

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 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 D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor M Jones
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Administrative Assistant was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Evans-Jones
Councillor I Davies

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

79.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 93.0 Honorary Burgess
Councillor D Gallichan declared a prejudicial interest in item 80.3 Planning Application as he works for Anglesey Boat Company and leases a shed at Gallows Point.
Councillor M Jones declared an interest in item 84.1.10 Letter of Thanks as a director of Beaumaris Food Festival. Advice was given that due to the nature of the item the interest was not prejudicial.
Councillor S Zalot declared a prejudicial interest in item 84.1.10 the owner of a shed at Gallows Point.

80.0 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

80.1 12C91C/TPO Tros yr Afon, Beaumaris
Application for works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order
Taken with 80.2 below.

80.2 12C91D/TPO Tros yr Afon, Beaumaris
Application for works to Beech, Lime and Oak trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order
Councillors expressed concern that this appeared to be another case when trees were being removed for cosmetic reasons. In an area prone to flooding trees perform a valuable function taking up ground water.
Resolved nem con to recommend refusal.

80.3 12C266R Powermarine Yard, Gallows Point, Beaumaris
Full application for the erection of a 17.5m high telecommunications mast together with the installation of an associated base station (amended application)
Councillors D Gallichan and S Zalot left the meeting
Councillors welcomed the expected improvement in mobile phone coverage in the town.

Resolved nem con to recommend approval.

81.0 TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

81.1 12C329D/LB 4 Raglan Street, Beaumaris
Listed Building Consent for alterations and extensions
GRANTED

81.2 12C49Q/TPO Casita, Beaumaris
Application for works to hybrid Black Poplar, Lime and Cherry trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order
GRANTED

81.3 12C130D Felin Cichle, Beaumaris
Full application to extend the curtilage of the caravan site
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

82.0 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

82.1 Anglesey County Council: Temporary Prohibition of through traffic (Flood Alleviation Scheme Beaumaris) Wexham Street, Maes Hyfryd and Ffordd Meigan
Resolved nem con to recommend approval

82.2 Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Ltd: Consultation on an application for a new bespoke environmental permit under Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2016
Resolved (by majority with 2 votes against): To receive

82.3 Joint Local Development Plan – Housing Policy in Beaumaris
Councillors were briefed on some key policies in the new plan which apply to Beaumaris including local market housing and affordable housing.
Resolved: To receive.

83.0 BILLS FOR PAYMENT

It was confirmed that Councillor Rowlands is now on the bank mandate.

83.1 Balances as at 27 November 2017

Business Direct Reserve	£305,225.83*
General	137,509.54
Imprest	2,762.90
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Total	445,498.27
Less VAT due	3,502.43
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	£441,995.84

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

83.2 Imprest account payments since last meeting on 23 October 2017

26 October	
Net Pay	3,922.06
02 November	
Net Pay	1,258.87
09 November	

Net Pay	1,274.85
HMRC	1,890.24
Gwynedd Council	1,912.10

16 November	
Net Pay	1,512.85

23 November	
Net Pay	806.69

83.3 Bills for payment

5093	Gwynedd Trophies	22.00
5094	National Piers Society	30.00
5095	BestHost	31.50
5096	Mrs Kim Owen	69.66
5097	Alpha Business Centre	102.73
5098	T W Ashenden	124.80
5099	Photostatic	130.61
5100	Venesta Washrooms	160.32
5101	Cynan Electrical	206.40
5102	Beaumaris Print	245.00
5103	Evans Bros	235.65
5104	City Electrical	333.60

Recommendation to Council:

To ensure that LED lights are installed before next Christmas.

5105	ACE Lifts	372.00
5106	B Roberts (Paints)	394.66
5107	CCTV Services	674.77
5108	Cumbria Clock Co	3,045.60
5109	Grosvenor Construction	5,676.00
5110	Merlin Fireworks	9,240.00
5111	Beaumaris Sea Scout Group (Section 137 Donation)	391.28
5112	Beaumaris Bowling Club (Section 137 Donation)	700.00
5113	Beaumaris Rowing Club (Section 137 Donation)	500.00
5114	Beaumaris Town FC (Section 137 Donation)	1,250.00
5115	David Hughes Community Centre (Section 137 Donation)	1,397.60
5116	Thomas Close Play Area (Playgrounds Support)	625.20
5117	MSOD (Section 137 Donation)	400.00
5118	Petty Cash	250.00
5119	BTC Imprest A/c	10,000.00

Total	£36,609.38
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Resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

84.0 CORRESPONDENCE

84.1 Correspondence read out

84.1.1 Anglesey County Council: Initial Budget Proposals 2018/19 Consultation Document and Stakeholder Workshop 12 December 2017

Councillor S Zalot reported from a recent stakeholder meeting. Anglesey County Council propose a 4% increase in Council tax plus a further 1% ring fenced for social services. There is an expectation that Community Councils will increase their precepts to cover the costs of services such as public toilets. Councillor Zalot observed that for Beaumaris, with a relatively small tax base, there is limited scope for raising very much more from the precept.

It was reported that the County Council appear to recognise the special needs of Beaumaris and Amlwch but do not accept that some of the issues have been created by their policies which have removed key services from these towns.

Councillor Rowlands reported that the Canolfan have been in discussions with Anglesey County Council with a view to acting as a commissioning agent for services designed to help people (e.g. elderly) continue to live in their own homes.

Recommendation to Council:

To receive.

84.1.2 Jan deKoning: Possible visit of Big Wheel 23 March-15 April 2018

Councillors felt that this would make a good start to the 2018 tourist season.

Recommendation to Council (by majority with 2 votes against):

To agree in principle subject to discussions about fee and location.

84.1.3 Rosamund Hattey: Gaol and Courthouse

Councillors were informed that the Executive of Anglesey County Council had agreed in principle to a transfer of the freehold of Gaol and Court House to the Town Council for no consideration. The Town Council now expects a period of negotiation, for example about the condition of the properties, to ensure that they are handed over in a proper condition.

A Gaol and Court House Sub-Committee will be arranged.

Recommendation to Council:

To reply explaining that the County Council is responsible for the current condition of the buildings.

84.1.4 Monitoring Officer, Anglesey County Council: Candidates selected for Standards Committee

Recommendation to Council:

To receive

84.1.5 One Voice Wales: Community & Town Council Review Panel Consultations and CEO Speech

Recommendation to Council:

To receive

84.1.6 Sarah Zalot: Wales in Bloom Launch 2018

Recommendation to Council:

To agree to the request.

84.1.7 Llangefni Town Clerk: Outcome of Clustering Bid

Recommendation to Council:

To receive

84.1.8 Elin Parry: Extra Care Housing Engagement Campaign

Recommendation to Council:

To receive

84.1.9 Seafarers UK: Fly the Red Ensign Merchant Navy Day 2017 – Certificate of Commemoration

The Town Mayor expressed a desire to make more of the event next year and hoped that the ceremony will be able to be at the Town Hall.

Recommendation to Council:

That the certificate is framed and displayed in the foyer.

84.1.10 Beaumaris Food Festival: Letter of Thanks

Recommendation to Council:

To write to congratulate the Food Festival and expressing a willingness to support the Festival in future.

84.1.11 Anglesey County Council: Universal Credit Briefing

Councillor S Zalot left the meeting

Recommendation to Council:

To receive.

84.2 Correspondence not read out

Recommendation to Council:

To investigate why a letter of complaint received on 6 November was not listed.

Councillor S Zalot rejoined the meeting

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| 84.2.1 | Anglesey County Council | Executive's Forward Work Programme |
| 84.2.2 | Anglesey County Council | T & C Councils Liaison Form meeting 21 November |
| 84.2.3 | Anglesey County Council | Cost of training sessions included in Precept |
| 84.2.4 | Anglesey County Council | Celebrating Anglesey Volunteers |
| 84.2.5 | One Voice Wales | Training Sessions information |
| 84.2.6 | One Voice Wales | Town and Village Greens |
| 84.2.7 | One Voice Wales | Capturing Planning in Images Competition |
| 84.2.8 | One Voice Wales | Local approaches to poverty reduction |
| 84.2.9 | One Voice Wales | Innovative Practice Awards 2018 |
| 84.2.10 | One Voice Wales | Review of C & T Council Sector Consultations |
| 84.2.11 | One Voice Wales | Flanders/Wales WWI Symposium |
| 84.2.12 | One Voice Wales | Appointment of Internal Auditor guidance |

Recommendation to Council:

To refer appointment of a new internal auditor to the Audit and Personnel committee.

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| 84.2.13 | Caernarfon Town Clerk | Contact for new Internal Auditor |
| 84.2.14 | Caernarfon Town Clerk | IRPW Draft Annual Report remarks |
| 84.2.15 | Welsh Government | 21 st Century Schools & Education Programme |
| 84.2.16 | Welsh Government | Consultation on L A Capital Finance & Accounting |
| 84.2.17 | Walled Towns | Annual Dinner 19 January 2018 |
| 84.2.18 | Denbigh Town Clerk | Mayor's Charity Concert 27 January 2018 |
| 84.2.19 | Shareen Turner | Memorial Bench |
| 84.2.20 | Jonathan Hughes | Memorial Bench |
| 84.2.21 | Stephen MacVicar | Dr Jazz Christmas Party 1 December |
| 84.2.22 | Chamber of Trade | Minutes of Meeting 10 October |
| 84.2.23 | Hilary Randall | Photographs of Beaumaris |
| 84.2.24 | Franco Zafiratos | Birds of Prey Demonstration |
| 84.2.25 | Ellis Whittam | Webinars Information |
| 84.2.26 | Baron Hill Estate | Permission for Tree and Fireworks at Castle |
| 84.2.27 | Chris Ward | Access problem at public toilets |
| 84.2.28 | Rev Fairlamb | Church Clock |
| 84.2.29 | Cumbria Clock Co | Church Clock |
| 84.2.30 | Kidney Wales | Gift of Life Stone Re-dedication |
| 84.2.31 | North Wales CHC | Annual Review – Questionnaire |
| 84.2.32 | Welsh Hearts | Donation Request |
| 84.2.33 | Chamber of Trade | Finger Post signs/Kingdom Parking enforcement |
| 84.2.34 | Leah Pickering | Car parking on the Green figures request |
| 84.2.35 | Sion Owen | Welsh speakers at Cae Mair |
| 84.2.36 | Beaumaris Allotments | Thanks for replacement wood for flowerbed |
| 84.2.37 | Cath Grant | NSPCC Carol Concert 11 December |
| 84.2.38 | Dafydd Williams | Bi-lingual website |
| 84.2.39 | Bruno Peek | 'Battle's Over' 2018 update |
| 84.2.40 | Beaumaris Bowling Club | AGM 2017 24 November |
| 84.2.41 | Richard Spencer | Lamps on the Pier |
| 84.2.42 | CCTV Services | Estimate for work in Town Hall/faults on cameras |
| 84.2.43 | Planning Aid Wales | Training Session 28 November |
| 84.2.44 | Wylfa Newydd | Permit Consultation Poster |
| 84.2.45 | Welsh Government | Revised Local Government Scheme 2017 |

85.0 UPDATE ON BUS SHELTER FOR LLANFAES

Quotes from two suppliers have been obtained. The cost will be approximately £2000.

Recommendation to Council:

To continue to progress the project.

86.0 LIZ MILLMAN: SISTER LINK WITH BEAUMARIS IN BAYSIDE, VICTORIA

Recommendation to Council (by majority with one vote 1 against):

To reply encouraging Liz Millman to continue to re-invigorate the link and to investigate how the link could be reactivated.

87.0 PARKING ON THE GREEN

88.1 Chamber of Trade/Howard Roberts: Winter Parking Charges for Beaumaris Green

Councillors were briefed on the financial implications of a reduced parking charge in November, January and February.

Councillors noted that the Town Council support several events (Victorian Christmas, Fireworks) which attract many potential customers to the town. While some businesses support these events financially several do not, even though they benefit by the increase in custom. Councillors were conscious of the many large commitments that the Town Council faced (works at cemetery, Gaol, Court House) and that the Green is the major source of income for the Town Council, significantly greater than Council tax. It was noted that the Town Council does not receive any funds from business rates, the cost of reduced income from the Green would be met by residents (Council tax payers) of the town. The Town Council is willing to work with businesses for the benefit of the town for example the possibility of a voucher scheme (e.g. business giving a discount for parking fee payers) was discussed. It was noted that a similar scheme had been unsuccessfully attempted in the 1990s.

Recommendation to Council:

To continue the current policy. A reply explaining the position will be sent to the chamber of trade.

89.2 Free parking on the Green over Christmas and New Year

Recommendation to Council:

To have free parking on the Green until the New Year.

90.0 CCTV SERVICES LTD: ADDITIONAL CAMERA QUOTES

The funds available will allow additional cameras over and above the ones already agreed.

Recommendation to Council:

To add a location covering Steeple Lane, Wexham Street and the junction with Henllys Lane. Total cost of all additional cameras will be £15,730 including VAT.

91.0 FORMATION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE TO SEEK INSURANCE POLICY FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Councillors clarified that it was their intention that the community organisations form their own committee/hub to negotiate lower insurance premiums.

Recommendation to Council:

The Committee would not be a Sub-Committee of the Council. Community organisations were expected to form their own committee.

92.0 EMERGENCY ITEM - 22 NOVEMBER FLOODING INCIDENT

Councillor J Zalot briefed Councillors on the events. There will be a meeting of flood wardens to identify lessons to be learned and a fuller report will be brought to the next Council meeting.

West End flooded due to the amount of water coming down Mill Stream. The situation got close to needing to mobilise rescue boats and helicopters. Landslips in

the woods have not been cleared which created an additional risk of sudden release of large amounts of water. Use of the existing dam should be considered as a way of attenuating water flow along the stream.

Flooding in Castle Street was caused by a flash flood of water from Wexham Street due to overloaded surface water drains. This is the very problem that the proposed works in Wexham Street were designed to prevent.

The bund in Castle Meadow did slow down the water flow into the moat.

There were concerns in Llanfaes, the river rose very close to some properties.

The problems at Garth Bends was not a landslide. A blocked culvert resulted in an overflow which scoured away soil etc. in a garden below the road. The Highways department have done a lot of work and it is hoped that the road will reopen (with traffic light controlled single lane working) within a week. Councillors agreed that this was just one instance of the risks posed by the state of road. The damage could have been greater even to the extent of injury or loss of life. There are many points of risk along the road including instances of new damage. There are consequential risks associated with the road closure. Tourist coaches can no longer reach the town and some emergency vehicles (e.g. the Fire Brigade's high capacity pumps) cannot get under the low bridges.

Recommendation to Council:

To invite the Welsh Assembly Cabinet Secretary for Transport, the local AM and local MP to come and see the problem first hand so as to increase pressure for a new road. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Dewi Williams (Highways).

Recommendation to Council:

To obtain the names (including the Town Council's staff) of all those who helped on the night and to send a letter of thanks.

Councillors expressed concern at the congestion along the diversion routes into and out of Beaumaris.

Recommendation to Council:

To write to Dewi Williams (Highways) to thank him and his staff for their efforts and ask him to consider addressing the problems on the current access routes in to Beaumaris (clearer low bridge signage, temporary parking restrictions).

Councillors recalled that about nine months ago they requested that Anglesey County Council commission an independent survey of the A545. The results of that request are to be presented to the next Council meeting.

Resolved nem con to exclude the press and public for the next two items to allow confidential discussion of personal information and Council operations.

93.0 REPORT ON COUNCIL'S FINANCES

The Town Mayor reported on recent discussions with the Town Clerk about rumours circulating in town about the Council's finances.

Recommendation to Council:

The matter will be referred to Audit and Personnel for investigation.

94.0 HONORARY BURGESS RECOMMENDATION

The Deputy Mayor left the meeting. The Town Mayor took the Chair.

Recommendation to Council:

To progress the proposal for making a new Honorary Burgess.

The Deputy Mayor rejoined the meeting and took the Chair.

95.0 MRS MARJORIE ROBERTS

Recommendation to Council:

To send a card of condolence to the family of the late Mrs Marjorie Roberts, widow of Mr Eurwyn Roberts, former Mace Bearer. Mrs Roberts died recently.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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Chairman
Councillor C M Brimecombe

Date