
**MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: The Town Mayor Councillor H Hunt
Councillor Sonia Williams, Chairman
Councillor G Bebb, Councillor D M Davies, Councillor Ella Fisk
Councillor J E Jones, Councillor W Love, Councillor K Moran, Councillor D Owen,
Councillor R Williams

OFFICER: Mrs W Faulkner, Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Davey, Councillor H Jones, Councillor E Lewis,
Councillor S Williams

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

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001.20 Apologies for Absence

The apologies for absence received was read out and is recorded above.

002.20 Declarations of Interest: Code of Conduct

- Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any Personal/prejudicial interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

None were received.

003.20 Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

004.20 To receive and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2020 and address any matters arising

The minutes were accepted as a correct record [RWilliams/DMDavies]

005.20 Finance

5.1 To receive a Monthly Financial Report for approval of payments and issuing of cheques and the Spend Against Budget

Following discussions, it was resolved unanimously to receive the Monthly Financial Report for approval of payments [EFisk/GBebb]

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## Payment details for May 2020

| Cheque No            | Description                               | Total            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| DD                   | Electricity Canolfan Tysilio              | £72.00           |
| DD                   | Electricity Bowling Green Toilets         | £19.00           |
| DD                   | Electricity Coed Cynol                    | £152.00          |
| DD                   | Google Suite Subscription                 | £8.29            |
| Petty cash           | Petrol for cutting Bowling Green          | £6.29            |
| 007409               | One Voice Wales Membership Fees 2020/2021 | £543.00          |
| 007410               | NMW Membership Fees 2020/2021             | £50.00           |
| 007408               | Assessment of Cemetery Gate               | £252.00          |
| 007412               | Laminator and pouches                     | £81.58           |
| 007411               | Repair Noticeboard                        | £403.15          |
| 7405,7406,7407, 7413 | Salaries, Pension,NI                      | £5,370.96        |
| DC                   | Van Insurance                             | £242.73          |
|                      |                                           | <b>£7,201.00</b> |

### 5.2 To confirm Council's authorisation of prospective payments above £500 [Financial Regulation 4.1]

Included in the Monthly Financial Report [DOwen/GBebb]

#### 006.20 Urgent items (Chairman/Clerk) for information or for action by the Clerk For information

- It has been decided not to proceed with the NHS Banner anymore due to them trying to curtail the thanks to the NHS (message received from original organiser)
- Light up the bridge – no publicity

#### Urgent action required by the Clerk

- To receive and agree for Deilan Las to carry out extra work, that is much needed in the Cemetery.

#### 007.20 Food Bank/Hub in Menai Bridge

Councillor Sonia Williams reported that the food bank set up in the War Memorial Community Centre will soon be coming to an end. The Bridge Community Group wish to continue to support the community from another location. It was suggested the group could hold meetings in the bowling green pavilion. This was well received by members of the council who thought it was a good way of bringing the community together and utilising the council's property to its full potential for the benefit of the inhabitants of Menai Bridge. Various grants will be applied for to carry out and refurbish the pavilion. A fridge/freezer has already been donated.

#### 008.20 Menai Food Festival 2020

Following discussions, it was resolved not to hold the above event this year due to the pandemic. Action for the Town Clerk to contact and inform the event organisers of the decision.

#### 009.20 To discuss, consider and approve the Financial Risk Assessment Schedule

The Financial Risk Assessment Schedule was sent electronically to members ahead of the meeting. Following some discussion, it was resolved to approve the schedule.

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010.20 To consider planning applications/consultation:

Planning Consultation:

**HHP/2020/129** - Full application for alterations and extensions to the garage at Moel y Don, Menai Bridge – No observations

**HHP/2020/134** - Full application for alterations and extensions at 10 Lon Ganol, Menai Bridge – No observations

011.20 To receive planning decisions

No planning decisions were received from the local planning authority

012.20 Other Planning Matters

Objection to Planning Consent and Building Control Issues at 2/3 Bronallt, Menai Bridge

**FPL/2019/101** - Full application for the subdivision of the existing dwelling into two dwellings together with alterations and extensions which includes balconies at 3 Bronallt, Menai Bridge – No objections

Resident have submitted an official complaint to the Ise of Anglesey County Council - Noted

013.20 Verbal report by the Town Clerk on operational matters

The Town Clerk reported on the following operational matters:

- Litter picking and generally making sure all is in order
- Been in regular contact with the PCSO's since the lockdown
- Lighting up the Menai Bridge – 11 June 2020
- Grass cutting completed by Deilan Las
- Cemetery Gate – work has commenced to refurbish the gate
- Fire in Coed Cynrol – suspect deliberate ignition.
- UK Highways have arranged a inspection on the Menai Bridge for repainting. Signals will be placed on the bridge during the day on June 11th and 12th June 2020.
- The Town Clerk has held discussions with the council's Solicitor regarding the bowling green/King George recreation ground licences. Discussions have been held regarding the assets valuation. The Solicitor confirmed it was an expensive and complicated exercise that's necessary. This has never been done, once done it will not be necessary to carry out this expensive exercise again
- No response received from residents regarding the unsafe headstone. Response received from V Crosbie, MP agreeing to the suggestion to meet at the Cemetery so as to resolve the matter of the headstone

- Following the newly surfaced cycle/walkway along the A5, Jones Bros have carried out further work to the grassed verges.
- Concerns have been raised with the Town Clerk regarding the need for a stop sign at the bottom of Lon Gernant onto Holyhead Road. NWTRA are looking into this request
- A resident living near the play ground has kindly agreed to keep a look out for the play ground during lockdown. No concerns so far.
- Roundwood Tree Technology will report on the ash dieback affected trees in a couple of weeks
- The refurbishment of the benches has re-commenced
- The Town Clerk has provided the emergency planning department, Isle of Anglesey County Council with the information they requested on available burial plots in Menai Cemetery. As a result of the (Covid 19) emergency this matter was a priority.
- The Town Clerk reported a successful application from Keep Wales Tidy (made possible by Welsh Government funding) for a Wildlife garden package.
- The Town Clerk reported some letter dropping was carried out, targeting the older members of the community (with the assistance of the PCSO) following a few phone calls received to the office (back in March). It was a few lines offering help to shop, collect prescriptions, post or a chat. A good response was received.

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014.20 To receive Agenda items

None received.

015.20 Correspondence

Receipt of various correspondence have already been forwarded to members for information/attention.

- E-mail from the County Council regarding Penhesgyn Household Waste Recycling Centre – Reopening Information
- Welsh Government Bulletins regarding COVID-19
- Press Release re: Anglesey proud to support vital contact tracing strategy
- E-mail from V.Crosbie, MP - Thank you for everything you are doing to support our community at this exceptional time. Your commitment and hard work are very much valued and appreciated. I am here to help and assist you in any way I can. Please do reach out to me. My email is virginia.crosbie.mp@parliament.uk.
- E-mail from IoACC - UK Highways have arranged to inspect some of the hangers on the Menai Bridge for repainting. There will be traffic lights on the bridge during the day on June 11th and June 12th.
- E-mail attaching an invitation to members of One Voice Wales to join in this event. SAIL is a voluntary group brought together to create new ideas and offer alternative pathways for community developments in Anglesey and Gwynedd. Every founder member is somehow involved in the future of our communities – Councillor Sonia Williams volunteered to represent the town council.

016.20 Date of the next meeting – Thursday, 2 July 2020 at 7.00 pm

Meeting concluded at 8.15 pm

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Councillor Sonia Williams  
Chairman

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Date

