

CAERNARFON ROYAL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 5 MARCH 2019

Present

Chairman Deputy Mayor – Cllr W T Owen

Councillors

I C Thomas, B Owen, W L Davies, A Hopcyn, E Lovgreen, M Sarnacki, C Larsen, J W Parry, K Richards, S Sage, R Thomas

Guest Speaker : Dylan Herbert Head of Resources SP Energy Networks

Background

The company work in over 40 countries as a DNO “distribution Network Operator”, and are responsible for bringing electricity to the house. They are not the organisation that sends bills out, only create the supply to the house.

Over 140 staff locally, and 300 contractors

70% of the finance is a result of the current business plan 2015-2023, and the remainder comes from new builds.

On average it costs people 30p a day for standing charges

Recent problems

Problems occurred in the Caernarfon area in September, Bonfire night- these problems were to do with cabling under land in Cae Gwyn – this work is currently being prepared as the landowners have now granted permission

Bethel Rd- there was some vandalism, but the CCTV wasn't sufficient . The vandalism created a weakness in the system and because of that it failed again on Boxing Day. The cables are currently being tested to see if they need renewing.

Work in progress

17 million is spent in North Wales each year

1.7 million being spent on the sub station on Bethel Rd, and at the end of the year the transformer will be replaced. Fibre works also being arrived out in the town

Therefore 3.8 million will be spent in the Caernarfon area this year

The challenge in the future will be to upgrade the system for electric cars. As an industry, currently challenging government to find money to undertake the work. There is a challenge across Britain with numerous electric cars on the market .

1. Apologies

E R Hughes, W R Owen, C Williams, D L Jones, K Jones

2. Mayor's Announcements

ST Davids Day Parade and unveiling of plaque – Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to a successful day

Football Match 1st March

Noted the death of previous mayoress Mrs Elsie Thomas, everyone stood for a minute as a mark of respect

Congratulated Cllr Cemlyn Williams on his appointment to cabinet

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

I C Thomas item 11 and 15

W T Owen item 15

A Hopcyn item 11

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 5 February 2019

ii) Finance Meeting 12th February 2019

iii) Works Committee 19 February 2019

Resolved

i) To accept as a true record (unanimous)

ii) To accept and adopt (unanimous)

iii) To accept and adopt (unanimous)

6.Accounts

To approve the bills, donations and wages for payment

Resolved

To accept and pay (unanimous)

7. Bank reconciliation and Income and Expenditure Account

Resolved

Accept for information (unanimous)

8. Mayoralty 2019– 2020

To receive the response from the visit of the proposer and the seconder, to the Mayor Elect Councillor William Tudor Owen. A report was received from Cllr C Larsen that a successful evening had been held and pleased to announce that Cllr W T Owen accepts the role.

Resolved

Congratulate Cllr W T Owen (Unanimous)

Cllr A Hopcyn arrived at 6.40

9. Mayoralty 2019 – 2020

To nominate the Deputy Mayor Elect for the year 2019 – 2020

Resolved

To elect Cllr Maria Sarnacki to be Deputy Mayor for the year 2019 -2020 (unanimous)

10. Licensing

i) Rugby Club

ii) Hole in the Wall

Resolved

i) to approve (unanimous) (Cllr A Hopcyn and Cllr I C Thomas left room)

ii) to approve (unanimous)

11. E-mail from Grant Peisley Deg Cymru

Re: Emergency Climate

Resolved

Ask him to attend as a guest speaker (unanimous)

12. One Voice Wales

- i) Community Solar Power
- ii) Membership

Resolved

- i) To accept for information (unanimous)
- ii) Pay membership (unanimous)

13. Independent Remuneration panel for Wales

- i) Letter acknowledging response
- ii) Annual report 2019

Resolved

- i) Accept for information only (unanimous)
- ii) To adopt determinations 40,41 (chairmen of committees), 43,44,45,46,47,48,49 (all unanimous)

14. Gwynedd Council

Variation Order (Cei Llechi)

Resolved

Accept for information as passed last time (unanimous)

15. Fax Machine

Resolved

To remove the fax machine (unanimous)

16. Scheme of delegation for Committees and Sub Committee

Resolved

Adopt the scheme of delegation (unanimous)

17. Review of Youth Club

The clerk explained the background and need answers to 3 elements, bank account, sky and staffing

Resolved

- i) that we are willing to run the bank account (unanimous)
- ii) ask the children regarding sky (unanimous)
- iii) agree to the staffing costs (unanimous)

18. Flags Theme

A copy of our present scheme and a copy of the Gwynedd council scheme were presented. The clerk gave background to the correct protocol, and as we have two flagpoles that there are rules of which flags should be flown and when

Resolved

To adopt the Gwynedd Council scheme and change where it says council flag to caernarfon flag, and also add to fly our twinned town flag during any visit. On Remembrance Sunday to fly both the Union Jack and Welsh Flag (unanimous)

(This was against the advice of the proper officer)

19. The Planning Inspectorate

Application by National Grid

Resolved

Accept for information only (unanimous)

20. Questions

Is it possible to consider the Mayor’s inauguration, and places to hold it ? requires a notice of motion

Meeting ended at 7.30

Signed Dated