

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 16 JUNE 2015

Present

His Worship the Mayor – Cllr W L Davies

Councillors

I C Thomas, H W Roberts, A Hopcyn, C Williams, E Hughes,
M Thomas, G Thomas (p) K Williams, T Thomas

Guest Speaker: Colin Jones Parking

Welcomed by the Mayor

Noted that there may be possibilities in the future to use the Gwynedd Council staff car parks (or at least parts of them) to reduce parking problems for the public at weekends

The parking order permits this now allows for joint working to see how best they could be used at weekends

Accepts that there are concerns about the lack of places at present and trying to find a way to resolve the issue

A discussion about the fact that people who used to park in the Old Shell car park now park on the streets as do Gwynedd Council staff which causes major problems

Mr Jones listened to a number of valid points from Councillors including the idea of paying monthly instead of annually for a parking permit which would hopefully relieve the financial burden, and it was nice to hear that the department were already discussing similar ideas

Many had concerns that patients now have to park £2 to see a doctor (since losing free parking at shell car park) and even then have to pay a further £1 to go and collect prescriptions which is totally unacceptable

The ongoing complaint that Gwynedd Council staff who have a staff parking permit are parking everywhere in the town (apart from the staff car parks). Mr Jones noted that they were aware of this issue but they have no powers to stop them

He noted that wardens are now in Caernarfon everyday

He mentioned that there are current discussion for residence parking in North and South Penrallt where they are currently getting the residents opinion

Mentioned that there are lots of places in the town where Gwynedd Council staff are parking whilst people take their children to school to return and find no room to park outside their house. Again the problem was noted but unless they are parking illegally it is very hard to do anything as they are ratepayers like everyone else

The Mayor thanked Mr Jones for his time and he will keep in contact as any arrangements develop

1. Apologies

Cllr W R Owen, Cllr G Thomas, Cllr A Bohana, Cllr M Sarnacki, Cllr B Owen

2. Mayor's Announcements

- Welcomed children from Trelew into the Castle
- Welcomed Corinthian Cruise ship
- Book of the year – congratulations to 3 from town Llyr Gwyn Lewis, Rhys Iorwerth and Patrick McGuinness
- Castle Relay Race
- ITV Interview
- Welcomed Cruise ship
- Arts and Craft exhibition in Galeri
- Raise the Armed Forces Flag

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

I C Thomas – Licensing and guest speaker (if any discussion on the Victoria Dock Car Park)

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

Planning item that was sent out with agenda

5. Minutes

To confirm the following minutes:-

- i) Council 2 June 2015
- ii) Entertainment Committee 9 June 2015

Resolved

- i) Accept as a true record
- ii) Accept as a true record and adopt the recommendations within

6. Planning Applications

To approve planning and Licensing applications

Resolved

C15/0412/14/LL **Agree**

Demolish existing conservatory and erect a new conservatory and re-locate pedestrian access to property

Endcliffe, England Road South, Caernarfon

C15/0499/14/LL **Agree**

Change of use of class B1/B2 industrial unit into a Class D1 martial arts centre

Uned 8 (Zone 5) Lon Cae Ffynnon. Ystad Ddiwydiannol Cibyn, Caernarfon

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C15/0579/14/LL **Agree**
Extensions and alterations (amended scheme to that approved under application ref. No. C14/0283/14/LL)

Eridon, Bethel Road, Caernarfon

Variation of Premises Licence

Agree

Spar : 29/31 Castle Square, Caernarfon

7. Accounts

To approve the bills for payment

Resolved

Accept and pay

8. Council's Working Document

Resolved

Need to take some things out and make the document easier to read. Re Write to Gwynedd Council re Scaffolding outside Orchid Fashions

9. One Voice Wales

Area Meeting 18 June 2015

Resolved

Accept for information only

10. E-mail from Royal Welsh Fusiliers Museum

Re: Poppies Tower

Resolved

Unanimously support

11. National Grid letter

Update

Resolved

Send a strong letter as they say “ answer questions to note why we feel the options we have chosen is the right one “ which means they have already made up their minds even though they go on to talk about further consultation further in the document. Also to re affirm our original opinion that pylons should be underground

**12. Options for IT Support
Resolved**

The clerk to simplify the document into what is deemed necessary and what is possibly required in the future

13. Questions

Cadw are looking for volunteers is it possible for anyone interested to call Cllr E Hughes?

Meeting ended at 7.15

Signed Dated