

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 21 2014

Present

His Worship the Mayor – Cllr W R Owen

Councillors

W L Davies, I C Thomas, H Edwards, H W Roberts, A W Bohana, M W Thomas
A Hopcyn, E Lovgreen, T Thomas, K Williams

**Guest Speaker : Dwynwen Hywel – Advice and Communication
Officer Welsh Language Commissioner**

Welcomed by the Mayor

Noted that 3 elements to the work

1. Businesses such as electricity, gas, energy
2. Large Businesses such as supermarkets
3. Small and medium businesses such as your local shops

The Chief officer Meleri Davies is situated in the Caernarfon office as well as Dwynwen Hywel who concentrates on the small/ medium businesses

It was launched in March 2012 and Meri Hughes is the Commissioner

Two principles underpin the work of the Commissioner:

In Wales, the Welsh Language should be treated no less favourably than the English Language

Persons in Wales should be able to live their lives through the medium of the Welsh Language if they choose to do so

Welsh is an essential skill in the workplace which gives a full bilingual experience

According to the latest census (2011) 19% of people in Wales speak Welsh i.e. 560,000 Welsh Speakers

The public expect a bilingual service from businesses as they do from the public sector

Several things businesses can do
Signs, website, workforce, marketing materials, technology developments

The Commissioners staff can offer some resources
Badges and posters
Free consultation on how to introduce Welsh in your business
Free bilingual proofreading service – up to 1000 words
Advice documents and terminology
Translation

A large percentage of Welsh learners lack confidence, therefore important that we support them and encourage them to converse in Welsh as often as possible

1. Apologies

Cllr B Owen, Cllr E Hughes, Cllr G Thomas, Cllr A Kirk

2. Mayor's Announcements

Met WI on the square re Baton Relay
Opening of Cofi's Bach exhibition

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

W T Owen – Planning
I C Thomas – Planning

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 7 January 2014
- ii.* Entertainment Committee 14 January 2014

Resolved

- i.* To accept as a true record
- ii.* Accept as a true record with the following changes- Ask for two separate grants for the two items, and move the item War Memorial trust back to next Council

6. Planning Applications

To approve planning applications

Resolved

1. C14/0001/14/LL

Cytuno/Agree

Estyniad yn yr ochr ac yng nghefn
yr eiddo/Extension to the side and
at the rear of the property

66 Cae Gwyn, Caernarfon

7. Accounts

To approve the bills for payment

Resolved

Accept and pay

8. Council's Working Document

Resolved

Accept for information only

9. Response from Cllr. Gareth Roberts

Grateful for the reply

Resolved

Write back noting that the council are still concerned about the situation and ask:

- A list of all locations that Gwynedd Council have implemented 20 speed limit, both advisory and enforcement one
- Ask where money from parking fines and car parks in Caernarfon goes (does it get spent in the town)
- Is it possible to have the full results for Balaclava as they are higher than before

10. Letter of thanks from Manton

Resolved

Accept for information only

11. CADW newsletter

Resolved

Accept for information only

12. Response from Andrew Thomas Eryri Railway

Resolved

Accept for information only

13. Mantell Gwynedd

Re: Making The Connection with the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner

Resolved

Accept for information only

14. Report from Walled Towns

All officers re elected

Cadw's report noted that figures were high for Caernarfon during main season but low out of season so need to think of ways to increase events out of season. Cadw will lead on the Open doors scheme this year. Also noted that work will begin soon on the new entrance at Caernarfon Castle

Resolved

Accept for information only

15. Post Office

Advisory Council

Resolved

Accept for information only

16. Police

- i) Supporting Victims Conference 3 March
- ii) New Year New Career 21 January 3 o'clock

Resolved

Accept for information only

17. One Voice Wales

- i) Larger Council Meeting
- iii) Update Re: Pylons

Resolved

Accept for information only and people can attend if they wish

18. Joint development Plan- including e-mail received from
Cymdeithas yr Iaith

Resolved

Write to Gwynedd Council noting Cllr H Roberts questions and also the question raised by Cymdeithas yr Iaith

19. CCTV complaint

Resolved

Accept for information only

20. E-mail from Menai Bank Hotel

Clerk updated that Gwynedd Council are currently working on the main roundabout over a two year period. A discussion was held about what role supermarkets could play

Resolved

Write to Gwynedd Council thanking them for their existing work, and suggest that they write to Tesco and Morrisons to ask them to sponsor work on both roundabouts. Also ask who is responsible for which roundabouts- is it Gwynedd Council or Government

21. Questions

None

Meeting ended at 7.40

Signed Dated