

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
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 and Administrative Assistant were in attendance

APOLOGIES: The Deputy Mayor Councillor R A Jones
Councillor D T Evans

The Town Mayor took the Chair

111.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S Zalot declared a personal interest in item 116 with regard to a donation request payment for the David Community Centre, as a family member is on the Victorian Christmas Weekend organising committee who will benefit from free use of the Community Centre for the event.

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

The Town Mayor invited County Councillor Alun Roberts to present his report

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

Councillor Roberts reported on the following recent local issues: -

It was reported that the Executive Committee of the Welsh Government had given Anglesey Council the lowest increase in Government funding throughout Wales. 3.8% as opposed to other Council's who had got 4%. Anglesey County Council would be raising council tax by an increase of 4.5%. There were pressures on budgets particularly in child social services and adult social services. £800,000 would have to be found in cuts in education.

Schools Update:

The Schools Modernisation programme had not yet reviewed schools in the Seiriol ward but plans for the Llangefni area were the same as had been proposed before. It was noted that there was an increase in pupils at the Beaumaris School as predicted by the local community.

Ambulance Service Update:

Councillor Roberts had attended a meeting of the Ambulance Service which had given an update on response times, service issues and working with other critical community services such as fire and rescue.

Llanfaes Community meeting update:

The meeting raised issues of responsibility for housing and highways. These would be followed up with the relevant Council departments, including addressing the unsafe lighting issues.

Roads update:

Councillor Roberts had been liaising with Huw Percy at the Highways Department about two areas of concern, they were:

- 1) An application had been made to get specialist advice on the condition and necessary repairs to the road between Llanfaes and Beaumaris.
- 2) The Garth bends needed an urgent review especially as a tree had fallen at the weekend, where there could have been a loss of life. Pressure needed to be put on the Welsh Government to invest in this.

A member raised the point that runners in the 10k marathon could have been hit by a falling tree, and therefore it was now time to address the urgent infrastructure issues of the Garth bends.

A member noted that Highways had been very proactive in the recent heavy rain and storms, and wished to convey his thanks to Huw Percy at the Highways Department.

Councillor Roberts suggested that members of the Town Council should meet with the Highways department to discuss and raise concerns about the specific road conditions that had been discussed.

Adult Services:

A major consultation into adult services is now underway, which includes improving services at Haulfre.

Leisure Centres on Anglesey:

It was reported that some leisure centre facilities across the island would be renovated and repaired from an allocated funding of £250,000. Members commented that at the time the Beaumaris Leisure Centre had been taken over by the local community and it had been stated that all other leisure centres on the island would become the responsibility of their local communities or would have to close. Instead money saved by the closure of Beaumaris Leisure Centre had been used to subsidise the other leisure centres.

Members felt that Beaumaris Leisure Centre should also have some of this allocated funding for much needed improvements to its facilities.

County Councillor Alun Roberts expressed his good wishes for the St David's Day Parade to be held in Beaumaris on Tuesday 3 March 2020. On behalf of the Seiriol ward County Councillors he also gave his best wishes to the outgoing Town Clerk for a well-deserved retirement.

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

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

113.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020

Resolved (unanimous): To confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

114.0 TO CONFIRM AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2020

Minute 110.0 – To add ‘three of these candidates withdrew at the interview stage.’

Minute 110.0 - To amend ‘and it was decided that further meetings be arranged as necessary to answer further questions with the preferred candidates.

Minute 110.0 Correction to the proposal – ‘It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the candidates be invited to attend a second informal meeting with the Town Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Audit and Personnel Sub-Committee to discuss offering the role. The Town Clerk to be available by telephone to answer any questions that he may be required to provide advice on. The Mayor to then call a Special Meeting of the Council to discuss and agree the recruitment of the Town Clerk.’

Resolved by a majority: That with the above points amended, the minutes were a true and correct record.

114.1 Update on recruitment of Town Clerk – Town Mayor

It was proposed, seconded and carried by a majority that the Press, Public and Administrative Officer be excluded for a discussion about a confidential staff matter.

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

The Town Mayor gave an update on the status of the recruitment process, including his wish to find out why three candidates had withdrawn at the interview stage.

The Town Clerk gave an update on one of the candidates interviewed for the post.

The Chairman of the Audit and Personnel Committee gave an update on correspondence and contact that he had had with one of the candidates that had been recently interviewed.

The Chairman of the Audit and Personnel Committee informed the meeting of 2 informal meetings with identified candidates and subsequent follow-up meetings conducted by the recruitment panel.

A member suggested that the role be re-advertised.

A member noted that a lengthy but responsible recruitment process had been implemented and that the interview panel had done an excellent job.

The members suggested that two of the remaining candidates should be considered, and a recommendation made to the Council. The merits of both candidates were discussed.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed to offer the role to the preferred candidate subject to agreed terms and conditions offered, including a six month probation period.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

If the candidate does not accept the offer of employment to become the Town Clerk that the Council re-advertise the post with immediate effect.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

The members wished to express their thanks to the recruitment panel and in particular Councillor M Sarsfield for his hard work and significant contribution in leading the recruitment process.

A member noted that appropriate public notices should be made of the new appointment as soon as is possible, once a signed offer letter has been received.

It was proposed seconded and carried unanimously that the meeting move back into Council and that Council adopts the recommendations of the Committee that has just sat.

The Press and Public were re-admitted.

115.0 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020

Minute 132.2 – It was proposed and seconded that the discussion concerning the use of the School be referred back to the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

To refer back to the next Finance and Planning Committee meeting the Recommendation to Council The Town Council to contact the School and then the necessary health authorities to highlight the potential utilisation of the building should matters necessitate its use. Passed as a majority.

Minute 134.1.4 – to amend the wording to ‘lay a cable on the road and some part of the grass area of the Green’

The Town Clerk gave an update on the legal advice that had been sought in regard to the location of the proposed works and the request for Wayleave Consent for Alterations. It was advised that the request be rejected on the grounds of the proposed location of the works, and that an alternative route be suggested by SP Energy Networks.

Recommendation to Council: (unanimous)

It was agreed that the office reject the Wayleave Consent and ask for an alternative route for the works.

Minute 136.0 – An update on staff recruitment was given. The panel was reformed to be tasked to meet the necessary candidates as required.

Minute 138.0 – Proposal to Council 5 in favour/ 6 against

The Food Festival Limited could not use the Green to hold its event. The Council would invite the Canolfan to see if they would be prepared to run a food festival purely as a fund raising activity.

Minute 138.0 – Recommendation to Council (unanimous): The Food Festival Limited may use the Green for this year's event on condition of an agreed contract which stipulates a guarantee of a donation of £20k be made to the Canolfan.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous): It was agreed that a contract be drawn up with the Food Festival organisers, including the required £20k donation to the Canolfan.

Minute 145.0 – That 'Councillor N Gough assists the Town Clerk in enquires regarding an additional bank account in another bank.

Resolved (unanimous): That, with the above points amended, the minutes were a true and correct record.

116.0 EXTRA BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The Town Clerk raised the donation request of £2,002.37 to the David Hughes Community Centre to pay for their annual insurance. The David Hughes Community Centre had agreed to waive their fee to the Victorian Christmas Weekend. Three Councillors authorised the payment.

Councillor S Zalot declared a personal interest in the Victorian Christmas Weekend regarding a family member on the organising committee, he did not leave meeting.

Resolved by a majority that the bill be paid. Councillor S Zalot did not vote.

117.0 CORRESPONDENCE

117.1 Re-opening of injury claim

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of an ongoing injury insurance claim from a person falling into a hole on the green following the 2018 Food Festival. The claimants insurers had requested CCTV footage again of the incident, the Town Clerk would report back to Council on progress.

117.2 Hub Parking: Renewal of maintenance contract

The Town Clerk asked the Councillors for their agreement to renew the annual maintenance contract for the entrance and exit barriers on the Green. Annual service is provided, if any parts need replacing then this would be an additional cost. A member pointed out that the barrier system was more than 11 years old, and that the system should be modernised to offer a more up to date parking payment system.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

It was agreed to renew the annual maintenance contract with Hub Parking Ltd.

117.3 Details of St David's Day Parade Tuesday 3 March

The Town Clerk described the route and arrangements that the children and Band would take for the St David's Day Parade finishing at the Canolfan. A member said that that a director from the Canolfan would make a welcome presentation to the children at the Canolfan gathering. Mentor Mon had asked for support in putting up posters for the occasion and any volunteers to help as marshals for the parade through the town.

118.0 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk announced the sad news of Peter Tate's passing on 5 February 2020. The funeral was scheduled for 13 March, final arrangements would be confirmed.

The Town Mayor raised an item on behalf of the staff in regard to the Council's policies for the Coronavirus. It was asked if the office should be closed to the general public. Government guidelines had been scrutinised by the office. The Town Clerk was concerned for all workers of the Town Council. Practical measures were in place to enforce regular hand washing and further hand sanitizers had been bought. The up-to-date Government guidelines would be circulated to all members of staff. It was noted that the risk level had risen from low to moderate. The situation needed daily review with the Town Clerk being able to have powers to act if needed.

Recommendation to Council (unanimous):

The Town Clerk to have powers to act with regard to any escalation concerning the Coronavirus.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm

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Town Mayor
Councillor C J Theakston

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