

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 1 JULY 2014

Present

His Worship the Mayor – Councillor W Roy Owen

Councillors

B Owen, W T Owen, I C Thomas, H Edwards, H W Roberts, M Thomas, G Thomas, E Hughes, C Williams

Guest Speakers : Cabinet Member Cllr. Gareth Roberts and Dylan to discuss 20 miles restriction

Both were welcomed by the Mayor and then a Question and Answer session

Q – How can you claim that there is no speeding? If your report shows the average then obviously a percentage is higher and a percentage is lower, it is total lies to say that no one speeds . The argument that if you put signs of 20 would encourage that as a target speed doesn't hold water either as the present sign has a higher limit so the target is higher

A – The report is trying to put things into perspective. You are reading the figures in a way that suits you. If you look at each site individually they are still lower than 20 miles per hour. Have been unable to get figure for the Maes itself as the device goes across the road (and there is no road). You will always have a percentage that ignore any signs so there is no justification of costs for new signs on the present data

Q – It was felt that this was more a matter for the Police

A – We will ask the Police to look at Balaclava Rd and copy the clerk into the correspondence

Q- What time of day did you take the readings? Figures from times like 8-9am would be misleading as everyone has to drive extremely slowly

A – Taken every 15 minutes for 24 hours

Q – Need to concentrate on one area as the figures for Balaclava Rd prove it needs attention

A – As it is a road into town people generally slow down , and a large pavement either side

We will ask the Police to monitor

Q – A flaw in your report as by your own admission you cannot record speeds for the Maes as the equipment doesn't work there, therefore how can you claim there is no problem there

A- the equipment registers how many vehicles , which type, which direction they travel. Don't think its realistic to presume that a car entering the Maes at an average of 12.8 mph can then increase to 40 mph in such a short space

The Mayor thanked them both for their time

1. Apologies

Cllr A Hopcyn, Cllr E Lovgreen, Cllr W L Davies,
Cllr T Thomas, Cllr A Bohana, Cllr K Williams, Cllr A Kirk

2. Mayor's Announcements

- Freedom parade in Bangor
- Civic Sunday in Denbigh
- Took Councillor Menna Thomas family from America into the Castle

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

H Edwards – Licensing
I C Thomas – Licensing
W T Owen – Planning and Licencing

4. Urgent Items (Chairman/Clerk). For information or for action by the Clerk. Resolutions are not permissible

None

5. Minutes

To confirm the following minutes:-

- i. Council 17 June 2014
Resolved
To accept as a true copy

6. Planning Applications

To approve planning and licensing applications

Resolved

1. C14/0529/14/LL *Agree*
Re-instate dwellinghouse
back into 2 separate dwellinghouses

20 Rhes Segontiw Caernarfon

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2. C14/0482/14/LL *Agree*
Site 3
refrigeration units together with
security/acustig fencing
**Morrisons Supermarket, Ffordd y Gogledd/
North Road, Caernarfon**

3. C14/0532/14/LL **Agree on condition that work on the
entrance is done first and safe before
any other development on site**
Convert building into a restaurant
and hotel (9 bedrooms), alterations to the
access, felling of trees, landscaping, convert
outbuildings into holiday units, parking areas
and construction of new holiday units, making
a total of 20 holiday units
**Plas Brereton, Ffordd Bangor/Bangor Road
Caernarfon**

4. C14/0498/20./LL **Agree – but ask that the visual
Implications are given serious
consideration bearing in mind
the proposed by pass- also ensure
that the entrance to the site is
capable of coping with the extra
traffic**
-
of erection of solar pv panels for the
creation of a solar park together with
associated infrastucture which includes
structures and a fence
**Parciau Farm, Griffiths Crossing
Caernarfon**

Licensing

*Application for licence to provide
Pavement café facilities on the highway*

Agree

Cynllun diwygiedig/Revised Layout

Outside and opposite the Spinnakers

7 - 8 Maes, Caernarfon

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- For a Variation of Premises Licence

**Disagree – unable to make a
decision on the information provided**

The Old Market Hall, Palace Street Caernarfon

7. Accounts

To approve the bills, donations and wages for payment

Resolved

To accept and pay

8. Bank Reconciliation

Resolved

Accept for information only

9. Letter from Gwynedd Council

Re: Planters – we need to start on the maintenance element

Resolved

Clerk to proceed asking Antur Waunfawr first

10. Letter Re: Fly the Flag for Commonwealth

Resolved

Buy a flag for the event

11. Minutes of Walled Towns and e-mail

Re: Honorary Membership

Need two names to attend car rally meetings, and need a date for the AGM in Caernarfon

Resolved

Councillor B Owen and Councillor E Hughes to represent. No names for honorary membership. Clerk to arrange a date

12. Letter re: Honorary Recorder

Resolved

Mayor, Deputy and clerk to meet with Judge Rhys Rowlands to see if he would accept, and then on reporting back to council one further element to be discussed

13. E-mail Cllr. Eiriona Hughes

Looking for volunteers to clear up

Is there a part for Town council to play

A discussion took place about the numerous occasions that this has happened in the past through co working with Keep Wales Tidy and Peter Simpson's department

Resolved

To ask the Education department for the guidance on the matter as it's the safety of school children in question, whilst mentioning the historic clean ups that have taken place. If unsuccessful to arrange another joint venture whilst also asking the Highways department if the road is adopted

14. Letter from Gwynedd Council

Re: Joint Development Plan

Resolved

Accept for information only

15. Gwynedd Council

Proposed parking restrictions

Resolved

Accept and support the contents

(Cllr I C Thomas left during this item at 7.15)

16. Reply from S4C

Resolved

Welcome the contents of the letter and write back thanking them for the fuller explanation. Noting that we still feel that Caernarfon would have been a more suitable location and that there should be more information about the element of public money, but glad to see the contents of the final paragraph

17. Annual Report Ombudsman

Resolved

To accept for information only

18. Questions

When does the new caretaker start?

Soon

Meeting ended at 7.25

Signed Dated