

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2107 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor G Evans Jones
The Deputy Mayor Councillor F R Carr
Councillor C M Brimecombe
Councillor J R Carr
Councillor I Davies
Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor D G Jones
Councillor M Jones
Councillor R J Parry
Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor B L Kotkowicz

The Town Mayor took the Chair

79.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Jones declared a prejudicial interest in Item 81.0 Visit by representatives of Beaumaris Leisure Centre, as a fund-raiser through the Food Festival
Councillor Theakston declared a prejudicial interest in Item 81, Visit by representatives of Beaumaris Leisure Centre, as Chair of Beaumaris Festival which relies on the Canolfan

80.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON RECENT LOCAL ISSUES

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee

Councillor Jones outlined several things that he had been involved in recently, eg Dementia Friends, swings at Llanfaes, street lighting. He outlined several highways issues, Garth bends, a need for a pedestrian crossing, inconsiderate parking in Castle Street, and the need for a residents' parking scheme.

He offered to facilitate a meeting with officers and the Portfolio Holder after the May Election to identify priorities and plan a way forward.

Councillor I Davies joined the meeting at 7.20 pm

There had been a large response to the budget consultation, proposals to make large increases to school bus fees, school dinner fees and to cut schools' budgets have been withdrawn. Councillor Jones welcomed the fact that the ruling group had listened to feedback.

During his time as Councillor he was most pleased that Haulfre was saved from closure and that investments and improvements are being made there.

Councillors welcomed Councillor Jones' comments. Councillors pressed again for stacking trolleys for recycling boxes. Councillors agreed that there were many highways issues that needed to be addressed.

The Town Clerk highlighted the expense of the work to stabilise the landslip, and reported that he had written to the Welsh Government for support.

Recommendation to Council:

To submit a list of local highways needs and request a meeting now and not to wait until May.

Recommendation to Council:

To thank all three Seiriol Councillors for what they have done over the last four years.

81.0 VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BEAUMARIS LEISURE CENTRE TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE FUNDING

Councillor Theakston left the meeting.

Presentations were made by Dr S Macvicar, Dafydd Jones (Accountant), Gavin Rowlands (Assistant Development Manager) and Councillor Alwyn Rowlands

Council were thanked for their support over the last three years. Progress made was reported. Footfall is up to 52,000 from 32,000 in 2013/14. There is an increasing and increasingly varied range of activities and employment has been provided, especially for local young people.

Looking ahead, the Canolfan would like the town's £10,000 per annum support to continue.

Councillor M Jones left the meeting

The state of the Canolfan's finances was outlined. As of the end of the 2015/16 financial year, the Canolfan had £158,000 of assets and made a surplus of £53,000

Of the assets, only £38,000 was unrestricted cash reserve available for investment in new development and to meet contingencies. This needs to be built up. With the removal of Anglesey County Council's support, continuing support from the Community Councils will enable these useful reserves to be increased.

Mr Rowlands outlined the development plans for the future, including a feasibility study looking at long-term options, which include a possible extension, outdoor pitches, children's activities, improved theatre and concert facilities. The development plan aims to increase footfall by 5% per annum. Grant applications are being made, a Corporate Friends scheme is being considered, and with the assistance of students from Bangor University Geography Department, a study of community needs and wants will be carried out. In summary, the Canolfan was taken over on behalf of the Community. It has been improved and its future secured. Now the challenge is to take it forward and develop it further for the good of the community. Councillors were reminded that they could send a representative to attend Board Meetings.

Councillors thanked the Directors and volunteers for their work. The improvements made and the plans for enhanced sports facilities were welcomed. Information provided by the Directors would need to be carefully considered.

Recommendation to Council:

To consider all the information at a future Finance & Planning meeting, and also to discuss involvement of the other Community Councils.

Councillor Gallichan left the meeting.

It was resolved nem con to go back into Council.

Councillor M Jones rejoined the meeting.

It was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

Councillor Theakston rejoined the meeting

82.0 REPORT FROM ALBERT OWEN MP WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND

The Town Clerk reported that Albert Owen MP had met with Horizon and had facilitated a meeting with north Anglesey communities to discuss opportunities arising from Wylfa Newydd. He would be happy to facilitate a similar meeting for Beaumaris.

Councillor Gallichan rejoined the meeting.

Councillors referred to the campaign to get the connecting cables for Wylfa Newydd placed underground.

It was resolved nem con to invite Mr Owen to the next month's meeting.

83.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2017

It was resolved nem con to adopt the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

84.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SITE VISIT OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017

84.1 It was noted that it would be difficult to run services to the site without affecting neighbouring properties. This could be included in any future correspondence about the site.

It was resolved nem con to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

85.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017

85.1 Minute 118.0

Correction: the rent is £87 per month.

In response to a question, the Town Clerk stated that the garages at Iscoed are fully used and will be retained.

It was resolved nem con to approach Welsh Water about possible use of part of the pumping station compound.

85.2 G & G R Jones: Visit of Big Wheel to Beaumaris 2017

The Town Clerk outlined several residents' objections received since the meeting. Councillors felt that due consideration be given to the objections and that the operator be consulted about alternative locations. Comment was made that this was a commercial operation and that the £4,000 offered was relatively small in comparison to the likely takings. The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that they could either accept the recommendation or refer it back to the Finance and Planning Committee. Any other proposals would be out of order. In the meantime he could consult the Big Wheel operator.

It was resolved nem con to refer the decision back to the Finance & Planning Committee.

With the above points, it was resolved nem con to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

86.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

4882	F E Roberts	92.24
4883	Diversified Business Communications	186.00
4884	Beaumaris Cricket Club (Section 137 Donation)	350.00
4885	Huws Gray	370.20
4886	Fine Turf Services	600.00
4887	Wales Audit Office	386.70
4888	Snowdonia Fire Protection	111.20
4889	D Houseman (D B Fire)	180.00
4890	B Roberts (Paints) Ltd	311.80
4891	GNH Agri Ltd (New Kubota vehicle)	15,300.00

Total **£17,888.14**

It was resolved nem con that the bills be paid.

87.0 CORRESPONDENCE

87.1 Programme Manager, Corporate Transformation, Anglesey County Council: Expressions of interest in Asset Transfer – Gaol and Courthouse

The Town clerk reported that Anglesey County Council had sent a request for information to be able to process the asset transfer. The deadline is 15 February.

It was resolved nem con to provide the information requested.

The sub-Committee will consider the information to be provided. A copy of the form is to be emailed to members

87.2 Communications Unit, Anglesey County Council: Information sessions for would-be Councillors

The Town Clerk provided details of the event on 13 February

87.3 Menter Mon: Retirement of Managing Director

The Managing Director had helped Beaumaris with several grant funding bids.

It was resolved nem con to write with best wishes for his retirement

Councillor Gallichan left the meeting

87.4 Jackie Waddicor: Request to use the Town Hall for Refugee Relief Collection on Saturday 25 February

Councillors asked for copies of the list of items requested.

It was resolved nem con to agree to the request.

87.5 Anne Snaith: H'Artworks Community Silk Painting Launch 11 February

The Town Mayor and Councillors are invited to the event which is between 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm. Councillors are to inform the Town Clerk if they are attending.

Councillor Gallichan rejoined the meeting

88.0 ADOPTION OF RATES ESTIMATES 2017-2018

Proposed by the Town Mayor

Seconded by the Deputy Mayor

Beaumaris Town Council adopts the final draft of the Rates Estimates 2017-2018 as recommended by the Finance and Planning Committee, and that the precept for 2017-2018 be set at £28,576.70, the equivalent of £26.79 per Band 'D' property.

The proposal was passed nem con

89.0 TO CONFIRM THE CHARGES FOR 2017-2018 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillors stated that the increased charges were needed so that funds could be built up to support transfer of responsibility for heritage assets (Gaol and Courthouse) to the town. The Town Clerk asked for clarification of the definition of 'all day' for parking charges. Midnight to midnight seems a reasonably practical approach.

It was resolved nem con to accept the charges and to give the Town Clerk powers to act to define 'all day' for the purposes of issuing parking tickets.

90.0 INSTALLATION OF WATERLESS URINALS

The Town Clerk reported his findings.

Two replacement waterless troughs will cost £813, excluding fitting and ongoing maintenance.

It was resolved nem con to install waterless urinals as proposed by the Town Clerk

91.0 PROPOSED BY TOWN MAYOR, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR

To add an item to Council Meeting Agendas for updates by Officers on ongoing projects

Councillors expressed concern that this could result in even longer discussions in meetings. There are alternative methods of having progress reported, and the view was expressed that progress might be faster if officers were given more freedom to act. It was resolved by a majority (10 for, 2 against) to maintain the status quo and not require a report.

92.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 January Tug-of-war competition on the Green
- 3 January Presentation of Charity Cheque to MS Society
- 28 January Castle Players' production 'Trouble in Pantoland' at the Town Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor G Evans-Jones

Date