

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2ND DECEMBER 2008

Present

Her Worship the Mayor – Cllr M Powell- Jones

Councillors

H W Roberts, W R Owen, H Edwards, W T Owen, I C Thomas, A Y Williams , G Parry, M Davies, R Bonner Pritchard, M Thomas, W Ll Davies, A Roberts

Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain – Rev G Williams

1. Apologies

Cllr A Kirk, Cllr R Anderson, Cllr O T Owen

2. Mayor's Announcements

- **Peace gardens – unveil remembrance plaque**
- **Christmas Fair – British Heart Foundation**
- **Conwy Mayor's charity night**
- **Christmas Fair – NSPCC**
- **Apologies Rotary concert**
- **Thank you to Deputy Mayor for attending evening in Beaumaris**

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

W T Owen – planning and licensing

I C Thomas – planning and licensing

W R Owen – Planning and housing stock

H Edwards - Planning

4. Urgent Items

Update on Caernarfon Partnership

5. Minutes

To confirm the following minutes: -

- i. Council 4 November 2008
- ii. Entertainment Sub-Committee 4 November 2008
- iii. General Committee 18 November 2008

Resolved

Accept as a true record after the following alterations

Council- Add Cllr A Roberts question re answers on planning applications

General Committee – Add “in principal” re email from Mr Williams item 10, and the fact that Cllr W Ll Davies was in attendance.

6. Planning Applications

To consider applications

Resolved

To send a list of recommendations to the relevant planning authority

7. Accounts

To approve the bills, donations and wages for payment

Resolved

To accept and pay

8. Bank Reconciliation

Resolved

To accept for information

9. School Governor - Maesincla School

Following the resignation of Cllr A Kirk

Resolved

To elect Cllr M Powell - Jones to represent the council

10. Information Commissioner's Office

Model Publication for adoption

Resolved

Accept and adopt, but need to add additional policies in the New Year

11. Notice of Motion

Cllr. M. Powell Jones

Resolved

Move to the next General Committee

12. Gwynedd Council

Castle Pharmacy

Resolved

Accept for information only

13. Gwynedd Council

Re: Morgan Lloyd Public House

Resolved

Accept for information only

14. Letter from Chief Superintendent

Re: Rural Policing

Resolved

Send a letter back noting our disappointment at the tone used in the letter, and also invite County Councillors (Charles Jones and Selwyn Griffiths) who sit on the Police Authority Board to a meeting of the Council

15. Gwynedd Council

Prohibition of Waiting and Movement Restrictions – Castle Square

Resolved

Send a list of points for consideration

These points were raised by Cllr A Roberts

Is it possible to be more specific under “ff”, and where the owners are disabled?

The rules for blue badge users note “usually a badge holder can park on double yellow lines up to 3 hours in England and Wales”. How long are disabled people allowed to park on Pool Street? Will hours be limited as they currently are?

Would it be possible for blue badge holders to be allowed to park until 11.30 am on a Sunday due to services at Salem Chapel and also after 5pm weekdays due to various activities that happen at the chapel of an evening?

Will loading and unloading be allowed during the day? Remembering the large lorries that currently unload

16. British Korean Veterans Association

Permission to parade in town

Resolved

Grant Permission and welcome the fact that they have chosen Caernarfon

17. National Assembly of Wales

Call for Evidence

Resolved

As we are not aware of the current conditions, anyone that wishes to comment to do so individually

18. Adjudication Panel for Wales

Annual Report

Resolved

Accept for information only

19. Letters of thanks

- i. Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- ii. Pobl Peblig
- iii. Bobath Children's Therapy
- iv. Caernarfon Golf Club

Resolved

Accept for information only

20. Cllr. A. Roberts

Report from 'Shared Community'

Resolved

To accept the report, but pressurise Gwynedd Council to re meet the working party in order to move things forward, also elect Cllr W R Owen as a new member of the working party to have county councillor presence (Cllr W T Owen as reserve)

21. Cyngor Gwynedd

Housing Stock Ballot Project

Resolved

Invite Ffrancon Williams as a guest speaker and note that Town Councillors would like a copy of documentation

22. One Voice Wales Website

Login details now available from Clerk

Resolved

Anyone that wishes to receive the details to contact the clerk

23. Gwynedd Community Safety Partnership

Resolved

Accept for information only

24. Questions

Can we complain to the Post Office that correctly marked post isn't being delivered on time?

Yes

26. Caernarfon Partnership

Update from Cllr I C Thomas

Final conclusions from Sian Shakespear were received in respect of Sense of Place – Marketing programme for Caernarfon

I explained as Chairperson for the group, that even though Sian Shakespeare and colleagues have looked at the Marketing and Interpretation strategies, that the main purpose of this meeting is to decide the way forward in regards to the Marketing strategy

The head of Economy and Regeneration at Gwynedd Council outlined the background for commissioning this research. Explained the council as a body isn't part of the marketing for individual towns, but concentrating on marketing areas within the county. This said, a sum of £15000 one off payment has been earmarked

from the Marketing fund to assist marketing Caernarfon, and were keen to see a clear way forward to ensure best use of funds

Sian Shakespeare provided a clear presentation on her research, pointing out that everyone needs to work together to achieve the goal. She explained where she had reached with the research, and the goal now is to put it in action.

She presented the main principles of the Marketing programme as follows:

- Concentrate on Caernarfon
- Be comprehensive
- Be Professional
- Positive towards all businesses
- Transparent and believable
- Independent from Council
- Purpose of putting Caernarfon on the map
- Open and clear communication panels

A list of principles were agreed and Sian Shakespear noted that they needed to be looked at in the short term and long term

Then the four working models were presented, and the members were asked to choose the most suitable option

Option 1 a – everyone with an interest in marketing to join, and a committee to be established from there

Option 1 b – a body made up of the listed stakeholders and further membership

Option 2 a – Caernarfon Partnership to attract new members and act as an umbrella for different groups to act on different projects

Option 2 b – One present body/organisation to share the projects between existing groups and distribute the monies accordingly

At the partnership they decided to go with option 1b and therefore we need a representative from the Town Council

Resolved

To elect the clerk and Cllr IC Thomas as reserve

Meeting ended 7.15

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

Item 25 – Exceptional item

Notes on the item below from Hywel Roberts in the absence of staff

1. Cllr Hywel Roberts, Chairperson of Staff and Finance panel explained the background that Town Council staff wages are based on those of County Council, and that the clerk's figures were agreed nationally – the proposed figures were those that had been agreed in April 2008. Also noted that the clerk's figures were only a temporary measure as discussions are still ongoing

RESOLVED

To agree the new wages and backdate to April 2008

2. A question was raised as to whether the clerk's wages should move up a scale due to her training and achievements. Cllr Hywel Roberts said that the matter could not be discussed as it wasn't on the agenda, and that the matter should be discussed at the next staff and finance panel. Also noted that training plans need to be put in place and ways of monitoring staff performance

RESOLVED

That these matters are put on the next Staff and Finance Panel, and that the background is prepared to ensure a meaningful debate

Exceptional item

25. Staff Pay Rises

- i. Clerk Scale 28 at the moment (note interim figure only))
- ii. Scale 4 - Gwynedd Council – Caretaker
- iii. Scale 15 – Gwynedd Council - Secretary