

**MINUTES OF THE GREENS & BUILDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor J A Rowlands

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: The Deputy Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor D W Gallichan

Councillor D R Owen took the Chair

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

2.0 MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF BEAUMARIS BOWLING CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Mr David Mathias, Secretary of the Bowling Club, to the meeting.

Mr Mathias said that in the past the relationship between some members of the Bowling Club and some Councillors had not been good. He hoped that this could be kept in the past, and a better relationship developed to move forward. He said the Bowling Club was only one of a couple of the outdoor activity clubs in the town. It had teams competing in five different leagues. He said that the Bowling Club had written to the Town Council during the past year to raise a number of issues for discussion.

The first of these considered a request for constructing a hand rail between the Coach Park and Happy Valley to assist disabled persons to get into the park. He was pleased to see this had now been done, but wondered if a ramp could be placed in the area to allow wheelchair access. The Town Clerk explained that this matter had been looked at but difficulties had been noted in relation to undercutting the hedge at the far end of Happy Valley, and the water supply. However a new Project Officer was now in place and the issue could be looked at again.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

The project in relation to the construction of a ramp between the Coach Park and Happy Valley be evaluated by the Project Officer

Mr Mathias said that a matter of major concern had been the damage being done to the Bowling Green by rabbits. He was pleased to see that rabbit-proof fencing had been put in place and commended the staff for an excellent job. He wondered if this was a short-term solution since repairs were frequently needed to the fence around the Bowling Green. The Bowling Club had received a grant of £250 from Welsh Water towards the cost of the provision of a new fence. The Club was now thinking of carrying out some repair work to the boarding around the ditches. The Club could pay for the materials and he wondered if the Council staff would be able to do the work.

Mr Mathias said that Bowling Clubs were required to carry out Risk Assessments in relation to Bowling Greens and their surrounding areas. There was a general discussion as to liabilities in relation to using the Bowling Green. It was noted that the Town Council had Public Liability insurance in relation to the general use of the Green by the

public. It was felt that the Bowling Club would need liability cover in relation to the playing of matches against other Clubs.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

The officer who had reviewed Risk Assessments in relation to users of the Green be asked to look at the Risk Assessments for the use of the Bowling Green.

Mr Mathias said the Bowling Club would like to know what was happening with regards to the construction of a new Pavilion.

It was agreed that the facilities operated by the tenant were good but that the Bowling Club only had a small section in which to operate. Members said that priorities for expenditure of Council's reserves had changed in recent years. There had been a landslide at the Cemetery, damage to the Church Clock, and now the Council was taking over responsibility for the Goal and the Courthouse. A new pavilion was under consideration but this needed to be weighed against the other needs for Council's finances.

A few years ago, the Town Council had given a donation towards the purchase of a new mower and associated cassettes. The Bowling Club wondered if the Town Council could insure these items for the Bowling Club or jointly with the Bowling Club. A member stated that a full list of the equipment and its value would be needed. He also wondered if the tenant could insure the equipment as part of her insurance cover. It was agreed that the Bowling Club would investigate the possibility of joint insurance with the tenant.

3.0 THE CEMETERY

- 3.1 There was a general agreement that the Cemetery had been well kept during the past year. In particular, staff had tidied up the workshop area. One problem that still remained was the amount of moss on the side paths of the lower Cemetery. Weedkilling had reduced the problem during the summer, but renovation work was needed.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That the side paths at the lower Cemetery be renovated with new white pebbles.

- 3.2 It was noted that an action remained from a previous meeting in relation to weeds on the top of the belfry. There had been reference to a cherrypicker being used to clear the weeds. The Town Clerk stated that the staff had found it impossible to reach the top of the belfry using the cherrypicker that had been hired.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That the weeds from the top of the belfry be cleared and any repointing necessary be carried out; also that the bell be renovated so that it could be rung.

4.0 THE GREEN

- 4.1 The Town Clerk said a large section of the grassed area of the Green had been returfed, and it was intended to keep this section free from traffic until Easter. In addition a new path was under construction at the entrance to the Green, and it was hoped that this would be completed within the next week.

In relation to the entrance to the Green, the Town Mayor said that the recent Audit & Personnel Sub-Committee had recommended new signage for the Green entrance to make it more welcoming.

- 4.2 The Town Clerk reported that the refurbishment of the Boating Pool area was progressing well, and it was hoped that this would be completed by the end of the month. The Town Mayor said that he was arranging an opening day for the Boating Pool, with local children being invited on the afternoon of Friday 5 April. The Town marquee would be put up in case of bad weather. There would be snacks for the children and a small buffet for members.

- 4.3 It was noted that a previous meeting of the Sub-Committee had discussed damage to the sea wall, and a need for ladders to be constructed from the foreshore to the top of the wall. The Town Clerk said that repairs to the sea wall were now under way by Anglesey County Council.
- 4.4 A member stated that the last meeting had suggested that the possibility of the old Baths site being used as a Lido should be investigated. The Town Clerk said there had not been progress on this matter since a private individual had been given an offer to purchase the site.
- 4.5 The Town Mayor said that he wished to raise the issue of camper vans again. This had been discussed on several previous occasions and he still felt there was a need to develop a policy.
- 4.6 A member commented that there had been a problem with the flood gates reported at the last meeting. The Town Mayor said that he had been in contact with the County Council as Flood Warden, and confirmed that there were problems with the gates which were being investigated. In addition, it has been passed to have a ladder constructed over the flood defence wall. He had been to the site with a contractor and it had been decided that the best location would be in the area where drainage works were currently under way, thus the project was on hold.
- 4.7 The yellow lines on the exit road had been discussed at a previous meeting, and it was now hoped that Anglesey County Council would repaint these as part of the flood defence work programme.
- 4.8 A member stated that the seating area around the RAYC building needed to be repaired. It seemed that people had damaged the slabs presently provided in the seating area.

5.0 HAPPY VALLEY

- 5.1 The Town Clerk said the Bowling Green fence had been renovated, and some repairs carried out to the Pavilion roof.
There was a discussion concerning the Putting Green mower. It was reported that staff needed a roller fitted to the machine to make the grass-cutting process easier. It has been found that a roller similar to that used by ABC would be suitable.
Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:
To purchase a roller to fix to the existing mower.
- 5.2 A member said that there was a lot of litter in Happy Valley recently. It was noted that there was a contract for waste bins to be emptied across the summer but not during the winter months. It was agreed that the Contract should be reviewed and a report made to the next meeting.
- 5.3 It was noted that a previous meeting had asked that water fountains be placed in Happy Valley and the Boating Pool areas.

6.0 THE TOWN HALL

- 6.1 It was noted that a previous meeting had suggested several actions. These needed to be followed up.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.55 pm