

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREENS & BUILDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor G Evans-Jones
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor K Jones
Councillor D Owen
Councillor J A Rowlands

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies for absence
(Councillor G Evans-Jones said she would have to leave the meeting at about 8.15pm)

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Mayor declared an interest in item 5.3 as a user of the contractors' area of the Green.

Councillor G Evans-Jones declared an interest in item 5.3 because her husband is a member of the Lifeboat Crew that uses the area of the Green

2.0 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Councillor D Owen be elected chairman for the forthcoming year.

3.0 TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

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

4.0 THE CEMETERY

4.1 The Town Clerk gave the meeting an outline of the work that had been undertaken following the landslip at the lower part of the Cemetery adjacent to the A545 road. Anglesey County Council had obtained support from the Welsh Assembly to fund part of the work, and had subsequently overseen the work done by contractors. The original projected cost of the work of around £250,000 had been substantially reduced, and the Town Council was now required to pay a contribution of £60,000

The work had recently been completed and a fence had been erected to keep the public away from the slope. Council staff had recently inspected the completed work and were happy that there were no snags or defects present. The Town Council was now being asked to sign off the work. In future, Council had been advised not to plant trees on the area, a suitable wildflower mix on the slope would help to stabilise it. A hedge could be planted at the top but the whole area will need to be managed to maintain stability and general appearance. In future, the area at the top of the slope must not be used for tipping waste plant material or soil from graves.

Recommendation to the Finance & Planning Committee:

A letter be sent to Anglesey County Council thanking officers for their help in getting the landslip stabilised and for overseeing the work.

4.2 The Town Clerk advised that the paths in the Cemetery had been weedkilled.

The work had been delayed slightly because of the need for still conditions and sunny weather. There are plans to tidy up the graves, particularly in the lower part of the Cemetery, in the coming months.

Members agreed that the Cemetery was generally looking tidy and wished to congratulate the staff for their work.

5.0 THE GREEN

5.1 The Town Clerk advised that aeration treatment was continuing on the Green, and less areas were now prone to flooding during heavy rainfall. Further work had been completed to reduce the number of humps and hollows on the Green, particularly near the main exit. Recently new road marking had been laid down to help visitors along the one-way system that was in operation.

A member commented that cracks and small holes were developing in the red tarmac walkway that had been laid last year. There were further concerns that the sea wall had been damaged during the winter storms. Repairs were urgently needed prior to the next winter season. Metal ladders previously mounted on the sea wall had now rotted away. This meant there was no easy way for people to get back on to the promenade from the beach area in cases of emergency. Anglesey County Council knew about the problem, but maybe they needed a reminder with photographs of the areas of concern.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

A letter be sent to Anglesey County Council pointing out the damage to the sea wall and the red tarmac surface. In addition, a request be made for the original metal ladders to be replaced.

5.2 Boating Pool

A member reported that a section of the fendering was loose, and needed attention. In addition, access through the gate near the Lifeboat Station was difficult because the sandy slope had been eroded.

5.3 Parking in contractors' area of the Green

The Town Mayor and Councillor G Evans-Jones left the meeting

The Town Clerk gave a brief outline of the range of complaints he had received concerning the contractors' gate being left open and the parking and general use of the area by contractors.

There was a discussion as to whether the area should be returned to a recreation area, without general parking access through the gate. The Town Clerk advised that the Lifeboat Crew had only recently been given permission to access the area for their training evenings and emergency call-outs.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

General use of the contractors' area and a parking policy for its use be reviewed in the December Finance & Planning Committee meeting.

In the interim, a register set up of persons holding keys and complaints received concerning use of the area.

The Town Clerk said that the possibility of purchasing high-security locks with keys that could not be copied had been investigated and he gave an outline of the likely costs. Members suggested Council's insurance company should be contacted to see if they recommended a particular lock and manufacturer.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

That high-security locks be purchased with keys. The keys to be issued to contractors and other persons approved to use the 'Stones' parking area for a refundable deposit.

The Town Mayor rejoined the meeting

6.0 HAPPY VALLEY

6.1 New Pavilion

The Town Clerk advised that following a recent meeting, discussions were still under way between the Conservation Architect, Cadw and the County Council Conservation Officer. In the interim, it was noted that the tenant had carried out substantial alterations to the inside of the existing pavilion and this was done without any expense to the Town Council. Indeed, prior to the work being carried out, an agreement had been made with Council for a new five-year tenancy. Members commented that the pavilion received good reviews from the public and wished to congratulate the tenant on the work done to the building.

6.2 Members asked about the ownership of the Bowling Green fence.

The Town Clerk advised that the fence was originally in the ownership of the Bowling Club, but now Council staff kept it maintained. It was the responsibility of the Bowling Club to maintain in good condition the area inside the fence.

It was noted that the Bowling Green had been damaged by rabbits early in the season. The rabbits came from adjacent areas of land and it was understood that the owner was looking into the problem. In the interim, a member asked if netting could be put around the fence to prevent access by rabbits. In the past the Town Clerk advised that chicken wire netting had been in place; this had deteriorated with age and had become unsightly as well as jagged edges presenting a danger to the public.

A member suggested that plastic netting could be put in place.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

The Bowling Club be asked if it would like some suitable netting to be put in place inside the existing fence.

6.3 A member said it would be nice if a water fountain could be put into place in Happy Valley for visitors to use.

It would have to be a suitable system that would not allow persons to fill up large containers for transporting water away.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

Suitable water fountains be installed in the Happy Valley and Boating Pool areas

7.0 THE TOWN HALL

7.1 The Town Clerk advised that the main hall and stairs had been painted earlier in the year.

A problem with the glass doors rubbing against each other in the main entrance to the building seems to have re-surfaced during the past few days. It seemed that further adjustment of the doors was necessary.

7.2 There was a discussion concerning the fire escape.

The Town Clerk said that this a long-standing problem, and a design had not been agreed with the Conservation Officer.

On a positive side, a recent inspection by the Fire Officer had not highlighted any structural defects that were dangerous.

Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:

A letter be sent to the Conservation Officer stating that members considered the fire escape to be a safety risk, and asking for a meeting to agree a design for a replacement.

- 7.3 A member asked if fire drills were frequently carried out.**
The Town Clerk said that the fire alarm system was inspected and tested on a weekly basis.
Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:
That a fire drill be held on an evening when the building was in use
- 7.4 A member commented that the sliding doors on the storage area of the Main Hall were in poor condition.**
Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:
That the doors be replaced with suitable fireproof curtains.
- 7.5 There was a discussion concerning presence of boxes in the Council Chamber and available storage areas within the Town Hall**
Members commented that many organisations now were moving towards paperless activities, and a lot of old paperwork was being replaced by making copies stored on memory sticks. It was felt that initially Anglesey County Council could be approached to ask who is carrying out their paper culling process.
Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:
That a temporary worker be employed to convert paper archives into an electronic form.
- 7.6 A member asked who had keys to enter the office area**
The Town Clerk advised that keys were held only by the three office staff and the Cleaner/Car Park operative.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.45 pm