

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE JUNE 19 2007

PRESENT

Her Worship the Mayor – Cllr M P Jones

Councillors

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

Guest Speaker: Inspector Gareth Roberts + PCSO's

The Mayor welcomed the Police officers to the meeting

Inspector Gareth Roberts explained that the Town has lost 2 CBM's but gained 4 PCSO's

The team were individually introduced

Steve Williams who has 3 PCSO's working with him

Geraint Williams (Menai ward and Pubwatch), Emily Queack (Menai ward and shopwatch) and Joanna Clark (Menai Ward)

Ian Roberts who also has 3 working with him

Dylan Pritchard (Peblig Ward), Catrin Jones Morris (Seiont Ward) and Zara Thomas (cadnant Ward)

Main points from the discussion:

- Councillors all extremely grateful for the important work that is carried out by these individuals
- A brief explanation of the yellow card system used as a deterrent for youth offenders was given.

First offence- yellow card

Second- a letter sent home and further punishment

- Pubwatch and shopwatch both very successful schemes, perhaps a little more enthusiasm is required locally for the shopwatch scheme
- PCSO's working rota will change shortly to try and get more visibility during night and day.
- Accept that there is a problem with under aged drinking, despite efforts from the police who have caught and confiscated a significant amount of alcohol
- Need more people to contact the Police if they see any offence being committed- Co-operation is key

1. Apologies

Cllr O T Owen, Cllr G Parry, Cllr W R Owen, Cllr H W Roberts
Sympathies were expressed to Cllr O T Owen and the clerk on their recent family bereavements- everyone stood for a minute's silence

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

A Y Williams – item 8ii- Veterans Day
H Edwards – item 4 – Planning
R M Jones – item 4 – Planning
I C Thomas –item 4 (1,2 & 13)- Planning- left the room

3. Urgent Items

Improvements to the Square – 15

4. Planning

To consider applications

Resolved

To send a list of recommendations to the relevant planning authority (see attached)

5. Accounts

To approve the bills paid

Resolved

To accept and pay

6. Letter of Thanks

Childline

Resolved

To accept for information only

7. One Voice Wales

- i. AGM 12th July 2007
- ii. Followed by training session on planning
(Require 3 planning problems) – Please bring any concerns to our Meeting so that we can choose 3
- iii. Minutes 23rd April
- iv. Bulletin May 07

Resolved

To accept for information only

8. Gwynedd Council

- i. Work programme – Environment Directorate
- ii. Temporary Road Closures

Resolved

To accept for information only

9. Bontnewydd By-Pass

Letter from Bontnewydd Community Council

Resolved

Send a letter to Bontnewydd community council noting the following points:

Look into the possibility of a Park & Ride system

Ask Gwynedd Council to re assess the way their staff travel to work

As Cibyn Industrial estate is getting busier, try and get the by-pass earlier in order to ease traffic (giving priority to Plas Menai)

Improve the condition of the Bridge in Pontrug

10. Neighbourhood Policing Panels

Meeting – Blaenau Ffestiniog 19th July

Resolved

H Edwards, M P Jones & A Bohana to attend as usual

11.Rights of Way Improvements Plan

Item moved from June Council

Resolved

Everyone to complete and send the completed questionnaires to the clerk by end of June

12.Entertainment Sub-Committee

Discuss its future

Resolved

To keep the committee, but note that they should prepare an annual programme before the estimates are created each year (Nov) in order to assess costs

The following will be part of the committee:-

W T Owen, R M Jones, M P Jones, R Anderson, H W Roberts, A Kirk, T Thomas, A Bohana, H Gwyn, I C Thomas

It was also noted that the committee needs to be more practical

13. E-mail from John Thirsk

Re: Land train approval

Resolved

Not enough information to support the application as we are not experts on “approved transport systems”

Clerk to send a letter which notes the Council’s support for the idea, but feel that the Caernarfon Partnership is the appropriate place to discuss this matter, in order to obtain more information

14.Questions

Is it possible to invite the winners from the Walled Town Football tournament to meet the Mayor?

The Mayor to arrange

(Cllr H Edwards & Cllr R M Jones left)

What is happening on Veterans Day?
Cllr A Y Williams gave a very detailed explanation but further information is available from the clerk

15 The development of The Square

Minutes were distributed from a meeting held in Gwynedd Council

The concerns that were raised in that meeting along with those raised in a meeting for business in town were mentioned which were:

Concerns that the development will be on one level, with no way of safeguarding pedestrians

Not enough room for parking to pop for 5 minutes to bank/shop

Need to consider moving taxi rank- perhaps one terminal for buses, taxi's and bikes could be considered

Departments of Gwynedd council to work very closely on this project

Need to be flexible if things don't work out as planned- it may need to be changed

We currently have a messy market – need to ensure that improvements made and that no vans will then be allowed to park on the square after completion. Preparation as we see from the French market

Meeting ended at 8.25

Signed Dated.....