

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREENS & BUILDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JULY AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor F R Carr
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor J Carr
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor J P Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor J A Rowlands
Councillor C J Theakston

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

2.0 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor J Carr be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

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3.0 TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor D W Gallichan be elected Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming year.

4.0 THE CEMETERY

4.1 Landslip adjacent to A545

The Town clerk reminded members that Council has approached the Welsh Government for financial support in order to stabilise the ground at the site of the landslip below the Cemetery. The Welsh Government has responded saying that all funds have been allocated for the coming year, but in any event a grant would need to be given via Anglesey County Council. Anglesey County Council has now been approached and the head of Highways had written to the Welsh Government asking for financial support. As suggested by the County Council, the project had been scaled down such that its cost was now estimated to be around £170,000 as opposed to the original £250,000. Emphasis had been placed on the fact that the project was essential to safeguard the integrity of the main highway into Beaumaris. In preparation for a full submission of a grant application, a modified scheme and plans were now being prepared by Groundsolve. The MP was being kept informed since he had offered his support to obtain grant funding.

Members commented that they were pleased with the pro-active support of Anglesey County Council. A member suggested that the Welsh Assembly member for Anglesey be informed and asked for his support.

4.2 The meeting was informed that Anglesey County Council now had a new system for obtaining sand bags in the event of flooding. This meant there would now not be a necessity for Council to store large quantities of sandbags.

4.3 Cemetery Plots

A member stated that local people should be able to purchase grave spaces in advance. He understood Council had a policy of not allowing pre-purchase of graves but wanted the matter looked at again. It was agreed that the possibility of pre-purchasing grave spaces should be referred to a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee.

5.0 THE GREEN

5.1 The Town Clerk stated that the Green had been spiked twice earlier in the year and it was due to be done again in mid-October.

In addition, hollows that had developed in the surface of the Green had been filled with a sandy gravel of the type used by the Food Festival to cover areas of muddy ground when it was setting up in 2016. This particular type of gravel had been successful in improving drainage, and there was evidence that the spiking was aiding the establishment of new grass. On the areas where gravel had been put down, new grass could be seen in lines where the spiker had been used. This suggested that the system was working. Members commented that the warm dry start to the season had helped in reducing muddy areas of the Green.

A member said that the grass growing on the hard standing was longer closer to the kerbs on the edge of the main green. This made it difficult for people to see the kerbs. He asked if staff could cut the grass a bit lower adjacent to the kerb stones. The Town Clerk agreed to ask staff to look at this issue.

5.2 The Town Mayor said that members of the Yacht Club had asked if it would be possible to introduce some type of speed control for vehicles passing in front of the Race Control building during races.

Councillors Gallichan and JP Zalot declared an interest in this item and took no further part.

The Town Clerk said that a letter had already been received from the RAYC and this would be presented to the Finance and Planning meeting.

5.3 A member asked if there had been any progress in the investigation of obtaining a height barrier for the Green.

The Town Clerk said he was yet to go to look at the height barriers placed at Llangoed and on the road to Penmon.

There was a discussion about camper vans parking during the evenings on the Green and staying overnight, and potential problems a height barrier might present in relation to elderly and children's groups visiting Beaumaris in the evenings. It was agreed that these matters needed to be looked at over winter since the installation of a height barrier would not occur prior to the peak summer season.

5.4 A members said that the RAYC had tidied up their section of the Dinghy Park.

The general area open to the public still had various pieces of redundant equipment left on it. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Gallichan would visit the area with the Town Clerk to discuss tidying up of the Dinghy Park.

6.0 HAPPY VALLEY

6.1 The Town Mayor said that he had had a phone call suggesting that plans and permissions for a new pavilion might be obtained in September. It was noted that there was no capital funding for a new pavilion following the allocation of all capital funds to the landslip project at the Cemetery. If grant funding was obtained for this

work funds might become available for other capital projects. Members were of the opinion that priority for capital funds should be directed at the Happy Valley and a new pavilion should be given priority.

6.2 The Town Clerk read out a request for the siting of a Crafting Skill Kiosk at the happy Valley.

It was noted this would be a small kiosk but permission to site it in Happy Valley might be required from Cadw and the Planning Authority, bearing in mind issues that had arisen in the past. It was noted that the kiosk would be a profit-generating enterprise. There were concerns that accepting one kiosk might generate requests for other commercial activities in the Happy Valley.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the applicant suggesting that Castle Square might be a good location for the cabin to be sited, or the Pier.

7.0 THE TOWN HALL

7.1 The Town Clerk reported that the repair work suggested for the lift had been initiated. Similarly, despite the problems that had arisen, he was still pursuing an acceptable design for a new fire escape.

7.2 In response to a question, the Town Clerk stated that a wall sealant for the Tourist Information Point stone walls was being investigated. A member suggested that PVA could be used.

7.3 The Chief Flood Warden said that now the offices were kept locked, he would like to have a cabinet in the Council Chamber to house the Flood Warden's gear.

Recommendation to Finance and Planning Committee:

That a suitable cabinet be obtained for storing the Flood Warden's apparatus.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm