### MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 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 D M Davies, Councillor J E Jones, Councillor H Jones, Councillor E Lewis, Councillor W Love, Councillor D Owen,

Councillor S Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Faulkner, Town Clerk

County Councillor Alun Mummery

Mrs S Jones, Translater

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor K Moran, Councillor R Williams, Councillor Sonia Williams,

County Councillor R Meirion Jones

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

#### 212.1 Ymwelydd / Visitor:

<u>Lyndsey Campbell-Williams (LCW), Medrwn Môn ynglyn 'Shapio Lle' / Regardito ng 'Place Shaping'</u> The Chairman welcomed Lyndsey Campbell-Williams to the meeting.

LCW reported to Members that a great deal of evidence had been gathered over the Summer holding various drop in sessions.LCW has produced a paper highlighting various comments from groups and individuals in relation to Menai Bridge.

A questionnaire 'letter drop' will be done by Menter Môn over the next week or so to be returned to the Post Office or Town Concil office.

#### 213.2 Attendance Register

The register was read out to the Committee.

#### 214.3 Apologies for Absence

The apologies for absence received are noted above.

#### 215.4 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.

#### 216.5 Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

### 217.6 To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on the

15 August 2019 and address any matters arising.

The minutes were approved and confirmed as a correct record [DOwen/EFisk] Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### 218.7 Council Business

7. Council Business

# 7.1 <u>To discuss highway issues in the town following a meeting with the Isle of Anglesey</u> County Council, Highway Service

Various issues were discussed and ideas shared between the Town Council and the Highway Officers.

# 7.2 Menai Bridge Partnership Update

Councillor J E Jones reported that setting up of a new Partnership Group has not moved forward. Councillor E Lewis and Councillor E Fisk offered their assistance.

# 7.3 Report and discuss the Drop in Sessions and ways of engaging with the Community of Menai Bridge

Following a discussion, the Town Clerk suggested Members carry out a 'letter drop' in their Ward/s, the questionnaire by Menter Môn also the 'Drop in Sessions' Notice. Members agreed this would be a good way of engaging. ACTION: All Members to carry out a 'letter drop'.

#### 219.8 Liaison with Other Bodies: Members' Report

- Menai Bridge Tigers Football Club Councillor W Love reported that he attended a positive meeting with the new Club Chairman and Secretary. The scheduled home fixture with Bangor 1876 was discussed in relation to crowd control etc. Councillor Love will report back to Council once a plan of action is received from the Club.
- Civic Society / Garden Party Councillor H Hunt, Councillor E Fisk and the Town Clerk attended a recent garden party at Plas Cadnant, to promote the Town Council.
- BULG University Group Councillor E Lewis
- Anglesey Events Councillor E Lewis and Town Clerk

# 220.9 Correspondence

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

220.9.1 Letter from the County Council regarding Chair's Sunday Service – The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor will attend.

220.9.2 E-mail from resident regarding over hanging vegetation from the green onto St George's Road. The Town Clerk has informed the County Council.

220.9.3 E-mail from Pension Fund, Gwynedd Council regarding meetings. The Town Clerk will forward this e-mail to Councillor Sonia Williams to attend.

220.9.4 E-mail from the County Council in relation to an agreement between the Highway Authority and Wales and the West Utilities to carry out the works on the A545 on the 22 September 2019

220.9.5 Newsletter from Menai Bridge and District Civic Society - Noted

220.9.6 E-mail from NWTRA updating the Council with regards their project on the A5.

220.9.7 E-mail from County Council regarding the naming of a new development in Menai Bridge. A suggestion for a welsh name came from a resident of the Town. The name "Rhandir Menai". ACTION: Town Clerk to inform the County Council.

220.9.8 E-mail from One Voice Wales regarding OVW Anglesey Area Committee Meeting and AGM. The Town Clerk has already forwarded the paperwork to the nominated attendees.

220.9.9 Letter from Anglesey Events Ltd thanking the Town Council for their support during the Food Festival this year. Members had no objections for a 2 day event in 2020. Anglesey Events donated £2,550 to various teams and groups in the town from proceeds made at the 2019 Food Festival.

#### 221.10 Extra bills for payment

It was unanimously agreed to approve the extra bills presented for payment.

# 222.11 Members Questions (S.13 Standing Orders)

No questions from Members.

# 223.12 Report from County Council Members

- County Councillor Alun Mummery reported that there is no update following a meeting with a representative from Menai Bridge Tigers Football Club to discuss the prospects of a permanent football pitch for them at Ysgol David Hughes.

#### 224.13 Town Mayor's Announcements

- Attended the Anglesey Events meeting to give feedback to the event organisers in relation to the Menai Food Festival
- Attended the Garden Party at Plas Cadnant
- The Town Mayor thanked Councillor J E Jones and Councillor E Lewis for attending the RAF Remembrance Service at RAF Valley.

# 225.14 Planning: Applications/Decisions

Planning Decisions

No Planning Decision notices were received from the local planning authority.

# Planning Applications/Consultations

- CONS/2019/5 Consultation on the intended removal of public payphones in various locations on Anglesey – No objections
- FPL/2019/229 Full application for the conversion of the existing retail unit into a dwelling at 2 Dew Street, Porthaethwy / Menai Bridge – No observations

#### 226.15 Items bought to the Council's attention by Councillors

- Councillor W Love reported receiving a call from a resident and his concerns in relation to the use of jet skis on the Straits.

#### 227.16 Minutes

To receive and approve the minutes of the following Committee:

a) Finance, Planning and General Purposes Committee held on the 1 August 2019 The minutes of the above Committee were received and approved.

# 228.17 To receive and consider the recommendations of the following Committee:

- Land and Buildings Committee held on the 12 September 2019

Recommendations were received, considered and approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk left the meeting for this item.

#### 229.18 To discuss any urgent staffing matters

It was reported to the Members, by Councillor E Fisk that a letter has been received from a staff member. The letter has already been discussed in a Personnel meeting. The letter has been acknowledged and confirmation has been sought as to whether the letter is formal or informal. The member of staff is on sick leave at present.

The Town Clerk will cover essential checks of the Council's assets in the absence of the usual staff member responsible – ensure the play area is safe, bowling green area, Cemetery, King George V ground and Belgian Promenade being the ones most often visited by the members of the public.

It was proposed that a temporary worker be employed to carry out essential work until the member of staff returns; this was carried unanimously. It was agreed that Councillor K Moran, as Chair of Audit and Personnel Committee be asked to inform the Town Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

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Councillor Hillary Hunt	Date
Chair	