
**MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN
CANOLFAN COED CYRNOL, MENAI BRIDGE**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor Hillary Hunt, Chair
The Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Ella Fisk
Councillor G Bebb, Councillor C Davey, Councillor Eryl Lewis, Councillor K Moran,
Councillor D Owen, Councillor S Williams, Councillor Sonia Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Faulkner, Town Clerk
Sioned Jones, Translator

APOLOGIES: Councillor D M Davies, Councillor H Jones, Councillor J E Jones, Councillor W Love,
Councillor R Williams, County Councillor R Meirion Jones,
County Councillor Alun Mummery

(Note: Names within [] denote Proposer and Seconder)

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- 162.1 Visitor: Rob Evans regarding Maritime issues on the Menai Straits  
Mr Evans expressed his concerns in relation to speeding on the Menai Straits, the narrowest part. It was reported that 26 marine speed limits exist on Anglesey and that the Menai Straits at Menai Bridge does not seem to have restrictions in place. Following discussions, it was agreed to invite the Maritime Officers from the County Council to a meeting to get a better understanding and further discussions.
- 163.2 Attendance Register  
The register was read out to the Committee.
- 164.3 Apologies for Absence  
The apologies for absence received are noted above.
- 165.4 Declarations of Interest: Code of Conduct  
- Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose)  
No declarations of interest were received.
- 166.5 Public participation session  
No members of the public were present.
- 167.6 To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 16 May 2019 and address any matters arising.  
The minutes were approved and confirmed as a correct record [KMoran/EMLewis]  
Matters arising:  
150.6 – The Town Clerk confirmed the bespoke training with OVV will be arranged during the summer, possibly August.
- 168.7 Internal Audit and Annual Return 2018/19  
a) A copy of the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 was RECEIVED  
b) A report from the Internal Auditor with an overview of the Annual Accounts for 2018/19 was RECEIVED. The Clerk provided an overview of the points raised by the Auditor for implementation by the Council and this was APPROVED.  
c) The signing of the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19, subject to External Audit was APPROVED.

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d) The signing of the Annual Return for 2018/19 together with the Annual Governance Statement was APPROVED.

169.8 Council Business

8.1 To elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Finance, Planning and General Purposes Committee for 2019/20

Councillor Sonia Williams was elected Chairman of the above Committee for 2019/20 [EMLewis/EllaFisk]

Councillor G Bebb was elected Vice-Chairman of the above Committee for 2019/20 [SWilliams/EMLewis]

8.2 To elect members to the Estimates Sub-Committee for 2019/20 (2)

Councillor K Moran and Councillor G Bebb were elected as additional members of the above Committee for 2019/20 [SWilliams/EMLewis]

8.3 To nominate signatories of the Bank Mandate and Internet Banking for 2019/20

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hillary Hunt and The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Ella Fisk are the additional signatories on the Bank Mandate.

8.4 To receive and approve schedule of meetings for 2019/20

The schedule of meetings for 2019/20 was received and approved. The Town Clerk distributed a paper copy to all Members. The approved schedule of meetings will be placed on the Town Council Website.

8.5 To receive and approve a list of representatives on Outside Organisations for 2019/20

The list of representatives on Outside Organisations for 2019/20 was received and approved. The approved list will be placed on the Town Council website.

170.9 Liaison with Other Bodies: Members' Report

- Defibrillator Training Sessions attended by Councillors G Bebb, Denise Owen, Sonia Williams, Robin Williams, William Love and Hefin Jones. Further evening sessions will be arranged in the near future.

171.10 Correspondence

Receipt of various correspondence have already been forwarded to Members, for their attention/information.

- Proposal from Mon CF to carry out some alterations at Canolfan Tysilio – All agreed. Town Clerk to request a schedule of works etc.
- Invitation from Bangor City Council to Bangor Civic Sunday – Town Mayor to represent the Town Council at this event. Town Clerk to confirm attendance of Councillor H Hunt.
- Commissioner's Newsletter – Older People's Commissioner for Wales/ Spring 2019 – Noted
- Letter from Criminal Justice System (CJS) in relation to vandalism to Town Council property – Town Clerk to contact the CJS for clarification.
- E-mail from Gwynedd Pension Board looking for a representative from one of the Fund's employers to take up a place on the Board – Councillor Sonia Williams is interested and will make further enquiries.
- E-mail from Isle of Anglesey County Council regarding Common Housing Allocation Policy Consultation – Councillor Sonia Williams will respond on behalf of the Town Council
- E-mail invitation from Ysgol David Hughes to the Innovation Fair at the school on Tuesday, 9 July 2019 between 11.00 – 13.30 – Members who are available will attend.

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- E-mail from Social Care Wales regarding nominations for a new award to recognise care workers who provide care and support in Welsh – Councillor Eryl Lewis to send nomination
  - E-mail from OVW regarding nomination for Welsh Language Champion – the Town Clerk informed members that the nomination has already been sent to OVW and the County Council. The Town Council's Welsh Language champion is Councillor E M Lewis.
  - Place Shaping sessions will be held on the 25 June, 27 June and 3 July 2019 at the Library, Wood Street – Members who are available will attend.

172.11 Extra bills for payment

It was unanimously agreed to approve the extra bills presented for payment.  
[SoniaWilliams/EMLewis]

173.12 Members Questions (S.13 Standing Orders)

No questions from Members.

174.13 Report from County Council Members

County Councillor R Williams reported the following items:

a. Lighting on the Menai Bridge – the project is still ongoing. A meeting was recently held with Gwynedd Council whereby it was reported that the Welsh Government have informed Gwynedd Council/UK Highways that they intend taking the Menai Bridge into their ownership. This could delay the intended works. Gwynedd Council will report back once they have a better understanding.

b. Y Mostyn – as previously discussed.

c. Youth Justice – agreed to be the “Community Contact” for the Youth Justice system if they require a “victim conference”. It was reported that the Youth Justice team are looking for a venue to hold their meetings with the youths in their care. Councillor Robin Williams asked members if they could think of any “community work” for the youths to let him know as soon as possible.

d. Scottish Power – Substantial work will be undertaken by Scottish Power in Llanfairpwll beginning first week in August. Lon Refail will be closed for about 3 to 6 weeks. Traffic lights will be in operation night time only. The slip roads off the Britannia bridge will be closed having a knock-on effect on Menai Bridge.

e. Croeso Môn Website – Improvements are hopeful for the Isle of Anglesey County Council, Croeso Môn Website to promote Menai Bridge as a “food and dining hub”.

175.14 Town Mayor's Announcements

- Attended a Crowning Ceremony on the 30 May 2019
- Attended an OVW training session recently on ‘making effective grant applications’
- The Town Mayor announced that she will be attending the Royal Air Force Annual Reception on the 4 July 2019 at Valley. Also attending will be The Deputy Town Mayor.
- Members were reminded that their presence is required at the Drop in Session at 5.45 pm on the 4 July 2019. Councillor Sonia Williams and Councillor Denise Owen will be present.

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176.15 Planning: Applications/Decisions

No planning decisions were received from the local planning authority.

Planning Applications/Consultations

- FPL/2019/130 Full application for change of use of former Gwynedd Office Supplies (Class Use A1) to Micro Pub (Class Use A3) at 6. Bridge Street, Menai Bridge – **No observations**

177.16 Items bought to the Council's attention by Councillors

- Complaints received that the public conveniences in Wood Street are not open. Town Clerk to make enquiries with the County Council. Many people are under the impression that the Town Council are responsible for these public conveniences.
- Councillor E Lewis reported that the Library Service is not purchasing new books. Councillor Ella Fisk will make some enquiries with the Friends of Menai Bridge Library and report back.

178.17 Minutes

To receive the minutes from the following Committee:

a) Finance, Planning and General Purposes Committee held on the 2 May 2019

The minutes of the above Committee were received.

179.18 To receive and consider the recommendations of the Personnel Committee Panel held on the 23 May 2019

The recommendations of the Panel were received and approved  
[SoniaWilliams/DeniseOwen]

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

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Councillor Hillary Hunt  
Chair

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Date

