

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE 17 JULY 2007

PRESENT

Her Worship the Mayor – Cllr M Powell-Jones

Councillors

R M Jones, I C Thomas, H Gwyn, H Edwards, M E Williams, O T Owen, A Bohana, T Thomas, A Kirk, H W Roberts, R Anderson, W T Owen, A Y Williams

Following the sudden death of Bangor Mayoress – Everyone stood for a minute's silence

Guest Speaker: Chief Inspector Gareth Pritchard

Pleased to know that the local officers have been here, and that everyone is familiar to us.

4 points to discuss

1. Performance

Have resolved more crimes than any other region on Wales
Developed Community policing
Jobs are much more settled

2. Environment

We are currently concentrating on Graffiti and litter in order to keep the area tidier. This reduces crime rates. We are working closely with Gwynedd Council on this matter.

3. Increase the number of Welsh Speaking Officers

Numbers are rising, but still not as high as we would like

4. Smoking Ban

This is causing us problems as people now take their drinks outside with them, and then their friends join them outside.

Police in Dublin have experienced similar problems, and we are working closely with them in order to alleviate the situation here. We need to reduce the number of bottles and glasses out on the streets.

Points noted by Councillors

That the same situation arises at places like agricultural shows and the Eisteddfod, which are resolved by use of plastic glasses – can the Police insist that local pubs/clubs adopt the same system?

Need to be aware the effect that drinking out on the streets has on local residents.

Must remember that it's what's inside the glass that causes the problem

The question was raised regarding parking on Pool Street. Councillors were aware that the new traffic wardens do not have enough powers to do anything about the situation. The Police are trying to resolve, and have undertaken several Blitz days, but are still not successful. This situation will not be resolved immediately, but the Police are currently in liaison with Gwynedd Council to see if CCTV can be used to assist in solving this situation

There are 5 school liaison officers and discussion with Headmasters regarding risks with internet use etc

Concerns were noted that youths drink under age in the Roman Fort, Cemetery and the park – The Police are aware of the situation, and are doing their best to resolve the situation by working closely with Gwynedd Council licensing dept to ensure that any retail outlet that are guilty of selling alcohol to anyone under age do not get their licence renewed.

Public House owners are responsible for the behaviour of their customers, but it's felt that they need some form of documentation informing them what they can and can't do in town

Concerns were noted regarding Police spending on Horses for the Wrexham area

Everyone grateful for the work that the PCSO's do

1. Apologies

Cllr G Parry, Cllr W R Owen

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

Planning – R M Jones

Planning – H Edwards

Planning and letter re licensing – W T Owen

Letter re licensing – I C Thomas

3. Urgent Items (Chairman/Clerk). For information or for action by the Clerk. Resolutions are not permissible.

Additional planning applications

Cllr H W Roberts motions re One Voice Wales AGM – 18

Letter from Lions re Fireworks – 19

Letter from Licensing Dept -20

Temporary traffic Order – 21

Rights of way network – 22

Letter from BACBAC – 23

Information from One Voice Wales – 24

Financial application Y Graef – to be discussed with item 7

Letter from the Welsh Guards – 25

4. Planning

To consider applications

Resolved

To send a list of recommendations to the relevant Planning Authority, see enclosed document

5. Accounts

To approve the bills paid

Resolved

To accept for payment

6. Letter from Gruffydd Huw Roberts

Item moved from Council Meeting 3.7.2007 (Authority to act on this item granted on 3.7.07)

Resolved

Caernarfon Town Council wishes to see any new names in Welsh only, existing names to be bilingual and to try and preserve the old historic names of the town. Ask an officer from Gwynedd Council to come and discuss the matter

7. E-mail from John Thirsk

Re: Land Train/Letter from Gwynedd Council

Resolved

To send a letter of support, only if the Police, Highways and Environment Agency are happy. Move the financial request to a Finance Panel

8. Community Profiling Questionnaire

4 Councillors had completed

Resolved

Clerk to send a reply amalgamating the responses received

9. Letter from Arfon W.I.

Re: Kitchen costs

Resolved

Move to Finance Panel

10. Copy letter from Gwynedd Council

Re: Public Shelter on 'Yr Aber'

Resolved

Send a letter to Gwynedd Council supporting Mr Edwards (due to summer period a letter from Gwynedd Council now received and it was felt no need to send a letter to them)

11. Llanbeblig Churchyard

- i. Letter from War Graves Commission
- ii. E-mails from A. Jones – Comrades
- iii. Reply from Rev Donaldson
- iii. e-mail from Gwynedd Council

Resolved

Ask for a meeting between the Mayor, Deputy and clerk with War Graves Commission, along with Mr A V Jones, and a further meeting with the Church to try and establish alternative ways of progressing

12. Financial Request

Carers Outreach Service

Resolved

Move to Finance panel

13. Bank Reconciliation + Income/Expenditure

Resolved

To accept for information only

14. Welsh Clerks Conference

Resolved

To send the clerk

15. Notice of Motion by Cllr. H. W. Roberts

Re: Caernarfon Post Office

Resolved

Move to next full council as Notice of motions should only be discussed in a full council

16. Letter from Community Health Council

Re: Caernarfon Medical Centre

Disappointed with the comments received Local health Board (via Community Health Council)

Resolved

To re write asking for a fuller explanation

17. Questions

When we discuss the standing orders can we include a section for reporting back? And remember to discuss the Mayors allowance in the next Finance meeting

18. Cllr H W Roberts motions for One Voice Wales

Resolved

To support the motions of Cllr H W Roberts

19. Letter from Lions re Fireworks

Resolved

Support request

20. Letter from Licensing Dept

Resolved

To accept for information only

21. Temporary traffic order

Resolved

To accept for information only

22. Rights of Way Improvements

Resolved

To wait until a guest speaker has been from the department

23. Letter from BACBAC

Letter for financial support

Resolved

To invite Jenny Blakemore to speak in General committee in October

24. One Voice Wales

Resolved

To discuss contents in September
25.Letter from the Welsh Guards

Resolved

To accept for information only

Meeting ended at 8.45

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