
**MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Sonia Williams, Chairman, Councillor D M Davies,
Councillor Ella Fisk, Councillor H Hunt, Councillor J E Jones, Councillor H Jones, Councillor W Love,
Councillor D Owen, Councillor P Owen, Councillor J Southgate, Councillor R Williams,
Councillor S Williams

OFFICER: Mrs W Faulkner, Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Bebb, Councillor K Moran

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

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185.21 Call out if in attendance

Members acknowledged their presence by 'calling out'

186.21 Apologies for Absence

The apologies for absence received are noted above.

187.21 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 received.

188.21 Public participation session

Twenty minutes to be allocated to allow residents of the community of Menai Bridge to question Town Councillors in relation to matters of interest, on the agenda. It is not always possible to give a verbal response at the meeting and questions may receive a written reply. No resolution can be made under this item

There were no residents/members of the public present.

189.21 To receive, approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and address any matters arising

The minutes were received, approved and signed as a correct record [DOwen/DMDavies]

To minute under 177.20 .....Councillor J Southgate also volunteered to make enquiries.

190.21 Finance

190.1 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 [HHunt/DOwen]

## Payment details for April 2021

| <b>Cheque No</b> | <b>Description</b>                         | <b>Supplier</b>    | <b>Total</b>     |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| DD               | Electricity Bowling Green Toilets          | EDF                | £16.00           |
| DD               | Google Suite Subscription                  | Google             | £9.20            |
| DD               | Electricity bill for Canolfan Tysilio      | EDF                | £378.81          |
| Online payment   | 2x Bags of Aggregate                       | Evans Bros         | £11.98           |
| Online payment   | Scribe Cemetery Annual Licence             | Scribe             | £352.80          |
| Online Payment   | Spring/Summer fertiliser for Bowling Green | Rigby Taylor       | £272.70          |
| DD               | Electricity Coed Cynol                     | EDF                | £146.56          |
| Petty Cash       | Petrol for Machinery                       | Shell Britannia    | £10.00           |
| Petty cash       | Top up Groundsmans Mobile phone            | Shell Britannia    | £10.00           |
| Petty cash       | Office cleaning supplies                   | Poundland          | £8.00            |
| Petty Cash       | Petrol for Machinery                       | Shell Britannia    | £10.00           |
| DC               | Ink for printer                            | Amazon EU          | £62.42           |
| DC               | File dividers                              | Amazon EU          | £1.50            |
| Online payment   | Salaries,Pension NI                        | Town Council Staff | £5,764.30        |
| DC               | Telephone and broadband bill               | BT                 | £77.28           |
|                  |                                            | <b>Total</b>       | <b>£7,131.55</b> |

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

Included in the financial report.

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

The Clerk expressed concerns in relation to the future maintenance of the bowling green also the information shared on social media. Following further discussions, it was resolved for the Clerk to meet up with the bowling green groundsmen together with Councillor D Owen.

### 192.21 Members are asked to consider further the felling of trees at the bowling green park following the assessment of the tree surgeon also the Isle of Anglesey County Council

Following consultation with the County Council the Clerk reported that the trees are unsuitable to reduce and would look odd/poor if they were. There are a few individual limbs in the larger 3 that could be reduced/removed and wouldn't affect the appearance of the trees. The 2 smaller ones are insignificant.

Their main amenity benefit is as a screen between the garden/park area and the toilets. They don't have much amenity benefit to the area, although the number of trees here will probably decline with ash dieback so everything else that can provide habitat is of value from that perspective. They are a bit wind shaped/damaged from the seaward side.

Further comments received from the tree surgeon is that it's best to leave them until after the bird nesting season is over in August.

It was resolved to fell the trees at the bowling green park August 2021.

### 193.21 Members are asked to consider the rolling programme of refurbishing benches in the town and renew 4 of the well used benches that have deteriorated for new recycled plastic ones

The Clerk reported that the Isle of Anglesey County Council installed benches around the town on the basis that the town council takes responsibility of their refurbishment after 1 year.

Following discussions, it was resolved to replace or carry out some refurbishment, where possible to the 4 benches. A quote has been received for £1,080 for 4 benches. Action: Clerk to obtain additional quotes.

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194.21 Members are asked to give further consideration to the Christmas lights display in the town this year following the information received from Blachere Illuminations Ltd  
It was resolved to discuss further at Council meeting.

195.21 To consider planning applications  
Planning Consultation (sent to members electronically)  
HHP/2021/132 - Full application for the erection of a detached garage at Gorsefield, Menai Bridge – No objections  
HHP/2021/134 - Full application for alterations and extensions including a balcony at Min y Môr, Menai Bridge – No objections

196.21 To receive planning decisions (sent to members electronically)  
TCA/2021/3 - Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area at 51 High Street, Menai Bridge.  
The above planning decision notice has been received from the local planning authority.

197.21 Other Planning Matters  
There were no other planning matters.

198.21 Verbal report by the Town Clerk on operational matters  
Various e-mails and phone calls in relation to Cei Bont /Landing area with various officers from the Isle of Anglesey County Council also Health and Safety specialist.

Quotes and estimates are expected for work at the bowling green park/pavilion

The new door mechanism for the public convenience door has been ordered

Following some discussion it was resolved to wait a few months before starting the work on the path as the area will have to be closed to the public.

A FOI request has been received.

Urgent tree work was necessary last week to some trees in Coed Cynol and on Boncan Fawr.

199.21 To receive Agenda items  
No items were received.

200.21 Correspondence - to discuss or note the following correspondence received sent electronically to Members

- One Voice Wales regarding Blachere Illuminations help councils go green - Noted
- Anglesey County Council - Anglesey sees significant fall in Coronavirus cases - Noted
- One Voice Wales - Electoral Reform Newsletter April 2021 - Noted
- Letter from Virginia Crosbie, MP regarding the Bowling Green – Nothing further to report
- Letter from a person regarding a bench on Cei Bont, Beach Road - Clerk to action response

201.21 To note the date and time of the next meeting – Thursday, 3 June 2021 at 7.00 pm

Meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

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Councillor Sonia Williams  
Chairman

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Date

