

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
The Deputy Mayor Councillor R A Jones
Councillor D T Evans
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A N Gough
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor L J Roberts
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor J A Rowlands

The Town Mayor took the Chair

71.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

72.0 VISIT BY MR ROBERT CHARLTON TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE OLD BATHS SITE

A letter of apology was read out from Mr Robert Charlton outlining his reasons for not being able to attend the meeting.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous):

Visit to be deferred to the January 2020 meeting.

73.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALUN ROBERTS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillor Alun Roberts to the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Council move into Committee.

Councillor Roberts congratulated Beaumaris Town for a very successful fireworks evening and Victorian Christmas weekend.

The Welsh Government had not finalised its funding plans for 2020, this was mainly due to the uncertainty with Brexit and the upcoming General Election. Therefore no allocation of funding had currently been agreed for Anglesey. The budget setting for Anglesey should be better known after the General Election. However, it was noted that when funding is agreed for future projects and plans with Town Councils and communities the consultation period would be very short.

A member asked Councillor Roberts to look into the proposed increased funding for Anglesey.

Schools update: There are more children attending Beaumaris School in the lower age bracket than previously. It was noted the importance of raising the awareness and profile of Beaumaris School in the community.

A member highlighted that School updates were being posted on Beaumaris Town Council's website and Facebook. The Christmas Fayre is on the afternoon of Friday 6 December '19, everyone is welcome to attend.

He stated that a meeting is scheduled for 5 December '19 to discuss extra care unit facilities. Now the County Council have better understood that provision must be made within communities and with good access to local amenities.

There will be a meeting run by the County Council for day services for adults with learning difficulties. A further update will be provided in February 2020.

It was stated the importance of completing the Seiriol Ward Regeneration Survey. There were 2 main items to consider: 1) The redevelopment of the Lairds site, and 2) the very poor condition of Friars Bay road and the pavements between Beaumaris and Llanfaes. Currently the Welsh Government will not fund a major financial investment to bring the road and pavements up to a required standard. A campaign needs to start in January to raise the need for this.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Friars Bay road and footpath issues be discussed at the January 2020 F+P meeting.

It is hoped that the flood alleviation works will be completed in early 2020.

The Pier User Group meeting reported on the Pier being painted in early Spring. A survey revealed the Pier was in good condition.

The plastic free campaigns on Anglesey were progressing well. It has one of the highest recycling rates in the world.

A member asked if recycling bins could be put on the Pier and around the town.

Councillor Roberts wished the Beaumaris Town Councillors a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Council adopt the recommendation of the Committee that had just sat.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Committee go back into Council.

74.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019

There was a discussion about an agenda item corrected within minute 64, referring to minute 84 of the F+P meeting on Monday 28 October 2019. The details of the correction were clarified.

A member reported on a conversation with the Leader of the Youth Club regarding ongoing antisocial behaviour. It was noted that well-behaved youths are no longer attending the club, and there had been no attendance for 5 weeks.

It was agreed to invite the Leader of the Youth Club to attend a meeting to discuss the current problems and possible resolutions to encourage youths to return. A date is to be arranged.

A member raised their concerns about a written report being given by County Councillor Lewis Davies, as there was no opportunity to ask questions. The Office had requested a written report when the County Councillor had given his apologies for absence. It was stressed that attendance of all County Councillors to monthly Council meetings was necessary.

With the above points, it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the minutes be accepted.

75.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2019

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be accepted.

A correction to remove 'Councillor K M Jones returned to the meeting', as she hadn't.

With the above corrections, it was proposed, seconded and carried by a majority with one abstention that the minutes be accepted.

76.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GAOL AND COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be accepted.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

The meeting wanted to place on record its thanks to the Project Officer and staff for the management and operations of the Gaol and Courthouse during its first year under the responsibility of the Town Council

Councillor L Roberts left meeting at 8:00pm.

It was agreed that a correction to minute 20 was needed in order for YTD financials to be accurately recorded.

With the above points corrected, it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the minutes be accepted.

77.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2019

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the minutes be accepted.

A correction to be made to 94.1.3 of 'form' to 'for'.

With the above point corrected it was agreed that the minutes be accepted.

78.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT (BACS PAYMENTS)

5708	Alpha Business Centre – Stationery	5.15
5709	Mrs Kim Owen – Buffet for Remembrance Sunday	425.00
5710	Cynan Electrical – Work at Gaol/Christmas Tree	501.18
5711	SLCC – Membership fee	180.00
5712	ALCC – Membership fee	40.00
5713	CCTV Services – Replacement cameras	537.60
5714	Merlin Fireworks – Victorian event fireworks	1,200.00
5715	Zurich Municipal – Council’s Insurance Premium	9,841.87
5716	Western Platforms – Hire of HR12 for Christmas tree	522.00
5717	Menai Tool Hire – Driving Tool for Marquee	56.40
5718	Evans Bros – Items for Victorian Christmas etc	96.53
Total		£13,405.73

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the bills be paid.

79.0 CORRESPONDENCE

79.1 Request for visit by Big Wheel in 2020.

A request had been received for another visit of the Big Wheel in 2020. It was proposed to set up on 3 April, and then run it from 4 April through to the 19 April '20.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

To discuss this request at a future F+P meeting.

79.2 Request for prior notification of road closures/parking restrictions for events

A complaint had been received from the Parish presbytery in Rating Row about the difficulty of persons being able to get to the 9am mass on Sunday 24 November '19. Whilst congratulating the recent success of the Victorian Christmas organising committee, they asked for details of access, road closures and any parking provision to be communicated in advance so that the Church may give enough notice to its parishioners.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to communicate ahead of next year’s Victorian Christmas weekend, access, road closures and possible parking provision for St Mary’s Church.

79.3 Seiriol Ward Regeneration Survey

County Councillor Carwyn Jones had strongly encouraged Councillors, Council Staff and the Town Council reply to the survey.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

The Town Council to send a letter indicating in principal the Town Council’s support of the regeneration of the Lairds site and other regeneration of the Seiriol ward.

79.4 Medrwn Mon Annual General Meeting Wednesday 18 December 19, 3pm.
Received.

79.5 Valuation Office: Proposal to alter rateable value of the Green.

In May 2017 the rateable value for the Green changed. The Town Council is now invited to contact the Valuation Office to discuss the status and use of the Green and therefore its proposed rateable value.

A member stated that the Green is not a car park. The main priority for the Council should be in fixing the major damage done to the Green. Significant money would need to be spent to repair and restore the Green to its normal condition.

The Town Clerk read out his original letter to appeal against the substantial increase in the rates charged for the Green since April 2017.

- 79.6 A complaint was reported from a holiday maker who had experienced parking payment problems, including an application for a weekly pass.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

As a gesture of good will the Council to reimburse the holiday maker some of the parking costs they had incurred.

- 79.7 Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's and St Nicholas's Church. The organisers had invited the Town Council to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed that the Town Council participate in the Christmas Tree Festival, with a suitably decorated tree.

80.0 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT – Town Mayor

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the press and public should be excluded for a confidential discussion concerning staff matters.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the staff should be excluded for a confidential discussion concerning staff matters.

The Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant left the meeting at 8:40pm.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the press and public should be readmitted.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the staff should be readmitted.

The Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant returned to the meeting at 8:55pm.

The Chairman of the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee reported on the completed recruitment pack, which included the job specification, job description and application form. It was confirmed that this salary for this role would be salary scale grade 8.

The job advertisement to be advertised with immediate effect through:-

- One Voice Wales
- The SLCC
- Indeed
- The Beaumaris Town Council website
- The Notice Board

- The Chronicle and Daily Post
- The job section of Anglesey County Council.

A request for application packs to be made to the Chairman of the Audit and Personnel Committee. All applications are to be distributed for scrutiny to the recruitment panel.

Ellis Whittam (HR specialists) will advise the recruitment panel if required. Staff should apply via Ellis Whittam.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to place the job advertisement with immediate effect, closing date for applications is Friday 10 January 2020.

81.0 REPLACEMENT PLAY EQUIPMENT AT BOATING POOL – Town Clerk

It was reported to the meeting that a quotation for a replacement twin rider had been sought. The existing equipment was not repairable and needed to be replaced. It was decided to remove the defective equipment.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

The Project Officer to seek a quotation for a like for like 2 sprunged twin rider for next F+P meeting.

Councillor D Gallichan left the meeting at 9:05pm.

82.0 GAOL & COURTHOUSE: TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES – Town Clerk

It was reported that the transfer of properties had taken place as of 2 December 2019.

83.0 COUNCIL STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY – Town Clerk

A discussion considered a staff Christmas Party. It was agreed all staff should be included in a staff Christmas party in recognition of their hard work. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Gaol and Courthouse should be invited to attend.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed that a local eatery be the chosen place to have the staff Christmas party. Alcoholic drinks would not be bought.

84.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor J P Zalot reported on his recent visit to the House of Commons for a Flood Management meeting. A discussion had taken place on the possibility of setting up a Welsh Flood relief group, of which he would play a leading role. MP Albert Owen hosted Councillor J P Zalot on a tour of the Palace of Westminster, which was his last as a serving MP for Anglesey.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

The Town Council express their thanks to MP Albert Owen for all his long and dedicated service to Anglesey. A letter would be sent.

2 November, Annual Bonfire and Fireworks evening
 10 November, Remembrance Sunday
 11 November, 2 minutes silence at the Cenotaph

23 and 24 November, Victorian Christmas Weekend. An estimated 18,000 people attended this very successful event for the Town.
1 December, Llanfaes Christmas Fair and first outdoor Christmas tree

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

The Town Council to write a letter of thanks to the Chair of the Victorian Christmas organising committee.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor C J Theakston

Date