

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREENS & BUILDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Deputy Mayor Councillor G Evans Jones
Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor F R Carr
Councillor J R Carr
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor R J Parry

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor D G Jones

Councillor F R Carr took the Chair

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

2.0 THE CEMETERY

Members commented that the Cemetery was being well maintained by staff.

2.1 The question arose as to whether gutters on the Chapel of Rest needed clearing. The Town Clerk said that the staff said they had done this recently, but he agreed to check the ones between the workshop door and the steps leading to the upper Cemetery.

2.2 There was a discussion about the condition of graves in the lower Cemetery. Part of a concrete slab seemed to have fallen into one grave. The Town Clerk said that he would look at grave in question and arrange for it to be filled if necessary.
Headstones on a number of graves were leaning, and the question arose as to whether they were safe. The Town Clerk said that several years ago he had carried out a survey of all memorials in the Cemetery. Despite many of them leaning, they were firm in the ground. He agreed to carry out another survey of the memorials.

2.3 Members asked for an update on the landslip.
The Town Clerk said that Consultants had been contacted and prices were being obtained for proposed works to resolve the problem. A tree survey had been carried out, and most trees did not present a problem. Further checks were needed on a couple of trees, and the Administrative Assistant was arranging to have this work done.

In response to a question, the Town Clerk confirmed that the landslip was on the Town Council's land within the Cemetery. A letter had been sent to the Welsh Government asking if grant funding to resolve problems with the landslip might be forthcoming. It was understood that grants would be given to County Councils, and Community Councils would need to approach them. There was a discussion on possible other sources of grants, and it was resolved to explore these.

- 2.4 The compost heap had been moved from near the landslide, and staff had suggested building another one at the top of the Cemetery. This could be emptied as required on a 2-3 yearly basis. The alternative was to hire skips to take away vegetation.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

A compost heap be constructed as suggested by Council staff.

3.0 THE GREEN

- 3.1 Members commented that the flood gates in the new Sea Wall were closed virtually all of the time. Many residents were not happy with this arrangement. Comment was made that the threat of flooding from the sea only became a problem when tides were over 30ft; this was only once or twice per month and it was felt that the gates should be open for the rest of the time. Further complaints had been heard from visitors during half-term week about stoplogs barring the way to the Boating Pool and the Pier.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That the stoplogs at the Boating Pool and the Pier be removed as soon as possible and the Town Clerk has powers to act.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That one flood gate should be opened immediately and the Town Clerk should have powers to act.

- 3.2 A member commented that the path from the Boating Pool area towards the Lifeboat Station was steep, and might be dangerous for an elderly person. It was resolved that staff should be asked to investigate if the path could be improved.

- 3.3 Members were informed that the Grasscell blocks on both sides of the entrance to the main Green had been removed and replaced by chippings. It was agreed that the Contractors should be asked to reinstate these areas with Grasscell blocks. Similarly, areas of Grasscell blocks that had been replaced by concrete needed to be reinstated.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That reinstatement of damaged Grasscell blocks should be pursued.

- 3.4 The Town Clerk said that he had been investigating the cost of reinstating the red tarmac on the Promenade.

The original covering had been put on by Miles Macadam free of charge. The Town Clerk had spoken to the Chairman of the company and he had indicated a willingness to assist in reinstating the red tarmac. He had stated that he would deal with the matter personally. On this basis, it seemed that it might be cheaper to have the work done directly by Miles Macadam rather than go through the County Council and its contractor.

4.0 HAPPY VALLEY

- 4.1 The Deputy Mayor presented plans for a new Pavilion that had been drawn up free of charge by one of her colleagues.

Members welcomed the plans, which provided for a kitchen and areas for a café and the Bowling Club.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That the outline plans for a new Pavilion at Happy Valley be accepted.

- 4.2 Members noted that there was now an urgent need to spend the remainder of the grant that had been obtained for the purchase of new play equipment.

It was agreed that the play equipment would go in the area at present occupied by a slide and rocking horse.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That the purchase of new play equipment be progressed as soon as possible.

- 4.3** Members commented on the area that had been fenced off following the archaeological dig.

It was felt that this area should be reinstated prior to Easter. The Town Clerk agreed to contact Gwynedd Archaeological Trust directly and request the area be reinstated as a matter of urgency.

- 4.4** The Town Clerk said that he had looked at where to locate a new flower bed to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

He felt the one immediately inside the gates to the right would be the best location. If construction of an additional flower bed was required, then this could go next to it. After some discussion, it was felt that a new flower bed to celebrate the Queen's birthday would be better placed outside the Happy Valley railings by the roadside. Here it would be seen by everybody passing by.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

The possibility of constructing a new flower bed outside Happy Valley on the grass verge be investigated by discussion with Anglesey County Council.

- 4.5** The Town Clerk said that there were some steel rods that had been used to support litter bins in Happy Valley. These had deteriorated and staff were concerned that they might become a danger to children. He was intending to remove these structures from Happy Valley.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That the bin holders be removed.

5.0 THE TOWN HALL

- 5.1** A member stated that he was dissatisfied with the new glass doors at the front of the Town Hall.

It was felt that there was too much silicone around the doors, and the hinges were not set square. The Town Crest was not etched into the glass but a print. In addition, the words 'Town Hall' had not been etched on the doors.

There was a discussion about the difficulty of fitting frameless doors within an uneven archway. Some members felt that the doors were a marked improvement to the front of the building. The Town Clerk said that there had been a number of difficulties encountered during the fitting of the doors, and he had called the company back to tidy up the work. Subsequently, he had received some negative comments but many other people had praised the new appearance of the building.

There was discussion about the installation of the iron gates inside the new entrance hall, and whether the stone walls could hold them. The Town Clerk said he intended looking at this problem after the slate flooring had been put in.

- 5.2** A member said he was concerned about cracks in the woodwork on the stairs.

It was agreed that staff would look at the problem and carry out remedial work as needed.

- 5.3** The Chairman said he was concerned that the County Council had not discussed its plans for the future operation of the old Gaol and Courthouse with the Town Council.

He understood there had been a call for tenders from people wishing to operate these facilities. It was agreed that this matter should be put on the agenda for the Finance & Planning Committee.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm