

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2105 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

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

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor J R Carr
Councillor I Davies
Councillor B L Kotkowicz
Councillor R J Parry

The Town Mayor took the Chair

72.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

73.0 FLOOD EVENT ON 5 DECEMBER 2015

It was resolved nem con to go into Committee.

The Town Mayor gave a presentation of events on the day, with photographs to provide evidence of key points. Anglesey County Council had prepared, gullies had been cleared, the grating on Mill River cleared and the sluice in the moat lowered. Key observations about Saturday were:

- 1 Constant work was needed to keep the grating on Mill River clear. Without it, the walls either side of the stream would have been overtopped and the properties in Mill Lane, West End and Tros yr Afon flooded.
- 2 Road gullies needed constant attention to keep them clear of leaves.
- 3 A lot of water ran down Red Hill and Wexham Street. Even when clear, the road gullies were unable to cope.
- 4 A considerable amount of water flowed across Castle Meadow and into the moat.
- 5 There was considerable runoff from Maes Hyfryd. The culvert under the school towards Mill Run overflowed, putting some houses at risk.
- 6 Without the Fire Service's high capacity pump, the moat would have overflowed into Castle Street.

Key Town Council actions needed to improve its own response and to support the Flood Wardens.

- 1 Council staff need better personal protective equipment. Flotation suits have now been purchased. Life jackets and harnesses should be considered. The advice of Simon Bunting to be sought.
- 2 Radios would improve communication between Flood Wardens and with Council staff.
- 3 A hook based on the old RNLI rope cutter would be a good tool for keeping the Mill River grating clear.
- 4 A dozen waterproof torches for Flood Wardens are needed.
- 5 Flood Wardens need high-visibility jackets.
- 6 A grab-bag for the Chief Flood Warden should be prepared containing torch, keys (eg stop logs, Cemetery workshop, barriers etc) barrier card, laminated instructions, copy of flood plan.
- 7 High-vis sandbags marked 'Beaumaris Town Council' would be useful. Stackable boxes to store the sandbags in would preserve them and prevent them being purloined. Hard standing may be needed at the storage location.
- 8 A waterproof camera to record events was useful.

Recommendation to Council:

To establish the costs involved. External funding may be available, though the Council will be prepared to underwrite the costs.

Following the events of 5 December, Anglesey County Council have reviewed their flood relief proposal. The result of the archaeological dig means that a new pipe through Happy Valley is impractical. A smaller bund in Castle Meadow is now proposed. Works in Maes Hyfryd and Wexham Street have been held up by a complaint/dispute. Any grounds for objection based on the works not being needed now appear to be flawed. If the objections were lifted, the works could go ahead quickly.

Recommendation to Council:

- 1 To ask Anglesey County Council to confirm in writing the indemnity offered to householders for damage that might be caused by the excavations.
- 2 To approach the objectors asking them to lift their objections for the benefit of residents of the town.

Other aspects of the events of 5 December were discussed.

Recommendation to Council:

- 1 Suggest to Anglesey County Council that restoring the old lake on Mill River might relieve problems lower down. The old dam needs to be checked.
- 2 The water is seeping through the wall at the old landslip near Gallows Point. Request that Anglesey County Council investigate.
- 3 Ask Anglesey County Council to attend to the gully at the bottom of Cemetery Hill. The outlet to the sea may need checking.

- 4 The cracks in the Cemetery wall alongside Allt Goch Bach need checking. The trees in the Cemetery (especially at the bottom of the hill) to be professionally checked.

It was resolved nem con to go into Council.

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

It was resolved nem con to send a letter of appreciation to RNLi Beaumaris for their contribution to flood rescue efforts in Cumbria.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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**Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot**

Date