

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 7 OCTOBER 2008

Present

Deputy Mayor – Cllr H W Roberts

Councillors

H Edwards, R Anderson, O T Owen, W T Owen, I C Thomas, A W Bohana, G Parry, A Kir, M Davies, R Bonner Pritchard, M Thomas, W D Davies, A Roberts

Prayers

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

1. Apologies

The Mayor – Cllr M P Jones, Cllr W R Owen, Cllr A Y Williams

2. Mayor's Announcements

Send our best wishes to Ken and wish him a speedy recovery. Our condolences go to Cllr M Davies

Cllr H W Roberts attended two functions on behalf of the Mayor

- Bangor for the re enactment of the Freedom of the City to The Airforce
- Welcomed the new Mayor of Landerne

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

W T Owen – Planning and Licensing

I C Thomas – Planning, PEG, Licensing

H Edwards – Planning

A Bohana – Gogs

4. Urgent Items

- Remembrance Sunday
- Castle pharmacy
- Financial application by the GOGS
- Letter in relation to item 22

5. Minutes

To confirm the following minutes:-

- i. Council 2 September 2008) including formal Minutes of Sub Entertainment Committee 2 September 2008
- ii. General Committee 16 September 2008
- iii. Entertainment Sub-Committee 24 September 2008
- iv. Finance & Staff Panel 30^d September 2008

Resolved

To accept as a true record

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

Approve and pay

8. Bank Reconciliation

Resolved

Accept for information only

9. Farmers Union of Wales

Policing in the Countryside

Resolved

Send a letter of support to the Chief Superintendent

10. Gofal a Thrwsio Gwynedd

Annual Report

Resolved

Accept for information only

11. One Voice Wales

List of Motions for debate at AGM

Resolved

Accept for information only

12. H M Treasury Stock

Compulsory redemption

Clerk explained that our stock had been sold under compulsory redemption. Usually we received a cheque every Christmas for approximately £33 which was paid into the Mayor's Christmas fund. Due to the forced sale we have now had a cheque for £1191.13. Is it best to pay this into the Mayor's Christmas fund and release the usual amount until the pot runs out?

Resolved

To accept the clerk's recommendation and pay cheque into Mayor's Christmas fund

13. Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales

Meeting 16th October 2008

Resolved

Cllr Alun Roberts to attend on behalf of the Council

14. Gwynedd Economic Partnership

Resolved

Accept for information only

15. Cist Gwynedd

Resolved

Accept for information only

16.W.T.F.C.

AGM Agenda

Resolved

Accept for information only

17.Information Commissioners Office

Model Publication Scheme

Resolved

Clerk to create a template for next meeting

18.Gwynedd Together

Meeting 21st October 2008

Resolved

Accept for information only

19.Gwynedd Council

Letter of response for information only

Resolved

Accept for information only

20.Update from National Energy Workshop by Cllr. A. Bohana

A good first meeting, the hope is to reduce omission by 3% annually

A document of all the ideas from the day will be published soon

Resolved

To thank Cllr Bohana for his report

21. Update Re: Maes

To include proposed list of Members of Management Group

Resolved

Due to the clerks workload it was resolved that Gwynedd Council as the landowners should take the lead on this matter. Clerk to send a letter suggesting relevant names

22. North Wales Criminal Justice Board

Reply re: prison

Clerk noted that Hywel Williams MP has arranged a meeting for local town councillors here on October 17th at 7.00pm. Therefore the clerk encouraged any discussions to take place at that meeting

Resolved

That all councillors available to attend do so, and that the item will be placed on the next agenda (Permission to act granted)

23. Review Premises Licence – Morgan Lloyd

W T Owen, I C Thomas and R Anderson left the room

Resolved

Letter of support to option B - Temporary revocation of license with conditions

24. Update from larger councils council meeting of One Voice Wales

Cllr. A. Bohana to update

An interesting day with good guest speakers –namely David Payne from planning portal (the clerk has had contact details re future guest speaker here) and Derek Evans from the Audit Office

Simon White from One Voice Wales will be contacting David Hanson re the prison in Wales

Resolved

To thank Cllr Bohana for his report and the clerk to contact David Payne

25. Litter pick

Venues to be discussed

Resolved

Under the two bridges at the start of the cycle track, clerk to decide a date

26. Questions

Who do we turn to re the lake in the park?

Gwynedd Council

27. Remembrance Sunday

Clerk asked whether we wanted to go back to the Barrack's as in previous years

Resolved

To re start the old tradition ad contribute towards the cost

28. Castle Pharmacy

The contract to provide a dispensing facility only for the new surgery at Dock Victoria has been offered to Castle Pharmacy, but there is a probl em. It would only be one contract for the new dispensing Chemist, ad the contract doesn't allow the Castle Pharmacy to continue on the square. This will lead to the closure of the shop. The Surgery is due to open at the Dock on 17th of November, so this re ally is an urgent item, as any decision by the county council will be made very soon.

Proposal

That Caernarfon Royal Town Council oppose to the fact that Castle Pharmacy are being pressurised into closing due the fact that they have won the contract to run the dispensing service when the surgery opens at Victoria Dock .

1. When the discussion about relocating the surgeries to the Dock were taking place, supporters argued the case that the move would not involve shop closures in the town centre.
2. Nearly 70% -80% of prescriptions are repeat prescriptions. If the dispensary in the town centre were to close, tho se that currently get their repeat prescriptions would have to go to the Dock to collect. This would mean a extra journey for most people. It would also increase the amount of people who use the Surgery on the second floor and put greater pressure on the stairs and lift. It would be far easier for patients to receive their prescriptions from the existing pharmacies, Boots and Castle Pharmacy, reducing the amount of wasted footfall to the surgery at the Dock.
3. The Castle Pharmacy currently opens 8.30am – 6.30pm for six days a week from Monday to Saturday and 11.00am – 2.00pm on a Sunday. The new Pharmacy at the dock wouldn't be open on a Saturday or Sunday . It will be a huge loss if Castle Pharmacy is forced to close.
4. Closing Castle Pharmacy would leave only one Pharmacy open to the public and visitors. With the recent developments in the town to try and increase tourism this situation is unacceptable.

Resolved

To write as a matter of urgency to the Chief Executive and Gwynedd Local Health Board

29.Gogs Financial application

Following a lengthy discussion, where it was noted that all were in support of the event, but due to the amount of monies required it was

Resolved

To invite members of the Gogs committee to a Staff and Finance Panel and send them a list of questions prior to the meeting before any decision can be reached

The meeting ended at 8.15

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