

## **CAERNARFON TOWN COUNCIL**

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2017

#### Present

His Worship The Mayor – Cllr I C Thomas

#### Councillors

E R Hughes, A Hopcyn, R Thomas, W L Davies, D Jones, C Williams, K Jones, S Sage, E Lovgreen (minute-taking), C Larsen

#### **1. Apologies**

W R Owen, M Sarnacki, J W Parry, K Richards, B Owen

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

Councillor Dawn Jones was welcomed to her first meeting after winning the Cadnant Ward by-election. On hearing that the Clerk was recovering from her operation, best wishes were conveyed to her. It was resolved to send her some flowers. The news was also conveyed that former councillor Brian Williams was in Ysbyty Eryri, and that he would appreciate visitors.

10.11.2017	Open the British Heart Foundation's Coffee Morning
11.11.2017	Twthill Memorial, Commemoration event by the Cenotaph
12.11.2017	Remembrance Sunday
24.11.2017	MPCT Awards, Brailsford Centre Bangor Former Mayor, Brenda Owen, was thanked for attending on the Mayor's behalf
25.11.2017	Biwmares Victorian Evening Deputy Mayor, Eiriona Hughes, was thanked for attending on the Mayor's behalf

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

No Interest was recorded

**4. Urgent Items.** For information or for action by the Clerk. Resolutions are not permissible.

None, but attention was drawn to the Survey on the Future of Gwynedd Youth Services, and councillors were invited to complete it and give it to Cllr E R Hughes or to complete it on-line.

**5. Minutes**

To confirm the following minutes:

- i. Council 7 November 2017

**Resolved**

Accept as a true record (**unanimous**)

**6. Accounts**

To approve the bills, donations and wages for payment

**Resolved**

Accept and pay (unanimous)

**7. Bank Reconciliation**

**Resolved**

Accept for information only (unanimous)

**8. Twinning**

At the Twinning Committee's Annual General Meeting, the Council was invited to resume responsibility for the twinning, and in a public meeting convened by the Council on 17/11, it was resolved to create a link between both councils, with group visits being facilitated by the Clerk, but organised by the various societies themselves.

**Resolved**

Proceed in this way, reviewing the situation in years to come. (**unanimous**)

## **9. National Eisteddfod**

It was heard that Gwynedd has agreed to host the Eisteddfod in 2021, but that Porthmadog has also made an application.

### **Resolved**

To invite Elfed Roberts and Eisteddfod Officials to Gwyl Fwyd Caernarfon Food Festival on May 12 2018, to show them how the Eisteddfod could work  
**(unanimous)**

## **10. One Voice Wales**

Review of the Community and Town Council Sector

It was heard that many clerks and councillors had discussed the 4 questions, but due to the variation in council sizes, no consensus was formed. It was a consultation, with no further information.

## **Innovative Practice Awards**

### **Resolved**

To include applying for the Award on the programme of works for next year, to create a sound application and collect evidence of innovative practice.  
**(unanimous)**

## **11. NHS Wales**

Despite the impression that the decision had already been taken to create a specialist vascular unit at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd,

### **Resolved**

To invite Peter Higson, BCHB Chair to the Council, to give him an opportunity to explain why the unit is not located in Ysbyty Gwynedd, a centre of excellence in the field;

**(unanimous)**

## **12. North Wales CHC Review**

### **Resolved**

In view of the fact that CHC represents local people and patients, and the importance of completing the questionnaire, Cllr C Williams offered to complete the questionnaire in the clerk's absence, inviting councillors to contribute

**(unanimous)**

## **13. Walled Towns Circle of Friendship**

### **Resolved**

Accept for information (unanimous)

## **14. Update letter from North Wales Police**

### **Resolved**

Accept for information

**(unanimous)**

## **15. Cadw**

### **Resolved**

To contact Laurence Smith, expressing our desire to pilot the Solving Your Own Problem Toolkit, alongside writing to Gwynedd Council asking them how far they have gone in adopting the management plan.

**(unanimous)**

## 16. **One Voice –Arfon / Dwyfor Committee**

Cllr T Owen emphasised that everyone was welcome to attend these meetings to hear what's going on. Arfon Jones is the next guest speaker.

### **Resolved**

Accept for information (**unanimous**)

## 17. **Notice of Two Motions by Councillor Cai Larsen**

1. That Caernarfon Town Council establishes a specific working committee to consider how to improve the street cleaning and grass cutting provision in Caernarfon town. The Committee will then set about co-ordinating the new provision.

### **Resolved (unanimous)**

Organise a Specific Working Committee with The Mayor (**Menai**), Deputy Mayor (**Peblig**), Cllr A Hopcyn (**Menai**), Cllr S Sage and Cllr D Jones (**Cadnant**), Cllr C Larsen, Cllr R Thomas and Cllr W R Owen (**Seiont**) (nominated in his absence), Cllr T Owen and Cllr J Parry (**Peblig**)

2. That Caernarfon Town Council nominates Cllr Tudor Owen to represent Gwynedd Council on Ysgol yr Hendre governors' body

In the absence of the Clerk, the Mayor contacted Gwynedd Council Education Department, and was informed that this motion was not valid.

### **Resolved**

To write to Gwynedd Council asking them to make the guidelines more clear

(9 in favour, 1 abstention)

**18. Notice of motion by Cllr Cemlyn Williams**

The Council is requested to consider options to reduce the number of seagulls in town

**Resolved**

This matter to be handed over to the Specific Working Committee with the educational element of dissuading people from feeding the gulls and urging food businesses to clear their tables quicker being undertaken by HWB, and also to consider the example set by Cadnant Ward to use eagle owls to scare the gulls.

**(unanimous)**

**19. Notice of motion by Cllr Richard Thomas**

Asking the Town Council to establish a Specific Working Group to conduct a survey of the condition of bus shelters in town, with the intention of organising the repair of current shelters, if needed, and locating shelters in new locations, if needed

**Resolved**

To ask the Specific Working Committee to consider to what degree could the Town Council's resources be spent to accomplish matters not tackled by Gwynedd Council.

**20. News-sheet of Renovation Work at Ysbyty Gwynedd A&E**

**Resolved**

Accept for information **(unanimous)**

**21. Questions**

With no questions forthcoming, the Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and announced that the Mayor's Christmas Fund was now open.

The meeting ended at 19:10.