

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor R J Parry
Councillor C J Theakston

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

101.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I Davies declared a prejudicial interest in Item 106.1.10, Allotments, : Permission to keep poultry, as he is an Allotment holder
The Town Mayor declared an interest in item 118 Rent of Garage, as her son owns the garage in question
Councillor J Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in Item 106.1.10, Allotments: Permission to keep poultry, as family members are Allotment holders.

102.0 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no Planning Applications

103.0 TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

103.1 12C476 Gradston, Rosemary Lane, Beaumaris
Full application for alterations and extensions
Granted

103.2 12C387C 17 Rose Hill, Beaumaris
Full application for the installation of a window on the first floor at the rear of the house
Granted

103.3 12C187T NatWest, 5 Bulkeley Terrace, Beaumaris
Full application for the replacement of an ATM
Granted

103.4 12C187R/LB NatWest, 5 Bulkeley Terrace, Beaumaris
Listed Building Consent for the replacement of an ATM
Granted

103.5 12C478 Beaumaris Cemetery, Beaumaris
 Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order and works to trees in a Conservation Area
Granted

103.6 12C477/CA Bryn Canol, Y Bryn, Beaumaris
 Notification of intention to fell a tree in a Conservation Area
No objection

104.0 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

There were no other planning matters

105.0 BILLS FOR PAYMENT

105.1 Balances as at 23 January 2017

Business Direct Reserve	£355,197.91*
General	18,559.52
Imprest	9,051.73

Total	£382,809.16
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* In addition to this sum £20,000 is set aside for the year-to-year working balance.

105.2 Imprest account payments since last meeting on 19 December

22 December	
Net pay (+ 2 weeks advance weekly pay)	5,281.39

12 January 2017	
Net Pay	932.06
HMRC	1,605.54
Gwynedd Council	2,321.96

19 January	
Net Pay	847.26

105.3 Bills for payment

4868	Menai Tool Hire	7.80
4869	Photostatic	42.86
4870	J R Webster	51.13
4871	Southern Electric	79.64
4872	T W Ashenden	119.79
4873	Designer Signs North Wales Ltd	132.00
4874	Evans Bros	136.95
4875	Western Platforms	252.00
4876	BT Payment Services	319.20
4877	B Roberts (Paints)	356.52
4878	Huws Gray	572.29
4879	Merlin Fireworks	3,720.00
4880	Petty Cash	200.00
4881	BTC Imprest a/c	12,000.00

Total	£17,990.18
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It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

106.0 CORRESPONDENCE

106.1 Correspondence read out

106.1.1 The Ombudsman: Overview of Model Code of Conduct 2008 (amended April 2016)

The Town Clerk summarised the provisions.

106.1.2 Standards Committee: Summary of revised guidelines from Public Services Ombudsman for Wales re changes in Code of Conduct

The town Clerk summarised the key points of the revised guidelines.

Recommendation to Council:

To adopt the summary

106.1.3 Anglesey County Council Monitoring Officer: Use of mobile telephones in meetings

The Town Clerk summarised the Monitoring Officer's comments.

It was proposed and seconded that in future, if press and public are excluded, any recording of proceedings or commenting on social media by Councillors should stop.

An amendment that mobile phones should be switched off at all times was defeated by a majority (Councillors Gallichan and S Zalot voting against)

The substantive proposal was then passed by a majority.

Recommendation to Council:

That if press and public are excluded, any recording of proceedings or commenting on social media by Councillors should stop.

106.1.4 Welsh Local Government Association: Candidates' Guide – Local Elections in Wales 2017

The document has been updated in advance of the May Elections.

The Town Clerk advised that formal notification of the elections would be done by Anglesey County Council. A Newsletter article explaining that elections are happening is not likely to be a problem, but he will double-check.

Recommendation to Council: (by a majority)

To put an article in the Newsletter advising residents that there will be an election.

The Town Clerk said that in keeping with a previous resolution, he will use the article to publish Councillors' attendance records.

106.1.5 Menter Mon: Community Library Study Leader Programme 2014-2020, Final Report from Transformations Group

Concern was expressed that locally-raised revenues would be retained in the central budget. It was pointed out that the County Council's Consultant had identified that the car park and its income could be transferred with the Library.

Councillors observed that anyone taking on the Library should ensure that they also obtain the income from the car park.

106.1.6 Anglesey County Council Head of Housing Services: Affordable Housing in response to letter from Town Council

Recommendation to Council:

To send details of the site to Anglesey County Council

106.1.7 Valuation Office Agency: 2017 revaluation of Public Conveniences, School Lane

The Town Clerk is still pressing the case that Beaumaris Town Council should have the same deal as that currently on offer to the other Community Councils, ie not paying Business Rates

106.1.8 Mrs Linda Edwards: Access to beach at West End

The gates are now open. The Council receives notification when flood alerts are issued, but the end of a flood alert is not formally notified, they simply expire

Recommendation to Council:

To have a procedure in place to ensure flood gates are re-opened when a flood alert expires.

106.1.9 Mr & Mrs Fairclough: The Green at Beaumaris

The work done and planned to maintain the Green was outlined.

Dog fouling is the responsibility of the owners.

Councillors have previously expressed the view that it is better that locally-owned commercial vehicles and camper vans are better on the Green than causing obstructions in the town's streets.

Recommendation to Council:

To reply, outlining the Council's plan and stating that the parking of commercial vehicles is within current policy.

106.1.10 Allotment Association: Request to keep poultry on a plot

Councillors Davies and J Zalot left the meeting

Keeping hens and rabbits is allowed by the Allotment Act. The Allotment Association supports the application.

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request

Councillors Davies and J Zalot rejoined the meeting

106.1.11 Sonia of Beaumaris: New Partnership

The change was noted

106.1.12 Beaumaris Cricket Club: Donation Request

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to a donation of £350 to support hire of facilities and to buy equipment

106.1.13 Iorwerth Rowlands Centre: Donation request

The new arrangements will come into effect with the new Council. A request can be made when the renewal premium is requested.

The Town Mayor joined the meeting

106.1.14 Woodturners Association of Gwynedd: Dates for Town Hall bookings

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the requested dates

106.1.15 Always Aim High Events: Request to raise barrier for Anglesey Half Marathon

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request

106.1.16 Straits Art Society: Exhibition dates

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request

106.1.17 Public Meeting Thursday 26 January

The Town Clerk drew attention to the meeting organised by Rhun ap Iorwerth AM

106.1.18 Seiriol Alliance Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 31 January at 18.00 in Llanddona

106.2 Correspondence not read out

106.2.1	Anglesey County Council	Executive's Forward Work Programme
106.2.2	Anglesey County Council	T & C C Liaison Forum Minutes 24 November
106.2.3	Anglesey County Council	Overgrowth at Mount Field
106.2.4	Anglesey County Council	BT Consultation responses
106.2.5	Anglesey County Council	Heritage Assets presentation 11 January
106.2.6	Councillor Carwyn Jones	Stanley Street resurfacing
106.2.7	Councillor Carwyn Jones	Gypsy and Traveller sites update
106.2.8	Councillor Carwyn Jones	Recycling boxes collections
106.2.9	Welsh Government	Appointment notice
106.2.10	Welsh Government	Proposed ban on plastic microbeads
106.2.11	Town Mayor	Higher Apprenticeships information
106.2.12	Town Mayor	Mayor's Charity event
106.2.13	Town Mayor	Heritage Assets meeting
106.2.14	Town Mayor	Happy Valley Pavilion
106.2.15	Councillor J Zalot	Flood Wardens' meeting and update
106.2.16	Councillor I Davies	Declaration of Interest
106.2.17	One Voice Wales	Area Committee meeting 17 January
106.2.18	One Voice Wales	Training opportunities 2017
106.2.19	One Voice Wales	Bathing water review in Wales 2017
106.2.20	One Voice Wales/Bruno Peek	'Battle's Over ' 11 November 2018
106.2.21	Medrwn Mon	New services for Anglesey residents
106.2.22	Richard Spencer	Vermin/Pier lights
106.2.23	Designer Signs	Town Hall Doors
106.2.24	Zurich Insurance	Feedback request
106.2.25	BDO	Update on invoice arrangements for Audit
106.2.26	Mike Williams, Castle	Christmas Tree – H & S
106.2.27	National Grid	Thanks for feedback
106.2.28	SLCC	News Bulletin
106.2.29	Hall Parkin	Barrier machine not working
106.2.30	CCTV User Group	Conference 24 May
106.2.31	Chamber of Trade	Minutes of meeting 13 December
106.2.32	Playquest Adventure	Inspection/Incident forms
106.2.33	PCSO Teleri Jones	Contact information
106.2.34	Menter a Busnes	Finance workshops
106.2.35	Tenovus	Donation request
106.2.36	Action on Hearing Loss Cymru	Donation request
106.2.37	Macmillan Cancer Support	Donation request
106.2.38	Mon CF	Play Area maintenance
106.2.39	Reece Gritbins	Large gritbins offers
106.2.40	Sell2Wales support	Request to update number
106.2.41	E-on	Electricity contract/prices
106.2.42	CCTV User Group	Annual Conference 22-24 May
106.2.43	Welsh Government	National Parks Appointment
106.2.44	National Assembly	Consultation on the Trade Union (Wales) Bill

107.0 TO RECEIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

107.1 Audit & Personnel dated 16 January 2017

107.1.1 Minute 2.3

In response to a question, it was said that Code 264 was renamed to include expenditure on decorative lights etc which are not part of the Victorian Christmas event.

The Town Clerk reported that £500 under Code 263 was for fireworks at the Mayor's Charity event which was refunded by the Bonfire Committee.

107.1.2 Minute 3.1

It was pointed out that 21 days was not a realistic time frame.

It was resolved (by a majority) to amend the deadline to the end of the financial year. The Town Clerk said that this depends on finding someone suitable to do the review.

Recommendation to Council:

To adopt the report of the Audit & Personnel Committee

107.2 Rates Estimates 2017-2018

The Town Clerk explained key points for the benefit of members not present at the Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee meeting.

Capital Schemes have had to be curtailed in view of the likely expense of the Cemetery works. If the Cemetery works prove to be less expensive, the budget can be reallocated to other projects.

There was a discussion of the proposed parking charges. Some Councillors were of the opinion that £4 for overnight parking would not discourage camper vans but would have an impact on the trade in the town. A proposal to retain a charge of £1 after 18.00 was defeated by a majority.

Recommendation to Council:

To adopt the Rates Estimates.

108.0 ITEM REFERRED FROM JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING:

108.1 Big Wheel on Green for Easter-Early May Bank Holiday

There was a discussion as to whether, despite the charitable donation, this amounted to commercial activity on the Green.

Recommendation to Council: (by majority)

To agree to the request.

109.0 REPORT ON MEETING WITH OFFICERS OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS OLD BATHS SITE

The Town Clerk reported back from the meeting.

Anglesey County Council did agree to inspect the site. Their powers are limited to making safe, they cannot insist on demolition, The Town Council has been advised by its lawyers that there is no right of assess over Council land to the site.

Recommendation to Council:

To have a further discussion at a future meeting

110.0 UPDATE ON INSURANCE CLAIM FOR INCIDENT ON GREEN

The Town Clerk told Councillors that he had instructed Zurich to settle on best possible terms. This cost the Council £100 excess. To delay settlement would have increased the cost of settlement. To have risked going to Court without the insurer's support would have exposed Councillors to accusations of misuse of public funds.

Recommendation to Council:

To endorse the actions of the Town Clerk

111.0 UPDATE ON PROPOSED WORKS AT BEAUMARIS CEMETERY

The options and potential costs were explained. Further steps to validate the design would be worthwhile.

Mr Dewi Williams of Anglesey County Council has offered his assistance.

The possibility of external funding was discussed.

Recommendation to Council:

To accept Mr Williams' offer with a view to validating the proposal

112.0 ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH FOLLOWING FIRE ON 4 DECEMBER AND CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO CHURCH CLOCK

The Town Clerk reported that he had inspected the clock. The clock appears to be undamaged, but he will arrange for Smith of Derby to carry out a proper inspection.

113.0 PROGRESS ON RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT OF FIRE ESCAPE, REPAIR WORK AND MATTERS RELATING TO USE OF TOWN HALL

The Town Clerk reported discussion with Mr David Jump about the fire escape. The way forward has been identified.

Recommendation to Council:

To progress replacement/refurbishment

The work recommended by the Fire Inspector has been done. There are some issues that need to be raised with Castle Players.

Recommendation to Council:

To write to Castle Players including the need to have the banner higher over the door.

114.0 PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR PLANT/GROUND MAINTENANCE

Recommendation to Council:

To proceed to obtain quotes for a trailer and a bowser

115.0 REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF TICKET MACHINE AND SIGNS FOR GREEN

The current machine needs repairs and a new coin sorter at an estimated cost of £1000. A new machine would cost £3,500

Recommendation to Council:

To purchase a new machine

Recommendation to Council:

To place signs warning people that there is no exit from the Promenade when the flood gates are shut

116.0 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

116.1 Purchase of lights for Archway and trees at Happy Valley

Recommendation to Council:

To agree in principle and to get costs for the purchase of solar powered lights for under the Arch and to decorate trees at Happy Valley

116.2 Issue concerning Christmas Trees on lamps at Castle Square

Anglesey County Council have complained that the Town Council should have asked permission

Recommendation to Council:

To write to apologise

117.0 DOG FOULING

Recommendation to Council:

To investigate the need for bins and signs around the town.

It was resolved nem con to suspend Standing Orders to allow for completion of business

118.0 RENT OF GARAGE IN BEAUMARIS FOR STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT

The Town Mayor left the meeting.

A garage is available at £87 per month. As the owner is the Mayor's son, the payment will have to be published.

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the rental

The Town Mayor rejoined the meeting

119.0 PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE FLOWER PLANTING BUDGET TO BEAUMARIS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk pointed out that the Financial Regulations do not allow Councillors (or the public) to enter into contracts on behalf of the Council.

It was explained that the Committee wanted to be involved so that there was a consistent appearance throughout the town. There is scope for the Committee to talk to officers to suggest planting schemes etc.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor G Evans Jones**

Date