

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
The Deputy Mayor Councillor R A Jones
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 J A Rowlands
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor J P Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor D T Evans
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Mayor took the Chair

94.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

95.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS DAVIES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

The Town Clerk gave apologies for County Councillor Lewis Davies, who was attending a hospital appointment.

The meeting was informed that the officers from Anglesey County Council would not be arriving until about 7.30pm. It was agreed to defer the item.

96.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SITE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2019 AT HPB HENLLYS

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

7.06pm Mr Alun Owen and Mr Will Stockwell of Anglesey County Council arrived.

97.0 PRESENTATION BY ALUN OWEN AND WILL STOCKWELL OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE WATER REFILL STATIONS PROJECT

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

Mr Alun Owen stated that he had met recently with the Town Council's Project Officer regarding the installation of water dispensers in and around Beaumaris. £30k had been received from Welsh Government as part funding towards public water dispensers, and this would be allocated by 21 February 2020. The environmental benefits of refilling and reusing water containers rather than purchasing plastic bottled water was pointed out. Two water dispensers had recently been installed in

Breakwater Park. Within nine months from 6 March 2019 to the 1 December 2019, 2,349 litres had been dispensed from these machines, at a cost of £3.15. The water source was only twelve miles away, coming from Llyn Alaw. Therefore the carbon footprint issue had been low.

A number of pictures of different types of water dispensers were shown to the members. Free-standing and wall-mounted systems were available ranging in cost from £250 to £1,200. The Government grant covered the costs of installation but it was recommended to install a water meter. Environmental Health required two health checks per year. The Anglesey County Council would pay for the first health check, which was a cost of £150 and the Council would subsequently need to cover these costs.

Members stated that the proposal for public use water dispensers was an excellent idea and there were health and environmental benefits. Relevant locations should be considered so that no abuse could occur such as people taking large containers of water away.

Ideal locations could be by the Boating Pool, Happy Valley, White Lion Square and the leisure centre. It was noted that they needed to be located next to a water supply.

A member commented on the aims and progress of Plastic Free Beaumaris and that it would be a good idea to liaise and co-ordinate with the public water dispenser initiative. It was noted that in April 2019 Anglesey had become the first county in the UK to be awarded 'plastic free' community status.

A member suggested that four water dispensers could be considered, especially given the two major visitor attractions of the Gaol and Courthouse, which both had water supplies.

A member noted that the Greens and Building Sub-Committee had recommended obtaining public water dispensers in June 2018.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to register the Council's wish to have four public water dispensers in the first instance.

The Mayor thanked Mr Alun Owen and Will Stockwell for the presentation prior to them leaving the meeting.

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

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to go back into Council.

98.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020

Minute 85.0. A member asked for clarification concerning Declarations of Interest by members. The Town Clerk advised that no declarations of interest had been received, but a member had left the meeting for the duration of minute 86.0.

Minute 90.0. A member questioned minute 90 regarding a payment for an outstanding bill to BT. It was noted that the BT bill in question needed to be paid urgently before the Christmas break, and in the absence of the Town Clerk a member had authorised a bank transfer to BT as an emergency measure.

Minute 92.4. was corrected to: 'It was agreed to support the donation request subject to asking David Hughes Community Centre to waive its fees for any non profit making organisations that would be showcasing the Town and who wished to use their Centre, in line with the Canolfan'.

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

99.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SITE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2020 AT CARTREF COTTAGES, LLANFAES

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

100.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GAOL AND COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

Councillor J P Zalot should not have been recorded as 'apologies' has he was not on the Gaol and Courthouse Committee.

A member stated a recommendation had not been recorded, which should have been:-

'Recommendation to Council (unanimous)

It was agreed teachers and coach drivers should be admitted free of charge into the Gaol and Courthouse.'

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

The Chairman of the Gaol and Courthouse informed the members of the original plans to repair and restore the tiled floor in the Gaol. Whilst works had been carried out, specialists had advised that the area be sealed with a water resistant membrane and then carpeted. This emergency expenditure was £800 + VAT.

The Chairman of the Gaol and Courthouse informed the meeting of the revised proposed ticket prices for the Gaol and Courthouse, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

101.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2020

It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations be adopted.

Minute 116.0, the planning decision reference number HHP/2019/247 was added to the minutes.

The Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee requested an update on the legal advice regarding access to the Old Baths Site, as detailed in **minute 114.0:-**

'Recommendation to Council:

To grant a time limited and non-transferable licence for access to the old Baths site to be reviewed after two years, subject to the Town Council taking legal advice. Passed by a majority, one abstention, one against.'

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Robert Charlton and Ms Janice Oliver had sent a copy of the certificate of lawfulness which confirmed the proposed use of a leisure and tourist attraction, together with a restaurant at the old Baths site, obtained from Anglesey County Council.

The Town Clerk had attempted to contact the Council's solicitors, but he was on holiday. He would be contacting him at the end of the week.

He outlined previous advice given when there had been a legal dispute concerning access to the site. Essentially Council should not change what had been in place previously. Access should be specific to a named person only. Temporary access to some service vehicles could be allowed.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to refer this recommendation back to another meeting after legal advice had been obtained. A special meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee meeting could be called to discuss and decide on the matter.

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

102.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

There were none.

103.0 CORRESPONDENCE

103.1 Menter Mon: Low Carbon Happy Homes event Friday 7 February at the Town Hall, Llangefni, between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon
Received.

104.0 ADOPTION OF RATES ESTIMATES 2020-2021:

The Town Clerk reported on the amendments to the rates estimates.

Proposed by the Town Mayor

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor

Beaumaris Town Council adopts the final draft of the Rates Estimates 2020-2021 as recommended by the Finance and Planning Committee, and that the precept for 2020-2021 be set at £29,343.10, the equivalent of £27.10 per Band D property.

105.0 TO CONFIRM THE CHARGES FOR 2020-2021 RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk presented the proposed charges for 2020-2021.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was proposed and seconded to agree the charges for 2020-2021.

A member asked about the lease details of the Happy Valley pavilion. The Town Clerk informed the members that in September 2017 the lease had been extended until 2022 due to the current tenants investing in ongoing repairs and maintenance.

106.0 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the existing internal auditor offering his services to conduct the Council’s annual audit.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to appoint the existing internal auditor for this years accounts.

107.0 MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Carol Concerts
26 December 2019 – Hot Pennies
1 January 2020 – Tug of War

A member asked for an update on the Food Festival and if a response to the Council’s letter had been received.

It was stated that a letter had been sent to the organisers on 3 December 2019 asking them to complete a donation request form and to supply a copy of a set of independently audited accounts, prior to organising a meeting with the Council. No reply had yet been received.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

To resend the Council’s last correspondence to the event organisers of the Food Festival via recorded delivery.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

To discuss the Beaumaris Food Festival at the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor C J Theakston**

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