

# **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<sup>d</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.....