples' jobs.*
- Recommendation to Council:**
- That the Town Council should write to complain at the loss of jobs and should go against the request for viewing and paying bills online for as long as possible.*
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| 111.2.43 | Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd | Event in Flint 2016 donation request |
| 111.2.44 | Valuation Office | Changes in bank details |
| 111.2.45 | Chateau Rhianfa | Opening of 'Le Dragon Rouge' |
- Members commented that the evening at Chateau Rhianfa had been excellent.*
- Recommendation to Council:**
- To write a letter of thanks to the Manager at Chateau Rhianfa*
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| 111.2.46 | Glass Room | Town Hall Glass Doors/locks |
| 111.2.47 | Gwynedd Council | Valuation meeting 17 March |
| 111.2.48 | Mike Morris | Old Social Club |
| 111.2.49 | Nat West | New Relationship Manager/Statement dates |
| 111.2.50 | Gwen Richards | TIP new season |

112.0 TO RECEIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

112.1 Audit & Personnel dated 8 February 2016

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations of the Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee be adopted.

- 112.1.1 Members commented that three Capital Schemes had been listed. A wish list of further possible projects needed to be generated for the June Council meeting and then acted upon.

With the above amendment the recommendations were accepted.

112.2 Greens & Buildings dated 15 February 2016

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations of the Greens & Buildings Sub-Committee be adopted.

112.2.1 Minute 2.3

It was agreed that 'contractors' should read 'consultants'

112.2.2 Minute 4.3

A member asked if any information had been obtained concerning the excavations. The Town Clerk advised that the excavations had been carried out by Gwynedd Archaeological Trust but they had been working as sub-contractors. They had completed the survey and presented a report to Anglesey County Council. The Trust stated that it had not been responsible for erecting the fence, and the reinstatement

of the ground and removal of the fence was the responsibility of Anglesey County Council. The meeting agreed that Anglesey County Council should be contacted and asked to deal with the restoration of the ground as soon as possible.

112.2.3 Members said that the County Council should be contacted as a matter of urgency, the Town Clerk having powers to act. The old Gaol and Courthouse were historic properties in Beaumaris, and the town should have been consulted first if there were plans to offer the premises out for other organisations/groups to operate. They could easily be run as a community enterprise on a non-profit basis.

112.2.4 Minute 3.4

Members asked if there had been any progress. The Town Clerk said that the Chairman of Miles Macadam was away on leave, but he was hopeful that a deal could be done.

112.2.5 Minute 2.4

The Town Mayor said that he was against having a compost heap within the Cemetery. Members commented that the idea had been to set one up on a temporary basis. Following further discussion, it was agreed by a majority to refer this matter back to another meeting of the Greens & Buildings Sub-Committee.

With the above points it was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Greens & Buildings Sub-Committee.

113.0 ITEM REFERRED FROM JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING:

113.1 Current points system for allocating Social Housing

The Town Clerk advised that members had asked for details of the points system for allocating sheltered accommodation back in 2010. The system had not changed and a copy of the response had been circulated to members. This system should be considered in parallel with the new proposed system. Mrs Karen Roberts, Principle Housing Officer, had agreed to attend a meeting of the Town Council in March in order to discuss the issues of concern to members.

114.0 ITEM REFERRED FROM JANUARY FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

114.1 Macebearers' Hats

The Town Clerk said he had contacted the company that had produced the new Macebearers' hats. They had advised him that they could re-cover them in dark blue, but this would not be a simple job. They did not normally supply colours other than black. In addition, he had investigated the uniforms used by other Councils; it seemed most had black robes for Macebearers. The cost of these robes was put to members. Following a short discussion it was agreed that dark blue had been the colour used by the Town's Macebearers for many years, and should continue to be used.

Recommendation to Council:

That the Macebearers' hats be re-covered in dark blue.

115.0 ADOPTION OF RATES ESTIMATES 2016-2017

Proposed by the Town Mayor

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor

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.

It was noted that the increase in the precept was minimal. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Council staff be congratulated for producing the Rates Estimates and that an item should be placed in the Newsletter to inform residents of the minimal increase in the local precept.

116.0 TO CONFIRM THE CHARGES FOR 2016-2017

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the charges recommended for 2016-2017 be accepted.

117.0 REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ONE-WAY SYSTEM AND LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS

The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor declared an interest and left the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor F Carr take the Chair.

Councillor F Carr took the Chair.

The Town Clerk said that the Public Meeting to determine the views of residents in the town had taken place. Prior to the meeting, the officer from Anglesey County Council had made it clear that the Highways Department did not wish to introduce a scheme unless there was an overwhelming majority of people in favour of it. It would take a year to set up and there would have to be another Public Consultation. It was further stated during the meeting that the scheme should not be linked to a possible zebra crossing in Castle Street, and other traffic problems such as near the Red Boat did not hinge on this decision for a one-way system. About 40 people had attended the meeting and it was clear that the majority were not in favour of a one-way system being introduced.

A member stated that he had attended the meeting and it was quite clear that the people attending had not been in favour of a one-way system. He proposed and it was seconded that the status quo remain, since the officer from the Highways had made it clear that there would only be a marginal benefit by the introduction of the system. He asked for a recorded vote. Five members stood in support of a recorded vote. A member said that the original report from the Highways Department had said that there would be benefits by the introduction of the system. It was pointed out that the person drawing up the report had been the officer who had attended the meeting, who now said that there were only marginal benefits.

At a vote, Councillors Brimecombe, Davies, Gallichan, M Jones and Parry were in favour. Councillors F Carr, J Carr, Grant and S Zalot were against. Thus the proposal was carried.

The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

Members noted that it was approaching 10.00 pm

It was proposed that the meeting be suspended and re-convened on Monday 29 February. This proposal was seconded was carried unanimously.

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**Deputy Mayor
Councillor G Evans Jones**

Date