

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREENS & BUILDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF  
BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** The Deputy Mayor Councillor J P Zalot  
Councillor F R Carr  
Councillor J Carr  
Councillor D W Gallichan  
Councillor R J Parry

**The Town Clerk was in attendance**

**APOLOGIES:** The Town Mayor Councillor I Davies  
Councillor C M Brimecombe  
Councillor D G Jones

**Councillor F R Carr took the Chair**

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**1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**2.0 THE CEMETERY**

**2.1 The Town Clerk gave a resume of work carried out over winter.**

In addition to the general maintenance work, particular attention had been given to clearing overhanging branches on the paths on the far side of the Cemetery and all the paths had been cleared of moss and weeds.

A thorough cleaning programme had begun on graves in the bottom part of the Cemetery on the left hand side. Weeds had been removed and surfaces scraped clean.

The compost compound in the upper part of the Cemetery had been repaired and the area tidied.

A new floor had been installed above the entrance to the workshop. This would provide valuable extra storage space.

One job recently identified was to repair and replace kerbs that had fallen adjacent to the top road in the Cemetery.

A recent Council meeting had asked for a new road surface to be laid in the lower part of the Cemetery. This would require three quotes. One suggestion made by staff was that the road should consist of only a bottom first layer of tarmac. Not applying a top smooth coat would cut the cost and make the surface less slippery during winter weather. It was noted that the undertaker had been complaining about the road for a number of years. One member commented that the road had been resurfaced a few years back with gravel, and there were no more complaints from the public. There were also drainage issues to be addressed.

**Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:**

Advice should be taken on the finish required and quotes obtained for the work to be carried out.

**2.2 The Chairman asked if the problem of flashing lights had been investigated.**

The Town Clerk said that he had attended the Cemetery one night and found it difficult to see the lights from the road when walking up Allt Goch Bach. He had had to walk a considerable way into the Cemetery before he could see lights on

the second grave that people had complained about. Purchasers of new graves would be advised that lights were not permitted. It was agreed that the matter had been investigated and that no further action be taken.

**2.3 A member stated that a banister was needed on the stairs leading up to the new first floor area.**

The Town Clerk said that he had noted this and had discussed the matter with staff. A banister would be installed but this would need to be removable in order to facilitate movement of goods to and from the first floor.

It was suggested that the walls could be brightened up with a coat of paint and it was agreed that this could be a job during bad weather conditions.

**2.4 There was a discussion concerning the old bell above the Chapel of Rest and the amount of space still available in the Cemetery for new graves.**

**Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:**

The condition of the bell on the Chapel of Rest be investigated with a view to its use being reinstated.

**Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:**

An estimate be made of the space available and how long this would serve the community.

**3.0 THE GREEN**

**3.1 The Town Clerk gave an outline of the work completed over the winter.**

About twenty new gravel sumps had been installed to improve drainage on the main Green, particularly adjacent to the entrance areas. Similar work had been carried out at the entrance near to the Green Attendants' Hut. The area had been repaired and the drainage substantially improved.

Long grass around the bollards on the Green had been strimmed in preparation for the summer season.

The Green Attendants' Hut was now being fitted out with new storage units and a work surface.

Three new planters had been built over the winter to replace rotten ones at present in White Lion Square. These would be moved into place for the new summer bedding displays.

Work planned including the purchase of a new till, refurbishment of the Residents' Passes card reader and getting the Boating Pool ready for Easter. Minor repainting would be required and some additional fixings for the rubber surrounds. The benches in the pool area were to be painted and renovated for the summer and damage the surface.

**3.2 A member asked if the card reader could be adapted to accept pinless payments from debit cards.**

It was agreed that this would be investigated.

**3.3 A member asked about arrangements being made for the contractor carrying out the flood alleviation scheme on the Green.**

The Town Clerk said that the front section of the Dinghy Park was being used for office accommodation for up to six months. An adjacent storage area would be constructed on the Green but this would be cleared prior to the May Bank Holiday, when the area would be used for other events.

In response to questions, he stated that it had been decided not to allow use of a section of the main Green because of the length of time that the office accommodation was to be left in place. This would impinge on events throughout the summer.

It was noted that some equipment and materials would be stored on the promenade during the works on the Green.

Work on the Green would commence at the end close to the old Baths site. Discussions had taken place with the RNLI and RAYC to ensure that the presence of the contractors in the Dinghy Park would not cause problems of access. A member commented that concrete bricks taken up from the Pier were still in storage at Tyddyn Gwynt. It was felt that when the contractor moved out from the Dinghy Park these bricks could be installed.

**3.4 It was noted that some welding was required to the entrance gate adjacent to the Dinghy Park.**

It was agreed that this would be carried out.

**3.5 A member commented that the entrance to the Boating Pool near the lifeboat station needed levelling.**

It was agreed to investigate this matter.

**3.6 Some damage had been done to the sea wall over winter.**

The responsibility for repairing this was discussed.

**Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:**

The Town Clerk look at the agreement for the maintenance of the sea wall and take appropriate action.

**4.0 HAPPY VALLEY**

**4.1 A member commented that the Bowling Club Pavilion needs replacing.**

There was a discussion on the past issues that had arisen. A design for a new building on the present site had been drawn up but this had been rejected by the Club, who wanted a building elsewhere. A construction on the present site meant that services would not need to be moved. Moving services would mean archaeological digs having to be carried out and would dramatically increase costs of a new building. Cadw had been consulted several years ago and had not objected to a Pavilion on the present site, provided it was of a suitable construction and screened.

A stone clad building had been proposed, plans drawn up and these informally agreed with Cadw. Members stated that the priority was the construction of a new building, and if the present site was the simplest option then this should be used.

**Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:**

Council should liaise with the Bowling Club with a view to constructing a new pavilion in Happy Valley.

**4.2 The Town Clerk gave a resume of work carried out over winter at Happy Valley.**

This included the repair and painting with preservative of around 40 benches. Picnic tables had been repaired, some being fitted with new tops and new legs, and all had been treated with preservative.

A section of the hedge at the far end of Happy Valley had blown down. Staff had tidied up this area and a new sapling was to be planted.

In response to demands by Welsh Water, the water tap near the Pavilion had been boxed, a valve installed on the cistern in the gents toilet and a non-return valve placed on an item in the Pavilion building.

At present staff were checking the Bowling Green fence, carrying out repairs and applying preservative.

A general tidy up of the Pavilion was planned, with the toilets being repainted. The ceiling and the shop also needed to be repainted.

Following a break-in over winter, a new clamp and lock was to be fitted to the tenant's section of the Pavilion.

It was hoped to repaint the swings and the paint had already been purchased.

- 4.3 A member asked if Anglesey County Council could be approached and asked if it had any spare benches that could be placed at the Primary School.**

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would follow up this matter.

## **5.0 THE TOWN HALL**

- 5.1 The Town Clerk gave an update on work carried out over winter.**

This included repairs to walls in the Main Hall, Council Chamber and kitchen. All of these had been repainted. In the Archway toilets and the Castle toilets new valves and sensors had been fitted in response to a requirement by Welsh Water. Holes had been filled in the rear alley at the Castle toilets in order to deal with a rat problem.

- 5.2 Quotes were at present being obtained for the replacement of the front doors of the building.**

The Town Clerk said he was finding it difficult to find local companies that would quote for the work. He had now approached a company on the Wirral but still needed one further company to provide a quote.

- 5.3 Replacing pictures and regalia on the walls in the Council Chamber was in progress, but some decisions were required on some old items that had been found.**

Members looked at a range of old photographs showing a past Mayor and gatherings of Councillors.

**Recommendation to Finance & Planning Committee:**

All pictures should be renovated and reframed with a view to placing them on the walls in the Chamber.

- 5.4 A member stated that there was a false ceiling in the kitchen, with the remains of an old ceiling hanging above it. He asked if the old ceiling was safe.**

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would investigate the matter.

There was no other business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.