

# **CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2 JUNE 2009**

### **Present**

His Worship the Mayor – Cllr H W Roberts

### **Councillors**

H Edwards, W R Owen, R Anderson , M Powell Jones, O T Owen, W T Owen  
I C Thomas, A W Bohana, G Parry , A Kirk, M Thomas, W Lloyd Davies  
A Roberts

### **Prayers**

The meeting was opened with prayers by the Deputy Mayor Cllr H Edwards

### **1. Apologies**

M Davies, A Y Williams, R Bonner Pritchard

### **2. Mayor's Announcements**

- ✓ 27 April Mayoral Ceremony – Beaumaris
- ✓ 1 May – Mayoral Ceremony – Denbigh
- ✓ 11 May – Mayoral Ceremony – Bangor
- ✓ 14 May – Mayoral Ceremony Caernarfon - thanks to all
- ✓ 15 May – Castle- adult learning week
- ✓ 19 May – North Wales Presbyterian meeting
- ✓ 20 May – Opening of new court
- ✓ 22 May – British Heart Foundation coffee morning
- ✓ 22 May – Young Musician of the Year -Galeri
- ✓ 27 May – David Hughes funeral - family grateful for the Council's
- ✓ 30 May – Yachting Race
- ✓ 2 June – Visit to the Castle with children from Landerne
- ✓ 17 May – Mayors Civic Sunday Chester – Thanks to Cllr H Edwards for representing

Congratulations to Cllr W T Owen on his appointment as Deputy Chair for Gwynedd Council

Good Luck to Cllr G Parry as he undertakes the 3 peaks challenge

### **3. Declaration of Personal Interest**

Planning – I C Thomas, R Anderson, W R Owen, W T Owen , H Edwards

### **4. Urgent Items**

None

## **5. Minutes**

To confirm the following minutes: -

- i. Council 5 May 2009
- ii. Annual General Meeting 14 May 2009

### **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**

To accept for payment

## **8. Bank Reconciliation**

### **Resolved**

To accept and note that last year expenses for last years Christmas expenses have come through to this year, and to remind everyone that we agreed that any excess from last year would be included in this years funds

## **9. Select Members for Sub Committee and Panels 2009 – 2010**

**Panel Cyllid a Staff** : Cyng. I. C. Thomas, Cyng. Mel Davies,  
Cyng. W. Ll. Davies, Cyng. W. T. Owen,  
Cyng. A. Kirk, Cyng. R. Anderson,  
Cyng. A. Bohana, Cyng. M. P. Jones,  
Cyng. A. Y. Williams, Cyng. Richard Bonner  
Pritchard, Cyng. Menna Thomas  
Cyng. H. W. Roberts, Cyng. A Roberts

**Is-Bwyllgor Adloniant/  
Entertainment Sub-Committee** Cyng. M. P. Jones, Cyng. H. W. Roberts  
Cyng. Mel Davies, Cyng. Menna Thomas  
Cyng. Richard Bonner Pritchard,  
Cyng. W. Ll. Davies, Cyng. R. Anderson,  
Cyng. I. C. Thomas, Cyng. A. Kirk  
Cyng. A. Bohana, Cyng. A. Roberts  
Cyng. O. T. Owen

**Gweithgor** Cyng. H. W. Roberts, Cyng. W. R. Owen,  
Cyng. A. Y. Williams, Cyng. O. T. Owen  
Cyng. A. Roberts  
Wrth gefn: Cyng. W. T. Owen,  
Cyng. W. Ll. Davies

And

## **Select Representatives on Outside Bodies 2009 – 2010**

### **Governors**

**Ysgol yr Hendre** : Cyng. A. Bohana  
**Ysgol y Gelli** : Cyng. W. Ll. Davies  
**Ysgol Maesincla** : Cyng. M. P. Jones  
**Ysgol Santes Helen** : Cyng. R. Anderson

**Galeri** : Cyng. W. Ll. Davies

**Canolfan Cynghori/CAB** : Cyng. Menna Thomas gyda' r Cyng. A. Bohana  
wrthgefn

**Canolfan Noddfa** : Cyng. A. Bohana

<b>Cylch Cyfeillgarwch Trefi Caerog/Walled Town Friendship Circle</b>	: Cyng. H. W. Roberts (Maer), Cyng. M.P. Jones <i>Cyng. W. T. Owen, Cyng. A. Y. Williams Cyng. A. Bohana, (3 pleidlais )</i>
<b>Ymddiriedolaeth yr Harbwr/ Harbour Trust</b>	: Cyng. I. C. Thomas
<b>Seiont II</b>	: Cyng. W. T. Owen
<b>Partneriaeth Caernarfon</b>	: Cyng. Richard Bonner Pritchard a'r Cyng. Mel Davies
<b>Unlllais Cymru</b>	: Cyng. Huw Edwards a'r Cyng. H. W. Roberts gyda'r Cyng. A. Bohana wrthgefn
<b>Chamber Of Trade</b>	: Cyng. W. Ll. Davies a'r Cyng. Richard Bonner Pritchard
<b>Gefeillio / Twinning</b>	Cyng. Huw Edwards

### **Resolved**

To adopt the list of nominations

### **10. Gwynedd Council Re: Y Maes**

- i. E-mail on behalf of the Chief Executive
- ii. Letter Dafydd Williams
- iii. Letter Aled Davies

### **Resolved**

Following a lengthy discussion, it was resolved to re write two letters

- i) To Gwynedd Council noting that since their letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, still no improvements, re request that the Chief Exec speaks to the working party. Suggest that the lack of signage is a huge problem (restricted zone doesn't mean a thing to anyone) and also suggest a 15 per hour speed limit. Concerns that CCTV doesn't resolve the situation as it deters visitors
- ii) To the Police noting our concerns regarding the atrocious parking situation where roads are being blocked by illegally parked cars. Ask who would be responsible in an emergency?

## **11. One Voice Wales**

Report from Cllr. A. Bohana

Noted that Peninsula had given a speech on Employment issues - clerk has had the information. Also, a presentation from a company that install cameras. Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July

### **Resolved**

To accept the report and thank Cllr A Bohana for his readiness to attend on all occasions

## **12. Marketing Group**

(Cllr H Edwards took the chair)

Report from Cllr. H. W. Roberts

### *1.0 Background*

- 1.1 Following the report a meeting was held 5 January 2009 to discuss the way forward to set up a marketing group to promote Caernarfon. It was agreed to seek assistance from Wales co-operative centre to set up a company, and in the mean time set up two sub groups
  - to design marketing brochures with the task of two brochures being ready for the 2009 summer tourist season – one to attract people to Caernarfon, and one to give them when they arrive the "town Guide"
  - To create the specifications for a website to promote Caernarfon
- 1.2 The group met with Llew Roberts from the Co -op on 11 March to discuss the name, constitution etc and the meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> was a follow up to that

### *2.0 Meeting 29 April*

- 2.1 Only 5 members were present including Llew Roberts and Ioan Thomas as Chairman of Caernarfon Partnership. Llew explained what he had done and asked for discussions on several points. Following discussion the following were decided- name "Caernarfon Marketing Association Ltd" and other points regarding the constitution such as membership. During the discussions, Cadw representative noted that they could not make up part of the constitution, but that they were keen to work closely and support the marketing venture. Also Gwynedd Council. I also noted that the Town Clerk could not hold any position as the Council are likely to contribute financially in the future.
- 2.2 Following the meeting Llew sent a draft copy of the constitution on 12th May.

2.3 The leaflet encourages people to come to Caernarfon has been produced and has been financed by Gwynedd Council. It looks good, and has been distributed throughout North Wales.

2.4 The “Town Guide “ has not been completed yet, and this is causing concerns as it is now the end of May and the tourist season has started

### *3.0 Next steps*

3.1 The group needs to meet soon to discuss and confirm the name and constitution, then elect officers so that it can operate as soon as possible

3.2 The “Town Guide “ needs to be produced as soon as possible ( without waiting for the constitution)

3.3 Once it has been constitutionally set up , one of the main priorities for the Group will to make a decision on the website, to ensure that it is operational by the Autumn so that we can effectively promote Caernarfon for 2010.

### **Resolved**

To accept the report

(Mayor back to the chair)

## **13.Civic Trust Wales**

Open Doors Scheme

### **Resolved**

To open this building during the scheme. The Mayor, Deputy and clerk to make arrangements. Need Councillors to volunteer ( Wil and Ioan have already agreed)

## **14.Letters of Thanks**

- i. North Wales Deaf Association
- ii. National Eisteddfod
- iii. Seiont II
- iv. Theatr Bara Caws

### **Resolved**

To accept for information only

## **15. One Voice Wales**

Conference 10 October

### **Resolved**

Any notice of motion needs to be on the next General Committee with permission to act.  
Nominate the same representatives Cllr H Edwards and Cllr H W Roberts

## **16. Prison**

- i. Letter from Clarence House (and enclosure)
- ii. Letter from David Hanson MP

### **Resolved**

- i. To accept for information. To send a letter to Mr Bracegirdle drawing his attention to the fact that we are not ignoring the situation, but trying to get all details first.
- ii. Try and get an officer from NOMS (together with Iwan Trefor) as a guest speaker to discuss the letters ( either to the next General Committee or a special meeting)

(Cllr G Parry left the meeting)

## **17. Gwynedd Council**

Gwynedd Language Strategy Draft Action Plan

### **Resolved**

Accept for information only

## **18. E-mail Cyngor Gwynedd**

Par: Cemeteries

### **Resolved**

Accept for information only

## **19. E-mail Eirian James**

### **Resolved**

Check to see whether or not there would be rate implications – then £25 , with insurance cover and any rates costs.

## **20.Update by Cllr. William Lloyd Davies**

Meeting of the Chamber of Trade held at the Institute on the 21 May 2009

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Cllr. Dyfed Edwards, Chairman of Gwynedd Council together with Mr Llyr Jones were welcomed to the meeting and two matters of interest to the Town Council. were discussed

### A. First Report

Mr Dyfed Edwards referred to the present Work ing Plan: Reply to the recession in Gwynedd

#### A. Short term plan

##### 1. Under privileged People:

Apply for benefits; free dinner; advice and information; recognising families in need; fuel for the needy; homelessness; elderly people; needy children; tar geting communities; tracing the effects of the recession

##### 2. Economy, Business and Jobs

To influence policy matters – lobbying etc.; communication strategy; support small businesses; town centres and retailing sectors; building sector; support jobs; skill ls

##### 3.Capital Plans, Revenue and Acquisitions

Council's Capital plans

### B. Forward Planning

Asses the effects of the recession on the Council's services

Asses the effects on the community and individuals

### 2. Second Report

Mr Llyr Jones mentioned Regeneration Proj ect for Bangor and Caernarfon Town Centres – report that was presented to the Council Board on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009

The funding amount hoped for (for£) is £2.5m

Once again, there are no detailed applications prepared up to date, and there will be a need to discuss, consult and bring together a number of stakeholders to develop the relevant details. It is foreseen that that these will be relevant and necessary to the plan, and to this effect separate resources and adequate time have to be given.

The following elements have been recognised as having to be embodied in the proposed plan:

- environmental improvements along Pool Street
- environmental improvements to the Pendeitch area – connecting the Castle, the walled town and the Square
- environmental improvements and specified rules/flow of traffic along streets and trading areas including Bangor Street, Bont Bridd and Penllyn
- environmental improvements and specified rules / traffic flow and better public transport/at Penllyn Bus Station



- full review of the traffic rule strategy and providing for parking for the town

It is foreseen that this will be an opportunity to use elements from the budget for the Square as proportionate (retrospective) funding to attract convergence to fund the Physical Regeneration Plan for other parts of the town centre of Caernarfon

The whole project will take approximately FOUR years.

A launching group will be appointed and there will be an invitation in due course for a representative from the Caernarfon Town Council

**Resolved**

Ask for a copy of the reports for all the councillors and grateful for the report

**21. Questions**

**None**

**Meeting ended at 8.00**

**Signed ..... Dated.....**