

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE 15 JULY 2008

Present

Her Worship the Mayor – Cllr M P Jones

Councillors

W R Owen, R Anderson , H Edwards, O T Owen, W T Owen, I C Thomas, A Y Williams, A W Bohana, G Parry, A Kirk, M Davies, R B onner-Pritchard, M Thomas, W Davies

Guest Speaker : John Marjoran - Segontium

John noted that he has been appointed by Segontium as a consultant

Trying to establish

How to increase number of tourists to the Museum

How to improve the displays

And how to improve accessibility

He will be providing the Trustees with several documents before they start the process of obtaining funds

The main points of consideration are: -

- The fact that the Museum and displays are there since 1973, and even though their contents are good , they haven't been updated since
- Several relics are still in Cardiff and need moving to Caernarfon
- Need to update the devices using modern technology
- Needs to be more of a family attraction
- Signage

The consultation work should be finished by the end of September, and the findings will be presented to the trustees then.

The Mayor thanked him for his presentation

1. Apologies

Cllr H W Roberts

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

Cllr W T Owen – planning

Cllr H Edwards planning

Cllr I C Thomas – planning

Cllr W R Owen – planning

Cllr R Anderson – planning

3. Urgent Items

- Email from G Edwards
- Letter from Dylan Jones

4. Planning

To consider application

Resolved

To send a list of recommendations to the relevant planning authority (see attached list)

5. Accounts

To approve bills for payment

Resolved

To accept for payment

6. Council Accounts

Report on the evening

Resolved

To accept the report (changing one heading regarding football to youth football) ,and for the clerk to continue in a timely manner to correspond with the external auditor. The Mayor to sign on behalf of the Council. The only item that the clerk feels she needs to draw attention to is the additional payment to Veterans Day

7. Local Health Board

Delivering the vision together

Resolved

Accept for information only

8. One Voice Wales

Training Schedule

Resolved

7 names were submitted and the clerk is to decide who attends which modules . Which are The Council – M Davies, The Councillor- MThomas, The Council as an employee - W T Owen & M P Jones, Understanding the Law – W R Owen and the clerk, TheCouncil meeting – A Bohana, Understanding Council Finances - W Ll Davies
All who attend to report back on each module to the Council

9. Notice of Motion

Cllr. O. T. Owen

Resolved

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved against the contents of Cllr O T Owens motion as the document that h produced clearly stated that any one can access the field with prior arrangement with the Wand erers

10. Welsh Assembly Government

Reviews of Electoral arrangements

Resolved

Send a letter to remain as status quo noting that Peblig and Seiont wards are both growing in numbers, but individuals also to answer themselves

(Cllr H Edwards left at 7.25)

11. Post Office – network change

Invitation Re: 19 August 2008

Resolved

Reply noting that a representative from each ward with post office will be in attendance Seiont – Gerald Parry, Peblig – Arnold Bohana, Cadnant – Mel Davies, and the Myor on behalf of the Main post office

12. Women’s Institute/Sustain Wales

Climate change – Question Session – Royal Welsh Show

Resolved

Accept for information only

13. Update from Caernarfon Partnership

Cllr. Richard Bonner Pritchard reported back

- Development on the square is going well; they will stop over the summer period and hope to finish by the end of November.
- No intention to change the situation on Bangor Street at present
- 6/7 disabled bays now to be placed at Victoria Dock
- Debbie’s title now to change to Victoria Cock centre manger

Resolved

Accept the report and thank Cllr R Bonner Pritchard

14. Update from Working Party

Clerk reported that a very positive meeting had been held. Officers from Gwynedd Council were keen for us to list our priorities (see attached list). Clerk needs to see if the Councillors are happy with the contents before the working party can continue its meetings over the summer. Officers are going to check the full staffing issues regarding the toilet in Llanbeblig. Also there will be a specific meeting purely to discuss the Public Footpaths.

As you look at the document, please remember that we will be looking at the possibilities of taking parts of the work on, not necessarily the entire workload. E.g. a grass cutter could cut, public footpaths, cemeteries, playing fields

Resolved

To accept the report and document and thank the clerk

15. Update from External Group for The Square

Cllr. A. Y. Williams reported that

- Work finishes on the square over the summer until 1st Sept
- Everywhere that hasn't been finished will be covered with tarmac for safety over the summer period
- The events area doesn't formally exist
- Taxi's are allowed to use the bay outside Spar as a temporary measure
- That the fountain may be tested when the Civic Society unveil the plaque
- That the big wheel has been refused
- Noted that taxi's currently don't use the bays on Bangor Street

Resolved

To accept the report and thank Cllr A Y Williams

16. Update on Land train

Noted that the scheme is still being considered

Resolved

Accept for information only

17. Question

What is happening regarding the Welcome Signs?

Waiting for Gwynedd Council

18. Email from Gareth Edwards

Asking if the Town Council had a dress code, and if not can you consider one

Resolved

For the clerk to consider whilst rewriting the standing orders

19. Letter from Dylan Jones

Letter noting growing concerns that business waste isn't collected until the morning after

Resolved

Accept for information as the working party have already raised the concern with Gwynedd Council

20. Update from Entertainments Committee

A meeting of the Entertainment committee as held immediately prior to the General Committee. Request to arrange 2 Sundays of events on the square 17th and 24th August between 12-4 and spend up to £800 per event

Resolved

To suspend the standing orders for this item in order for the events to take place over the summer months.

Permission for the committee to continue with the events, ensuring Health & Safety is covered

Meeting ended at 8.20

Signed..... Dated.....