

**LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE
26 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN CANOLFAN TYSILIO, MENAI BRIDGE**

PRESENT: Councillor W Love, Chairman
Councillor H Hunt
Councillor C Davey
Councillor E Fisk
Councillor K Moran
Mrs W Faulkner, Town Clerk
Wil Roberts, Groundsman
Alun M Owen, Isle of Anglesey County Council
William Stockwell, Isle of Anglesey County Council

APOLOGISE: Councillor Selwyn Williams

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

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**Apologies for absence.**

**1.0** To receive Declarations of Personal Interest  
No declarations of Interest were received.

**2.0** AONB Project Officers from Isle of Anglesey County Council regarding AONB dog awareness grant

Alun M Owen and William Stockwell from the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IOACC) explained the intentions of National Resources Wales and the IOACC to work in partnership with the Town Council in tackling dog fouling in Menai Bridge. Establishing ways to utilise the grant was discussed to alleviate and raise awareness of the problem of dog fouling.

**ACTION:** Recommendation to Council that a contribution is made towards Dog Bag Dispensers and bags.

**3.0** To receive and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2017 and address any matters arising

The minutes were accepted as a correct record [KMoran/CDavey].

**4.0** To receive an update regarding the former Baptist Chapel, Menai Bridge

Since the circulation of the briefing note back in mid-July, the RL Davies/ION team have been working to identify potential end users for a range of development options for the Chapel site. Feedback continues to point towards a more minimal retail/leisure development being the only viable option at present.

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Recognising that this may not capture the full development potential of the site, more work is being undertaken on identifying an interim solution. This will allow the buildings to be demolished, removing the blight from the town, with the site then being put to a temporary use allowing more time for a permanent solution to be secured.

## 5.0 Menai Cemetery

5.1 It was reported that steps have been requested in the Cemetery. Following discussions, it was felt that the steps would be more hazardous and therefore the request has been rejected.

**ACTION:** Groundsman to inform the lady in question of the outcome and to offer any other assistance.

5.2 It was reported that fencing put up in the Cemetery, some time ago is now restricting undertakers and others to get to the grave side.

**ACTION:** Remove fencing from the Cemetery and put to better use in Coed Cynrol.

## 5.3 Burial fees

In March of this year, the First Minister committed to “step in and make sure that burial charges for children will no longer apply in Welsh Communities”. This was in recognition of the significant variation in current approach to charging across local government in terms of whether fees are charged and even how a child is defined for these purposes. It is hard to justify that a family burying a child in one part of Wales could pay hundreds of pounds in local government fees while a family in another part of Wales would pay nothing.

Welsh Government have been considering how best to achieve this and concluded that it should proceed on a partnership basis, working with local government to agree a “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) setting out a shared agreement not to charge any fees in relation to the burial or cremation of a child and to use a common definition of a child as aged up to 18.

To help to progress this issue further, the Welsh Government need to identify those community and town councils who are actively operating cemeteries or crematoria or both; with the intention of including them within the MOU.

Welsh Government appreciates the financial implications of not charging and therefore, when agreement is reached and a common set of standards in place, an appropriate amount of funding will be made available in recognition. It is proposed that there be an expectation, explicitly covered within the MOU, that local authorities would distribute a proportionate amount of the money received to community and town councils in their area who have agreed to stop charging.

**ACTION:** Recommend to Council to recognize the agreement not to charge any fees in relation to the burial or cremation of a child and to use a common definition of a child as aged up to 18.

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**6.0** Bowling Green / Toilets

**6.1** Vandalism has recently occurred in the Bowling Green whereby the 'bridge logo' on one of the gates has been 'taken'.

**6.2** It was reported that the door mechanism in the toilet is no longer safe.

**ACTION:** Town Clerk to contact Healthmatic and arrange for them to come and rectify the problem.

**7.0** Register Town Council's Assets (Land and Buildings)

**7.1** The Town Clerk reported that the Council's Solicitor has agreed to carry out the registering of the Council's assets with the Land Registry for the Town Council.

**ACTION:** Town Clerk to deposit the deeds with the Solicitors as soon as possible.

**8.0** To receive the Clerk's verbal report on the kiosk project and discuss next steps

**8.1** Work in the kiosk is nearly complete.

**8.2** Mon Communities Forward are interested in Canolfan Tysilio, Menai Bridge to set up another base. Clarification is required as to what can be done in relation to leasing Canolfan Tysilio.

**ACTION:** Town Clerk to contact Letting Agencies to get rental value.

**9.0** To receive an update on the benches, their repair and maintenance

Following discussions, it was resolved to inform the joiner to commence the refurbishment of the benches on the Belgian Promenade. Applying for a grant is also an option.

**ACTION:** Town Clerk to contact the joiner and look into applying for a grant.

**10.0** To receive an update regarding the future management of the Woodland

A review is required in relation to the woodland and to move forward with the Priority 2 and 3 work already started by the Council. To convene the Woodland Management Advisory Group.

**ACTION:** Town Clerk to contact the volunteers, get confirmation that they are happy to be part of the group and arrange a meeting.

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**11.0 CCTV**

**11.1** A meeting has been arranged with Mike Jones, CCTV to discuss additional cameras.

**12.0** Date of Next Meeting – 16 November 2017 at 7.00 pm

Meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

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Councillor W Love  
Chairman

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Date

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