

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor J P Zalot
The Deputy Mayor Councillor C J Theakston
Councillor D T Evans
Councillor A N Gough
Councillor A J V Grant
Councillor K M Jones
Councillor R A Jones
Councillor H Mattocks
Councillor D R Owen
Councillor M G Sarsfield

The Town Clerk was in attendance

APOLOGIES: Councillor D W Gallichan
Councillor L J Roberts
Councillor S Zalot

The Town Mayor took the Chair

108.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

109.0 TRANSFER OF GAOL AND COURTHOUSE

Resolved unanimously to go into Committee.

The Town Mayor stated that the meeting was to discuss whether the Town Council should adopt the Goal and Courthouse.

Councillor Sarsfield gave a report of a previous meeting he had with Anglesey County Council regarding the transfer of the Gaol and Courthouse to Beaumaris Town Council. It was made clear to Councillor Sarsfield that The Goal and Courthouse would not open this year as there were no funds available and also that Beaumaris Town Council would only have the revenue from the Castle Coach Park for five years and no more. If it was decided to jointly run the coach park for this period with Anglesey County Council then Beaumaris Town Council would have to contribute their share of the running costs. It was also agreed with Anglesey County Council that the five year tenure would only start when the contractors had left the site and the coach park was fit for purpose. The Council would be able to select a date for the lease to start.

Anglesey County Council will assist Beaumaris Town Council in applying for grant funding. It was also stated by Anglesey County Council that if Beaumaris Town Council decided not to move forward with the project then Anglesey County Council will look at moving forward with other partners.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Sarsfield for his report. He also stated that if the Councillors were happy to move forward with the project then the organisation of the transfer should go to the working sub-committee that had already been set up.

There were some discussions regarding the repairs of the buildings that had already been identified. The Mayor stated that this had already been discussed previously in the

sub-committee and that the estimates given by Anglesey County Council may not be accurate.

The Deputy Mayor stated that old buildings are never free from repairs and the costs could be funded from income as well as grants, also if the buildings were to close then this would deflect from the town. It was important that these two heritage sites be secured on behalf of the town. Councillor Mattocks supported the Deputy Mayor's comments.

Councillor Grant stated that if the properties were freehold then this would assist Beaumaris Town Council in obtaining grants in the future. This was a major opportunity for Beaumaris Town Council and that any repairs could be spread over a period of five years. He reminded everyone that these two buildings are a major tourist attraction for this town. He felt that the buildings should be open for nine/ten months of the year and if the Council decide not to take the buildings on then this would be a great opportunity missed.

Councillor Grant proposed that Beaumaris Town Council accept the transfer of the buildings. This was seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

There were various discussions regarding liabilities, business plans and staffing as well as a project plan. It was stated the project should be run as a commercial entity.

It was asked if the sub-committee was committed and the Council felt this was the case.

Councillor R A Jones requested that the vote be recorded and this was seconded by Councillor Owen. Five Councillors stood to affirm that a recorded vote should be taken.

The proposal was then voted upon.

For: The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Grant, Councillor Sarsfield, Councillor Mattocks, Councillor Gough, Councillor K Jones.

Against: Councillor R A Jones, Councillor D Owen.

Abstentions: Councillor D T Evans.

The proposal was passed.

Councillor Grant then thanked Councillor Sarsfield for all his efforts regarding this matter and congratulated him on a job well done.

Resolved unanimously to go back into Council and adopt the recommendations of the Committee that had just sat..

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending and that he felt this was a fantastic opportunity for Beaumaris.

Meeting closed at 20.25.

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**Town Mayor
Councillor J P Zalot**

Date