

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: 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 J A Rowlands
Councillor M G Sarsfield
Councillor J P Zalot
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: The Town Mayor Councillor C J Theakston

The Deputy Mayor took the Chair

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Councillors to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year.

85.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor D Owen left the meeting at 7.06pm.

86.0 VISIT BY MR ROBERT CHARLTON AND JANICE OLIVER TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE OLD BATHS SITE

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr Robert Charlton and Ms Janice Oliver to the meeting to discuss their plans for the Old Baths site.

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

Mr Charlton thanked the meeting for the opportunity to discuss potential ideas for the site. He reported that he had no firm plans of what the facility/business might be, but they were open to discussions about what could benefit the town and would welcome views from the Town Council for the Old Baths site. He stated that they would like to open it as a Lido, given a resurgence of other baths re-opening across the UK which had been financially supported with public money. In addition he would like to be able to run a suitably sustainable business alongside a proposed lido, which needed to be decided upon.

A discussion of the Old Baths site raised the following points:-

Councillors welcomed plans to turn the site into a Lido.

What would be the supporting businesses to go with the Lido? It was stated by Mr Charlton that possible plans could be a hospitality services business such as a café bar, beach hut accommodation, pool for crabbing, all generating an economic benefit for the Town. In addition he would like living accommodation, such as a flat above the business premises.

Councillors did not support plans for living accommodation as this could lead to further expansion of property development adjacent to the site.

A Councillor asked about any sketched out plans and a business case for the site. Mr Charlton stated that this meeting with the Council he had seen as a spring board to start putting in place initial plans.

There was a discussion about access to the site. Since the owner of the property did not have right of access. Mr Charlton suggested a licence for access to the site for service vehicles to work there. He was willing to pay for a licence as had previous owners. He expected visitors to pay for parking on the Green as per the normal arrangements.

A Councillor asked about timescales for developing the site. It was stated by Mr Charlton that a plan needed to be in place, and with agreed sourced finances to support the development. The potential development costs were in the region of 2m and this would be a two to three year project. It was suggested by Mr Charlton that the Town Council might be able to help with grant funding alongside Lottery funding.

A Councillor asked if Mr Charlton had the necessary financial backing. Mr Charlton stated that he had not yet sought any financial backing, but did feel that investors would be forthcoming.

Mr Charlton suggested that a café bar and seafood offering could be made available on the site this summer and suggested this as the first year plan.

A Councillor asked about adding a new eating place for the town. Mr Charlton replied that he believed the town could have more eating places, especially as some hospitality businesses had closed. A seafood restaurant using locally sourced produce could be an appealing eating venue. The additional visitors in peak seasons were also a key factor.

The Council supported in principal the ideas put forward by Mr Charlton. Secondly, it is recognised that Mr Charlton had come to this meeting to seek ideas and potential funding from the Town Council, and therefore the Council would expect to be kept informed on progress and required decisions on a regular basis.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

Mr Charlton to give a formal proposal of the year one plan for the site at the next Finance and Planning committee meeting on 27 January 2020.

The Deputy Town Mayor thanked Mr Charlton and Ms Oliver for attending the meeting and looked forward to receiving further proposals.

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

With the above points, it was proposed, seconded and carried that the Council adopt the recommendation of the Committee that had just sat.

Councillor D Owen rejoined the meeting at 7.31pm.

87.0 VISIT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARWYN JONES TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

The Town Clerk gave apologies from County Councillor Carwyn Jones, due to a recent family bereavement.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

Beumaris Town Council to send a card of condolence to County Councillor Carwyn Jones.

88.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

Matters for correction included reference to Miss rather than Mrs Catherine Rowlands. Councillor D Owen, Councillor J P Zalot and Councillor S Zalot had not attended the meeting.

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

89.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019

A Councillor commented on minute 73 concerning County Councillor Alun Roberts report on local issues. It was noted that difficult consultations had been made in regard to local Schools in the Seiriol ward. Please could the last part of sentence be removed 'and more attending than at Llangoed School'.

Within minute 73, reference to a School Fete to be amended to 'Christmas Fayre'.

A Councillor pointed out in minute 74 about arrangements for the Youth Club leader to be invited to a meeting in the near future. It was confirmed that the Office would action this accordingly.

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

90.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2019

The Town Clerk reported on 2 recommendations made within the adopted minutes of the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee meeting of 9 December 2019 as being a problem and therefore a conflict. The Town Clerk pointed out the new system being used had failed already as a bill had been paid just before Christmas to BT, and had not had the required three signatures from Councillors for authorisation. 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.

The Chairman pointed out that the new streamlined payments system had replaced an outmoded and slow method of managing payments. In the early days of the new system some minor difficulties had occurred which was quite normal with the implementation of any new system.

It was noted by a Councillor that due to the new more efficient and quicker method of paying bills it was deemed sensible to have only one monthly need for payment, and only in one-off exceptional circumstances should bills be paid outside of the normal Finance and Planning Committee meetings.

A Councillor pointed out that the exceptional BT bill could have been paid on a Council employee's business debit card.

These minutes should be returned back to the next meeting of the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee meeting on 13 January 2020 for further discussion.

The Chairman of the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee requested that the Town Clerk suggest suitable wording for the recommendation prior to the meeting on 13 January 2020 in regard to the new bills payment procedures.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

It was agreed that the Audit and Personnel minutes of the 9 December 2019 be returned to its next meeting scheduled for Monday 13 January 2020, for correction, prior to recommendation and approval at the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting on 27 January 2020.

The Chair wished to acknowledge the Council's gratitude to the Town Clerk for pointing out what has occurred on this occasion, and also acknowledged their gratitude to the people who have been involved in implementing this new system.

The Town Clerk reported on minute item 111.1, the Big Wheel 2020. It had been agreed the Big Wheel would start on the 27 March and it would remain here for 4 Saturdays, until the 19 April. A fee of £4,500 had been agreed, last year's fee had been paid in full.

A Councillor asked where the location of the Big Wheel would be, and had the Council notified local residents.

The Town Clerk confirmed the location of the Big Wheel would be in the same place as last year.

Recommendation to Council

It was proposed, seconded and carried by a majority to have the Big Wheel on the proposed dates of 27 March through to the 19 April, with an agreed payment fee of £4,500.

A Councillor reported on minute item 107.1.3, of the Medrwn Mon AGM, 18 December 2019. He highlighted the presentation of certificates of achievement to young volunteer people in this area and particularly Llangoed. It was noted that the video created by them was excellent and testament to their volunteering efforts. However

the finance to support this volunteering project would be finishing soon, and Beaumaris Town Council should consider discussing this issue.

A Councillor noted a correction on minute 112. It should be 'civic' and not 'special'.

With the above points corrected and noted, it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the minutes be accepted, with the exception of the item to be referred back for the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee.

91.0 EXTRA BILL FOR PAYMENT

5734 S L Scaffolding Services, emergency repairs to chimney £1,000.00
at the Gaol

Total £1,000.00

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

92.0 CORRESPONDENCE

92.1 Planning Consultation TPO/2019/22, 2 Cartref Cottages, Llanfaes: Application to fell a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed for the Council to request a site visit to view and discuss the proposal to fell a tree at 2 Cartref Cottages, Llanfaes.

92.2 Anglesey Tourism Association: Annual General Meeting on Monday 13th January 2020, at 1pm at Llangefni Business Centre, IACC, Bryn Cefni Business Park.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the AGM notice be received.

92.3 North Wales Craftworkers Association: Proposed dates for Craft Fairs on the Green.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to approve the 23 through to 26 May 2020 dates in line with their normal support of the Beaumaris Festival programme, but not the other 2 requested dates which were 11 and 12 April and 8 and 10 May.

92.4 David Hughes Community Centre: Insurance renewal.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

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.

92.5 Anglesey County Council: Resurfacing works at Green Edge

The Town Clerk reported on the agreed works starting on 6 January 2020. He outlined the meeting prior to Christmas that the Project Officer had had with the Senior Engineer of the proposed works. What was discussed and agreed was firstly requirements for access to the Bulkeley Hotel, all businesses on Castle Street, with delivery back access on Green Edge, including the Spar shop, contractors accessing the far side of the Green and people wanting to park on the green. It was agreed that the works be done in a phased manner so as little disruption would be caused to residents, visitors and local businesses. The Town Council would monitor any

disruption and problems on a daily basis and liaise with the onsite contractors to resolve any access issues.

93.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of the Town Mayor there were no announcements made.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm

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**Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor R A Jones**

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