

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 21.OCTOBER 2008

Present

Her Worship the Mayor – Cllr M Powell-Jones

Councillors

W R Owen, H Edwards, R Anderson, O T Owen, I C Thomas, A Y Williams, A W Bohana, A Kirk, M Davies, R Bonner-Pritchard, M Thomas, W LL Davies, A Roberts

1. Apologies

Cllr G Parry, Cllr W T Owen

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

W R Owen – Planning and Seiont letter

I C Thomas – planning

R Anderson – planning

H Edwards - planning

3. Urgent Items

Further information on item 9

4. Planning

To consider application

Resolved

To send a list of recommendations to the relevant planning authority

5. Accounts

To approve bills for payment

Resolved

To accept and pay

6. Safety Partnership

- respond to the 3 questions

Resolved

What is important and priorities? - Violence a home, antisocial behaviour, antisocial driving, vandalism, Class A drugs, increase the level of confidence in the Public and Alcohol .

How can CSP help us and be more aware of our needs?

Publicity and working together

7. Welsh Interpretation Consortium

Summary of draft marketing plan. Important for everyone to work together

Resolved

Accept for information only and await the full report

8. Gwynedd Council

Environment Walks programme

Resolved

Accept for information only

9. W.A.G.

Guidance for Community and Town Councils in Wales

Need names to attend workshop 12th November

Resolved

Names to the clerk by end of the week

10. Hacker Young

- clean accounts report

Resolved

Congratulate the clerk and secretary for their hard work to obtain the clear report

11. Consumer Focus Wales

Details of new arrangements

Resolved

Accept for information only

12. Local Boundary Commission

Report from Cllr. A. Roberts

Resolved

Accept and thank Cllr A Roberts

13. One Voice Wales AGM

Report from Cllr. Huw Edwards

Resolved

Accept and thank Cllr H Edwards

14. Hywel Williams M.P. meeting

Update from Cllr. H Edwards (on behalf of Cllr W T Owen)

Re Meeting with Hywel Williams MP 17th October 2008

Meeting with Hywel Williams re application for a Prison

Disappointing that so few turned up – only five from this Council

Hywel Williams explained that there is no Prison for Women in Wales and the nearest is in Stafford

The first places to be considered were Bryn y Neuad d, Llanfairfechan and Rhos Goch , Anglesey. Then Ferodo came into the equation (the site is in a sad state of affairs and needs a specialist to clear the site. Other sites in Wales were Merthyr and Cwmbran. It was mentioned that a prison in Cwmbran would be situated in the middle of Council Houses and Private Houses

Ferodo site is close to Bangor Station and the A5. It would be a fairly small Prison with around 500 spaces, none for women.

One of the advantages here is the new courts

It would be a C class prison. It would bring hundreds of jobs for local people, and specialist training would be provided for Prison Officers

If the site is chosen there would then be a 4 year consultation.

It would also bring building work locally

I ask that the council supports this in principal

Through discussion the following was added – that work for local people needs to be guaranteed as well as local building work. If the site is chosen, need to ensure that the site is not visible

Resolved

To accept the report and voted in favour IN PRINCIPAL with conditions

15. Information Commissioners Office Template

Following the clerks attendance to National Conference it appears that the Assembly and One Voice Wales are currently looking into the document

Resolved

To await further instructions before adopting the document

16. Letter from Seiont Maritime Trust

Resolved

To accept and ask for an update in a couple of months

17. Caernarfon Partnership update

Noted that the Celtic Festival is coming to Caernarfon and it is expected to draw 400-600 people into the town

Cadw hope to complete the new entrance before Christmas

The new Surgery will soon be opening at the Dock and the Traveldoge before Christmas

Resolved

Accept the report and thank Cllr R Bonner Pritchard

18. Letter from the University of Wales Bangor

Re: New Arts and Innovation Centre for Bangor

Resolved

Note our disappointment that the scheme has started without consultation

19. Questions

None

Meeting finished at 7.30

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