
**MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

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

OFFICER: Mrs W Faulkner, Town Clerk

Two residents of the town
Two members of the public
Local Businessman

APOLOGIES: None received

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

035.20 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

036.20 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.

037.20 Public participation session

Twenty minutes to be allocated to allow residents of the community of Menai Bridge to question Town Councillors on matters of interest.

Two members of the public were present (representing the Bowling Club) also two residents. Questions raised were answered in relation to the maintenance of the green. Representatives of the bowling club were advised that once they receive the licence arrangements will become clear and if needed further discussions can be arranged.

The Town Clerk confirmed the arrangements in relation to watering and cutting the green will continue.

The residents voiced their concerns and strong objections in relation to planning applications submitted to the local planning authority recently.

038.20 To receive, approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2020 and address any matters arising

The minutes were received, approved and signed as a correct record [DMDavies/GBebb]
There were no matters arising.

039.20 Finance

39.1 To receive a Monthly Financial Report for approval of payments

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

It was explained to the Committee that the full amount paid to Deilan Las, for grass/hedge cutting will be transferred from the reserve account at the end of the arrangement.

Payment details for July 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 | £8.28 |
| 007417 | Rates Canolfan Coed Cynol | £1,926.00 |
| Online Payment | Grass cutting and clearing the Cemetery | £4,250.00 |
| DC | Zoom monthly subscription | £14.39 |
| DC | wall mounted hand sanitiser | £34.99 |
| DC | Antibacterial Hand sanitiser | £27.99 |
| DC | Accident Book | £5.35 |
| DC | Lever arch file, | £8.30 |
| Online payment | salaries, pension, NI | £5,302.99 |
| Online Payment | 3rd year Hire Christmas Lights | £4,004.69 |
| Online payment | Water bill Bowling Green pavillion | £92.47 |
| Online payment | Water Bill Canolfan Coed Cynol | £27.75 |
| 007419 | Remove and repair rotten benches from Beach area | £165.00 |
| Petty cash | Fix Handrail at bowling Green | £20.00 |
| | | £16,131.20 |

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

Included in the Monthly Financial Report [DMDavies/EFisk]

040.20 Urgent items (Chairman/Clerk) for information or for action by the Clerk

For information from the Clerk

- Playground signs have been ruined by rainfall. It was resolved for the Clerk to carry out minimal replacements.

- In relation to 'loss of income' for the car park information has now come through from Welsh Government to the town council.

Urgent action required by the Clerk

- Some trees in the Cemetery are in need of urgent attention. It was resolved for the Clerk to discuss further with the IoACC also obtain quotes for the work.

- Footpath around the bowling lawn has cracked and is raised in a few places, high risk to the Council if someone fell. It was resolved for the Clerk to make enquiries so as to make the path safe.

- Manhole in KGV recreation ground needs attention – It was resolved for the Clerk to make enquiries so as to make the cover safe.

041.20 To discuss coming out of COVID-19 lockdown safely (council buildings)

- Response received from our insurers regarding opening council buildings also advice received in relation to opening the play ground. All risk assessments prepared were commended by our insurers.

042.20 To consider planning applications/consultation:

Planning Consultation:

TPO/2020/5 - The Moorings, Cadnant Road, Menai Bridge

Application for works to trees which includes the felling of trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order – No objections to fell old or dangerous trees

FPL/2020/120 - Full application for conversion of the outbuilding into a dwelling at 28A Dale Street, Menai Bridge – Strongly oppose to this proposal

FPL/2019/277 - Full application for the erection of a new dwelling on land adjacent to Hiraethog, Beach Road, Menai Bridge – Strongly oppose to this proposal. Call-in to planning committee by local member.

FPL/2020/125 - Full application for the erection of 3 fabric canopies at Tan y Coed, Menai Bridge - No objections

043.20 To receive planning decisions

Four planning decision notices were received from the local planning authority

HHP/2020/126 – Full application for alterations and extensions at 2 Bwlch Glas, Menai Bridge - Approved

HHP/2020/71 - Full application for alterations and extensions at The Stables, Menai Bridge - Approved

HHP/2020/134 - Full application for alterations and extensions at 10 Lon Ganol, Menai Bridge - Approved

HHP/2020/116 - Full application for alterations and extensions at 17 Ffordd Tysilio, Menai Bridge - Approved

044.20 Other Planning Matters

Information was received regarding the submission of a planning application, in partnership with the County Council for a seasonal pontoon near Porth y Wrach. The pontoon will benefit Ribride and other companies, to access the town also relieve the bottleneck at St George's Pier. It is hoped that the project will alleviate parking and bring more people into the town by coming in by boat.

The Town Clerk thanked the applicant for engaging with the town council before submitting the application.

045.20 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 land and buildings are safe
- Play area has re-opened – spent nearly 2 hours cleaning and putting up posters in relation to COVID-19
- IoACC have cut back the vegetation near the reservoir
- Arranged for the vandalised panel of the bus shelter near siop newydd to be taken away
- Successfully found the grave in the Cemetery
- Report of dogs coming over from Silver Lodge Cottage to the Cemetery – Town Clerk will write to the owner
- Vandalism reported to the light cover at the bowling green pavilion to the Police. Nobody came forward. File closed.
- The dangerous benches in the beach area have been removed. Replaced as part of the 'rolling programme'
- The 2nd notice for co-option will be displayed/advertised tomorrow until the end of August.
- Dealt with planning enquiries received from residents
- Opening and locking up the Cemetery gate at various times during the day/week
- Watering newly planted shrubs in the Cemetery
- In regular dialogue with Menai Bridge Tigers
- Various enquiries from residents of the town

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- Confirmation received from Gwynedd Council that they are responsible for cutting grass near the bridge also the grass cutting and maintenance of the small garden
 - Clarification required from the County Council regarding footpaths
 - Enquiries from Rownd a Rownd for filming on the Belgian Promenade (Risk assessment received) as they are now back filming following lockdown

046.20 To receive Agenda items

None received.

047.20 Correspondence

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

- E-mail from Welsh Government Bulletin regarding COVID-19
- Executive's forward work programme - July 2020 update
- Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County of the Isle of Anglesey - draft proposals (e-mail sent to Members)
- BCUHB 'Covid Conversations' Engagement Newsletter (e-mail sent to Members)

048.20 To note the date and time of the next meeting – Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 7.00 pm

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

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Councillor Sonia Williams
Chairman

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Date

