

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE 17 APRIL 2007

Present

His worship the Mayor – Cllr I Thomas

Councillors

M P Jones, W T Owen, R Anderson, H Edwards, H W Roberts, R M Jones, H Gwyn, O T Owen, A W Bohana, W R Owen, A Kirk, M E Williams, T Thomas.

1. Apologies

Cllr G Parry, Cllr A Y Williams, Cllr E D Williams

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

W T Owen – Planning

W R Owen – planning and Football Club application (left the chambers)

O T Owen – planning application with family connections (left the Chambers)

R M Jones –planning and Gisda

H Edwards – planning

I C Thomas- two planning applications (left the chamber)

A Bohana – planning application (left the chamber)

3. Urgent Items

Cost re fire risk assessment- item 17

Email from Cllr H Roberts – item 18

Twinning – item 19

Bus Shelter – item 20

Translation equipment – item 21

4. Planning

To consider the applications

Resolved

To send a list of recommendations to the relevant Planning Authority (see attached

5. Accounts

To approve the bills paid

Resolved

Accept for information only

6. Walled Town Friendship Circle

Membership fee 2007- 2008

Resolved

Pay membership fee, clerk to enquire re leaflets

7. Neighbourhood Policing Update

Letter from North Wales Police

Resolved

Accept for information only; nominate Cllr H Edwards to represent council

8. Gisda Newsletter

Copy on the table

Resolved

Accept for information only

9. Local Government Policy Statement 2007 – A Shared Responsibility

- i. Letter from Welsh Assembly Government
- ii. Summary by One Voice Wales

Resolved

Accept for information only, and note that it's pleasing to see a close relationship between One Voice Wales and the Assembly

10. Bontnewydd By-Pass

- i. Letter from M. J. Gilbert
- ii. Copy of letter sent to Bontnewydd Council

Resolved

Accept for information only, and note that we are glad to see things progressing

11. One Voice Wales

Guidance on establishing a Complaints Procedure

Resolved

To accept for information only, and use in the future. To write a full policy when we discuss the standing orders.

12. Health Challenge Wales

Spring 2007 – Newsletter

Resolved

To accept for information only

13. Letter from Gwynedd Council

Re: Community Gangs

Resolved

To accept for information only. Clerk to note that they undertake at least the same level of work as they did during the pilot last year

14. Letter from Gwynedd Council

Works Programme re: Quality Environment April 2007

Resolved

Ask why the work at Maes Hyfryd, Maesincla hasn't started yet

15. Letter from Gwynedd Council

Re: Consultation on applications under Licensing Act 2003

Resolved

To accept for information only

16. Questions

Dim

17. Fire Risk Assessment

Clerk had received costs following lengthy discussions with Gwynedd Council, who no longer do their own. They provided me with details of the company they use, and a quote has been received. Only one figure has been received approx £750.

Resolved

To accept and proceed, Clerk to make the relevant arrangements

18. Civic Society

E-mail from Cllr H W Roberts

Notifying that the Civic Society has a meeting at the Institute, at 7.30 on 26 April in Peblig Meeting room.

The guest speaker is Marilyn Lewis from CADW along with two officers Trefor Thorpe and Mike Yates

Everyone Welcome

19. Caernarfon and Landerne Twinning Committee

Poster advertising forthcoming meeting on Tuesday 24 April in the Institute at 7.00 to discuss the visit in July.

Everyone Welcome

20. Bus Shelters

Following the agreement of costs for one bus shelter in Cllr H Edwards ward, the clerk was asked to obtain costs for more than one; to see if would be cheaper.

Clerk reported that it was possible to get a 5% reduction in costs if we ordered 5 at the same time.

The Clerk has also found a cheaper company to provide the single bus shelter.

Resolved

The Clerk to proceed with ordering the single bus shelter from the cheaper company

21. Translation equipment

Following advice from Cymen, the Clerk has had a company in to service the equipment, as the translators had been experiencing problems for some time.

As the existing system is an old one, it wasn't possible to carry out many improvements. This said, the technician has succeeded to improve it sufficiently as a temporary measure, but it is felt that the Council should consider placing some form of covers on the tables to soften the noise in the near future. The only other option would be to replace the entire system. Cymen did not feel that the situation is that bad at the moment.

Resolved

To see if the technician's work eases the problems, then re asses in 6months to see if we need to place some form of covering on the tables. Also to consider in future estimates from now on. Equipment also needs to be serviced annually.

Meeting finished 7.10

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