

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 7 MARCH 2017

Present

Her Worship the Mayor – Cllr B Owen

Councillors

I C Thomas, W L Davies, W T Owen, H W Roberts, A W Bohana, M W Thomas, G Thomas, E Lovgreen, E R Hughes, T Thomas, C Williams, G Thomas, M Sarnacki

1. Apologies

Cllr A Hopcyn, Cllr W R Owen, Cllr K Williams

2. Mayor's Announcements

St David's Day parade

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

I C Thomas – planning item5

W T Owen – 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 21 February 2017

Clerk noted that the incorrect street name had been minuted in item 15 and that Lon Ddewi should actually be Lon Eilian

Resolved

Accept as a true copy after the amendment (11 in favour, 1 abstained)

6. Planning Applications

To approve planning applications

Resolved

1. C17/0147/14/LL **Agree**

Reinstate and upgrading of access trackway
in order to improve the woodland habitat

**Allt Ryddallt-bach, Ffordd Pen y Bryn
Caernarfon**

2. C17/0171/14/CC **Agree**

Pruning of branches of
beech and chestnut tree which are
subject of a tree preservation order

Y Culfor, Bangor Road, Caernarfon

3. C17/0169/14/LL **Agree**

Two storey extension at the rear and to the
side together with the erection of a
double garage

Hafod, Seiont Mill Road, Caernarfon

4. C17/0170/14/LL **Agree**

Create
a new agricultural Access

Fferm Ty'r Allt, Ffordd Pant, Caernarfon

5. C17/0140/14/LL **Agree**

Delete condition number 5
of planning permission C16/0239/14/LL
regarding the need to provide a bus lay-by

Galeri, Doc Fictoria, Caernarfon

7. Accounts

To approve the bills, donations and wages for payment

Resolved

Accept and pay (unanimous)

8. Bank Reconciliation

Resolved

Accept for information only (unanimous)

9. Mayoralty 2017– 2018

To receive the response from the visit of the proposer and the seconder, to the Mayor Elect Ioan Ceredig Thomas

The proposer Cllr C Williams expressed a note of thanks for lovely refreshments and noted that Cllr Ioan Ceredig Thomas was happy to formally accept the role of Mayor elect for the year 2017/2018

Resolved

To congratulate Cllr Ioan Ceredig Thomas (unanimous)

10. Mayoralty 2017 – 2018

To nominate the Deputy Mayor Elect for the year 2017 – 2018

Resolved

To elect Cllr Eirionna Rees Hughes as Deputy Mayor elect for the year 2017/2018 (7 in favour , 2 Abstained)

11. North Wales Community Health Council

News Release

Resolved

Accept for information only (unanimous)

12. One Voice Wales

Joint event Ewloe 12 July

Resolved

Delay until after elections, and for any existing councillors to note the date (unanimous)

13. Welsh Government

Reply from Ken Skates AM

Resolved

Accept with regret (unanimous)

14. Planning Aid Wales

Event 28 March 12.30 – 4 Llandudno

Resolved

Names to the clerk (unanimous)

15. IRP Annual Report 2017

Relevant papers for our sector enclosed

The clerk explained she had attended a workshop along with Cllr M Sarnacki where the contents of this report were discussed before the final version was announced

Most of the council's present worked in similar ways, but one thing that became clear was that we should "think outside the box" whilst remembering that some elements of the document may be applicable to the younger generation, and that once an element has been adopted or rejected that can't change for a year

It was noted that some elements obviously weren't considered when creating the estimates and therefore may require to go into the reserves for this purpose

The various headings were discussed as below

Determination 44 – offer to pay up to £150 per councillor to contribute towards costs such as phone, internet, a discussion was held as to how this may help the younger generations

Determination 45 – permission to pay up to 3 councillors up to £500 for extra responsibilities

Determination 46 – permission to pay a civic allowance to the Mayor.

The clerk explained that there was a lengthy discussion at the workshop on the different ways this currently happens, where most get the money from the office as and when required. It was clear from the workshop that we need to make some changes as the costs of Mayors dinner shouldn't come out of it, and that we need some form of audit trail (which will remain confidential to the office), everyone liked our idea of having a

separate bank account. Even though we are only looking at the permission to pay a civic allowance tonight we would need to create a set of guidelines

Determination 47 – permission to pay an allowance to the Deputy Mayor. At the workshop, no one felt the need for this as surely the Mayor would subsidise if they attend instead of them

Determination 48 – permission to pay travel costs at determined rates

Determination 49 – reimbursement of subsistence

Determination 50 – Financial loss – system has changed and now set sums

Determination 51 – Reimbursements of costs of care

Resolved

Determination 44 – adopt but note that individuals are not obliged to claim (11 in favour, 2 abstained)

(Cllr W T Owen arrived at 18.34 before discussion on determination 45)

Determination 45 – reject (11 in favour)

Determination 46 – adopt the right the pay a civic allowance to the Mayor and the clerk to create a template for the way forward (11 in favour, 2 abstained)

Determination 47 – reject (9 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstained)

Determination 48 – adopt (unanimous)

Determination 49 – adopt (unanimous)

Determination 50 – adopt (unanimous)

Determination 51 – adopt (unanimous)

16. E-mail Express Motors

Since the letter had been received the clerk noted that she had seen the police and mentioned the matter who are already working on the issue

Resolved

TO write to Express Motors noting that the clerk has discussed the matter with the Police, and that we were glad to hear that they were already trying to resolve the matter (unanimous)

17. Questions

None that were worthy

Meeting ended at 7.05

Signed **Dated.....**

