

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

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor F R Carr
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor J R Carr
Councillor I Davies
Councillor G Evans-Jones
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor C J Theakston (arrived at 8.00pm)
Councillor J P Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor M Jones
Councillor S Zalot

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

65.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

66.0 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

66.1 12C4E/4 1 Cae Mair Uchaf, Beaumaris

Full application for the erection of a dwelling which includes a balcony together with the construction of a vehicular access on land at the rear
(Amended plans and drainage details)

The Town Council had previously recommended refusal on grounds of visual impact and the impact of surface water run-off on neighbouring properties. Some changes have been made to the drainage.

Recommendation to Council:

To recommend refusal on the grounds of visual impact and impact on surface water drainage.

66.2 12C193M/1/TPO HPB Henllys, Beaumaris

Application for works to two Sycamore trees and two Oak trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order

Councillors considered that shading of property was not sufficient reason for removal of trees protected by a tree preservation order.

Recommendation to Council:

To recommend refusal.

67.0 TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

67.1 12C207B Mor Awel, York Terrace, Beaumaris

Full application for demolition of the existing garage together with alterations and extensions

GRANTED

67.2 12C485A/TPO Henllys Lodge, Beaumaris
Application for works to Sycamore trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order
GRANTED

67.3 12C485 Henllys Lodge, Llanfaes
Full application for alterations and extensions which include raising the roof height together with demolition of the existing garage and erection of a new garage
GRANTED

68.0 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

68.1 Notice of Appeal
12C49P/DEL Casita, Beaumaris
Application under Section 73 for the removal of condition (09) (occupiers age restriction) from planning permission reference 12C49M/VAR (erection of 35 flats)
Councillors continue to hold the same objections as were submitted in the original submission. They also have concerns about the potential for landslips.

Recommendation to Council:

To maintain the current position and to object to removal of the condition.

68.2 Tom C Bennett: Further information in response to refusal of application 12C49Q for works to TPO trees at Casita

The Town Council had recommended refusal on the basis that there was no documentary evidence of need for the work. Further information has now been provided.

Recommendation to Council:

To continue to recommend refusal.

68.3 One Voice Wales: Public Meeting to oppose a second row of Pylons 27 October at Tre-Ysgawen Hall

The Town Mayor plans to attend. Town Councillors expressed concern that despite local opposition National Grid had not shifted their position on the pylon line.

69.0 BILLS FOR PAYMENT

69.1 Balances as at 23 October 2017

Business Direct Reserve	£305,223.08*
General	153,581.79
Imprest	3,382.90
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Total	£462,187.77
Less VAT due	1,812.93
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	£460,374.84

* In addition to this sum £20,000 is set aside for the year-to-year working balance. The Town Clerk reported that VAT payments of around £29,000 had been made in the last quarter.

69.2 Imprest account payments since last meeting on 25 September 2017

28 September
Net Pay 3,955.03

5 October

Net Pay	1,342.67
Gwynedd Council	1,690.54
HMRC	2,152.48

12 October Net Pay	1,360.75
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19 October Net Pay	1,311.98
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69.3 Bills for payment

5062 Guild of Macebearers	35.00
<i>This payment was held over until the next meeting.</i>	
5063 SSE	42.52
5064 Photostatic	47.67
5065 PHS	60.00
5066 F E Roberts	104.55
5067 P S Green	114.04
5068 Wales Audit Office	200.25
5069 Huws Gray	207.42
5070 BT	224.41
5071 Evans Bros	253.52
5072 WTFC	400.00
5073 A & C Landscapes	3,890.00
5074 BTC Imprest a/c	12,000.00
5075 RBL Poppy Appeal	200.00
<i>The Town Clerk reported that this payment includes a donation of £50 towards extra crosses and an additional wreath.</i>	

Total	£17,744.38
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Resolved, with the above points, that the bills be paid.

79.0 CORRESPONDENCE

70.1 Correspondence read out

70.1.1 Independent Review Panel: Draft Annual Report

The Town Clerk reported that the proposals will require Town Councils with a turnover of more than £200,000 to pay allowances to Councillors.

Recommendation to Council:

To decline allowances to Councillors but continue to pay an allowance to the Town Mayor. The report will be referred to Audit and Personnel Committee for detailed consideration and to consider payment of an allowance to the Deputy Mayor. A response is to be made to the consultation saying that the Town Council does not want to pay an allowance to Councillors.

70.1.2 Dr Gwen Richards: Tourist Information Point issues

The Town Clerk outlined the work that had been done. It is not practically possible to reinstate the 'I' sign. Some concern was expressed that no reply had been sent to the original letter though several discussions had been held with the TIP volunteers and Dr Richards.

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to a meeting with Council to discuss and resolve concerns.

70.1.3 Mrs Michelle Mulligan: 'A' Boards and signs on pavements

Councillors were reminded of previous guidance from the Highways Authority that in practice the choice was between the current position or to have no sign boards at all. Councillors expressed concern that advertising boards were now getting out of control in Beaumaris.

Recommendation to Council:

To reply to Mrs Mulligan stating what steps had been taken previously and outlining Anglesey County Council's response. Also to write to the County Council asking them to look at the problem with a view getting rid of all the signs. The matter will also be raised with the county Councillors when they attend Council.

70.1.4 Councillor S Zalot: Standing Orders

Councillors observed that the decision had followed proper procedures going through Audit and Personnel, Finance and Planning and Council. The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that they had been advised that the decision not to seek three tenders was outside the Councils financial regulations and that the expenditure was not in the budget. The Town Mayor observed that the need for urgent action had been a factor in the decision to go with a single quote.

Councillor Theakston joined the meeting (8.05 pm)

Recommendation to Council (by majority: 8 for, none against, 3 abstentions):

To reply stating that the discussions had been in accordance with Council procedures and that if he still has concerns he can raise the matter with the Monitoring Officer.

70.1.5 Lt Col (Retd) John Brooke: Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

The Town Clerk reported that the rector had agreed that the 2018 service will start at 10.00 with a service of remembrance at the cenotaph at 11.00. The Royal British Legion will marshal the wreath laying and Lt Col Brooke will act as parade marshal. The Town Clerk reported that reception has been re-instated at the Yacht Club to give access to a licensed bar. The refreshments will be provided by the Town Council. Councillors commented that it was out of order to vary the Council's decision to hold the reception at the Town Hall without consultation.

70.1.6 One Voice Wales: 'Memorandum of Understanding' – Burial charges for children

Recommendation to Council:

The Town Council will sign up to the Memorandum of Understanding and provide free burials for the under 18s. A response will be sent.

70.1.7 Anglesey Tourism Association: Response from Anglesey Local Access Forum to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Consultation Document

Received

70.1.8 Rev Neil Fairlamb: Repointing of Church Tower

The Town Clerk reported that there had been meetings with Rev Fairlamb. Councillors confirmed that their intention was not to have all four sides of the tower repointed.

Councillor J Zalot left the meeting (8.30).

Recommendation to Council:

To reply stating that only one side of the tower needs to be repointed.

70.1.9 Gwynedd & Clwyd Craftworkers: Craft Fair on Green 26-29 May 2018

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request.

70.1.10 Jonathan Hughes: Memorial bench on Green

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request, the bench is to be of similar style to existing benches and that the Town Clerk has powers to act.

70.1.11 Shareen Turner: Memorial bench details

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the design. Also to write to the County Council to ask if benches could be sited on stone built part of the pier.

70.1.12 Welsh Government: Boundary Commission for Wales – Revised Proposals report 2018

The revised proposals are in line with the comments made by the Town Council in response to the original consultation.

70.1.13 Playquest: Annual Maintenance Contract

Recommendation to Council:

To take up the offer of a discounted maintenance contract at £300.

70.1.14 Town & Community Councils Liaison Forum: Forthcoming meetings schedule

The next meetings will be on 21 November and 22 March at 7.00pm.

70.1.15 Anglesey County Council: Code of Conduct Training Sessions at Llangefni

The Town Clerk provided dates of the training sessions. The Town Mayor will attend on the 13 November. Other Councillors interested in attending should let the Town Clerk know.

70.1.16 Public Relations Officer, Anglesey County Council: Request to meet with Council to discuss Extra Care Housing in the Seiriol Area

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request.

70.1.17 Robert Macaulay: Request to use the Green for Charity Fayre 26 August 2018

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request to use the Stones Area.

70.2 Correspondence not read out

70.2.1	Anglesey County Council	Executive's Forward Work programme
70.2.2	Anglesey County Council	Firework display from Pier 4 November
70.2.3	Anglesey County Council	Review of members' register of interests
70.2.4	Anglesey County Council	Standards Committee Ballot paper
70.2.5	Anglesey County Council	Post on RNLI slipway
70.2.6	Anglesey County Council	Innovation funding workshop for SMEs
70.2.7	Welsh Government	Review of Community & Town Sector
70.2.8	Welsh Government	Guidance on the Review of Communities
70.2.9	One Voice Wales	Spaces available – Training Sessions
70.2.10	One Voice Wales	Members' registers of interest
70.2.11	One Voice Wales	Independent Review Panel – Call to Evidence
70.2.12	Llangefni Town Clerk	Clustering – Funding Support 2017-18
70.2.13	Llanfairpwll Clerk	Staffing enquiry
70.2.14	National Assembly	Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill
70.2.15	Planning Aid Wales	Annual Conference 8 November
70.2.16	Planning Aid Wales	Training for C & T Councils 28 November
70.2.17	CHC Wales	Response to White Paper 'Services for the Future'
70.2.18	Emma Taylor	Corporate Scrutiny Meeting
70.2.19	Rosemary Stewart	Boules/Petanque Court in Happy Valley
70.2.20	Marie-Laure Menetrieux	Disabled roundabout in Boating Pool area
70.2.21	Ann Jay Cee	Beaumaris motorhome policy

Recommendation to Council:

To respond clarifying and explaining the Council's policy.

70.2.22 Vanessa Greveson Chapel Street

70.2.23 Wendy Davies 'Ordinary Men'

70.2.24 Plantscape Spring flowering planters

The Town Clerk agreed to forward the brochure to Beaumaris in Bloom.

70.2.25 Anglesey Library Service Receipt of Town Council's response

Councillor Rowlands stated that the Canolfan had made a bid to run the library. The status of the library will be part of the negotiations.

71.0 ZURICH INSURANCE: COUNCIL POLICY RENEWAL

Councillors were reminded that following a tender exercise Zurich have a five year agreement to provide insurance.

Recommendation to Council:

To accept the quote.

72.0 ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL: FLOOD ALLEVIATION, B5109 LLANFAES AND HAPPY VALLEY

The Town Clerk outlined details of conversations and correspondence with Rowland Thomas. Anglesey County Council have made an application to Welsh Government for funds to do work along the B5109 towards Llanfaes. The County Council have asked if the Town Council would consider match funding the work (approx £23,000). In the meantime some minor repairs (plus signage) will be made to the footway on the seaward side of the road.

Rowland Thomas will attend the November Council meeting to discuss this and other proposed works. The information that he has already provided will be circulated in advance.

Councillors expressed concern that some individual Councillors had been having independent discussions with Mr Thomas.

73.0 LLANFAES BUS SHELTER

The current damaged bus shelter does not provide shelter and is a hazard.

The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that this year's entire capital budget had been allocated to the cemetery landslip project and that no capital was available for other projects.

Recommendation to Council:

To obtain estimates for replacement of the bus shelter.

74.0 STAFF WEEDKILLING TRAINING

Recommendation to Council:

That Gwyn Owen and Wyn Roberts will receive training.

75.0 BOATING POOL SURROUND

The work is needed but all capital was allocated by Council to the cemetery landslip works. The risk assessments will be updated as part of the contract with Ellis Whittam.

76.0 CEMETERY LANDSLIP: PROGRESS REPORT

Councillors were told that a revised design has been produced. The estimated cost is now £185,000. Dewi Williams (Head of Service Highways, Waste and property, ACC) has approached Welsh Government about possible funding.

77.0 ONE VOICE WALES: WELSH LANGUAGE CHAMPIONS

Councillor J Carr left the meeting (9.25 pm)

Recommendation to Council:

To not nominate a Champion

78.0 ECOLAB: SEAGULL DETERRENT PROPOSAL

The proposal for a demonstration was discussed. Councillors were reluctant to commit to the potential expense given the possibility of negative publicity. The Town Mayor noted that there did not seem to be a seagull problem in Llandudno.

Recommendation to Council:

To contact Llandudno Council to ask what deterrent measures they take. To ask Ecolab for potential costs before asking for a demonstration.

Councillors were updated on investigations into the usefulness of anti bird gel. Anti-roosting wires at Happy Valley will be more effective.

Recommendation to Council:

To install anti-roosting wires on the Happy Valley pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Chairman
Councillor C M Brimecombe

Date