

**MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL HYBRID
LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Hefin Jones, Chair, Councillor William Love, Councillor Denise Owen,
Councillor Peter Owen, Councillor Jayne Southgate, Councillor Robin Williams,
Councillor Sonia Williams

OFFICER: Mrs Wendy Faulkner, Town Clerk

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

16.24 Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. All Members were in attendance.

17.24 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).

No declarations of interest were received.

18.24 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

No residents/public were present.

19.24 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14 March 2024 and address any matters arising

The minutes were received and accepted as a correct record [DOWEN/SoniaWilliams]

Matters arising:

- The Clerk reported that it will not be possible to arrange a ROSPA annual inspection this year
- There has been no vandalism in the play area recently
- No update has been received from Spencer Engineering regarding hiring of car parking spaces in the Coed Cynrol car park
- Community engagement session will be arranged to discuss the removing of the skatepark and planning for a new park

20.24 Bowling Green Park

- o To discuss the 'gardening' arrangements in the bowling green park for next year

The gardening arrangements have worked well and should be continued for next year. Clerk to make enquiries and get three quotes. **Recommendation to Council: to continue with the gardening arrangements next year. To be included in the 2025/26 budget**

- o Update regarding the shelter repairs and improvements to the surrounding area

Members met with the builder to discuss the work done to date on the 10 September 2024 and discuss any outstanding work. The shelter project is almost complete.

21.24 Menai Cemetery

- o Update regarding trees encroaching the cemetery from a property nearby

Waiting to hear from the owner of the nearby property. Following a discussion with the Ash dieback officer at Anglesey County Council the Clerk was advised to write again to the owner of the nearby property.

22.24 To agree the grass cutting and hedge trimming schedule for 2025

Following a discussion it was agreed not to include 'no mow May' in the grass cutting schedule for next year. The town council's groundsman carried out a 'no mow May' which was on much better sites than Boncan Fawr and the plot of land on Cadnant Road.

Recommendation to Council: No 'no mow May' to be included in next year's schedule.

23.24 To agree the flower displays in the town for 2025

Recommendation to Council: To budget for additional planters and flowers around the town next summer and to appoint a professional gardener.

24.24 Canolfan Tysilio

- To discuss the future use of Canolfan Tysilio

The Clerk reported that she has received an e-mail from Mon CF confirming they will be vacating Canolfan Tysilio on the 31 October 2024.

Mencap recently contacted the Clerk to make enquiries about renting CanolfanTysilio.

Recommendation to Council: To invite Mencap to view Canolfan Tysilio.

25.24 Canolfan Tysilio Changing Rooms

- Meeting with representatives of the football club

Recommendation to Council: To arrange a meeting on site with representatives of the football club to discuss various issues.

26.24 King George V Recreation Ground

- To discuss and consider the return of the Menai Bridge Food Festival in 2025

Members agreed for this item to be discussed at a meeting of The Council

- To discuss and consider carrying out drainage investigations on the recreation ground

It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate further. The recreation ground is not used to it's full potential because the ground is wet.

Recommendation to Council: for the Clerk to make enquiries with relevant companies who are specialists in ground drainage.

27.24 To review the location of bins on town council land

The various sites were discussed as follows:

Coed Cynrol car park – move one of the three bins on/near the car park to the Belgian Promenade (BP)

Belgian Promenade – there are two bins on either side of the Belgian Promenade. Move one from the Coed Cynrol car park to the middle of the Belgian Promenade

King George V Recreation Ground - one bin on the recreation ground. The football club have bins in the changing rooms used when there are matches and training sessions. They are responsible for making sure that these bins are emptied.

Tyddyn Mostyn play area– Two bins in this location (emptied by Biffa)

Menai Cemetery – Three bins in this location (emptied every three weeks by the IoACC)

Bowling Green Park – there is one black bin near the Pavilion (emptied every three weeks by the IoACC). The town council's groundsman ensures the bin is placed on Beach Road for collection by IoACC.

There is a new bin for the bowling green park (for the area near the shelter)

Recommendation to Council: to revisit the location of the bins in the town and their preferred re-location to be approved by the County Council. The IoACC have confirmed that they are not in a position to purchase more bins for Menai Bridge.

28.24 CCTV

To agree an upgrade of the current CCTV System under the UK Government SPF Shared Prosperity Fund

Under this funding, an opportunity has arisen to replace the existing CCTV servers which are now almost 9 years old.

Servers that have run for such a long time without being replaced are at high risk for failing so this funding has come at the right time to do this upgrade now.

This project will see the installation of the latest NxWitness CCTV software and desktop CCTV servers which are fully redundant to ensure that no video data should ever be lost due to equipment failure.

A replacement of the viewing PC system will be considered next year.

Recommendation to Council: to agree to replacing the existing servers.

29.24 Any other urgent matters for information or action by the Clerk

For information

- 300 poop bags were put out on Friday (before Bank Holiday) in three different locations and they were all gone by Tuesday!

- There's been criminal damage in the public toilet at the bowling green park. Reported to Police who have taken away the vandalised toilet roll cabinet, to test for prints

- The Clerk has made arrangements with a bus company to park in the Coed Cynrol car park on the 21 September 2024. They are transporting a choir, who are taking part in a concert in Menai Bridge.

- Menter Mon have confirmed that they are replacing the Interpretation Boards in the Coed Cynrol car park and on the Belgian Promenade. I have submitted a planning application to the IoACC on behalf of the town council; Menter Mon acting as agents.

30.24 Date of next meeting – 12 December 2024

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.15pm

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Councillor Hefin Jones
Chair

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