

CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS A LLANELIAN YN RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BETWS YN RHOS
AT 7:30pm MONDAY EVENING THE 7th MARCH 2022**

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **PRESENT** – Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS (Chairman), and Councillors John EVANS; Tudur W. JONES; Gwyndaf O. ROBERTS; John D. ROBERTS; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Bryn JONES; Hefin WILLIAMS.

3. **APOLOGIES** - Councillors D. Gwyn JONES and Ifor G. LLOYD (County Councillor).

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal interests using the form provided for the purpose. Councillor Ifor Lloyd has stated that he sits on the planning committee and as such cannot take part in any decisions made on applications being discussed, but he could answer questions relating to planning regulations and policies.

- a. There was no declaration of interest voiced.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2022 were approved and signed.

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. FINANCE

- a. FINANCE for the period ending 20th February 2022. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank accounts as listed below:-

Money Received = £0.00

Money Paid Out = £5.00 (Bank Charges - DR)

= £300.00 (Care of the elderly Llanelian – 200126)

= £41.00 (translation Costs – 200127)

= £55.80 (Payroll Costs – 200128)

Community account = £9444.57

Business account = £5,551.46

The balance sheet for this period was agreed by all present.

- b. Following the discussion at the last meeting regarding on-line banking where it would make it easier to pay invoices etc without the need to use a cheque book on every occasion, and also save on postage costs, the necessary paperwork has now been completed and signed. These will be forwarded to the bank this week.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Another letter had been received from Vantage FeeProtect – Offering Insurance cover in the event of a HMRC Audit. The Clerk had discussed the matter with Aston Hughes who were of the same opinion that it was not necessary. The Clerk to respond to Vantage and decline their offer.
- b. An email had been received from Aloma Wheeway regarding the untidy condition of some of the village's public areas. The Clerk to respond to the content following a discussion under A.O.B.
- c. A renewal notice had been received from One Voice Wales inviting the Council to renew their membership for the coming year for £163.00. It was decided to renew.

9. GRANTS

No further requests had been received.

10. PLANNING

- a. 12.21/12 (iv) 0/49181 Applying for Condition 4 (Soft and Hard Landscaping) on planning permission 0/44848 at Plot 5 The Granary Cottages Betws Yn Rhos Abergele Conwy - Mr Barry McDowell – There was no objection to this application when it was discussed at the last meeting apart from concerns as to the English name (Granary Cottages) given to the property. The Clerk has enquired with CCBC and is still awaiting a response from their Licensing Department.
- b. 0/48681 Mrs Enfys Parry, Oak Tree Farm Ffynhonnau Road, Betws yn Rhos, Abergele LL22 8AB: To keep and use a static caravan for the purpose of holiday lets. This appears to be a second application as a result of Planning Department requesting more details. This second application seems to have been submitted with no amendments. Still awaiting comments of the Planning Dept.

- c. 0/49368 Applicant Mr Mark Blissitt. Application to erect two agricultural buildings () ar dir Aelwyd Uchaf, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws yn Rhos, Conwy LL22 8AG. There are other planning issues at this site which are subject of a Planning Inspector's investigation. Still awaiting more information from the Planning Department.
- d. 0/49427 Mr & Mrs A Jones. Application to build a two storey extension at Ty'n-y-Caeau Uchaf, Betws Road, Abergele LL22 8AD. There were no objections.
- e. 0/494436. Mr. Dave Jones. Application to raise an agricultural hay store building adjacent to the existing cowshed at Bryn y Maen Farm, Llanrwst Road, Bryn y Maen, Colwyn Bay LL28 5EW. There were no objections.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that he had received a reminder from the Internal Auditors JDH Business Services Ltd that preparations should begin fairly shortly on the next audit. The cost had increased to £225 for the year 2021/22. It was decided to remain with this company for this year. The increased cost would need to be considered for next year's precept.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS

County Councillor Ifor LLOYD was not present at this meeting.

13. 9.21/6(i) PLAQUE REGARDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. GEORGIA WILSON

The Clerk stated the plaque would be ready by the end of this week. A discussion took place as to the date of the unveiling in the sports pavilion and it was decided to include that as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 2nd June 2022.

14. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

01.22/15(ii) Following the discussion at last month's meeting where it was decided to plant a tree as a commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it was suggested that a Chilean Pine (Monkey Puzzle Tree) would be a suitable tree for Betws yn Rhos and for the planting to take place on the Queen's Jubilee in June when the local school children could take part in the event. It was also decided to put the sum of £250 aside to cover this cost and an equivalent sum of £250 for a tree at Llanellian yn Rhos. Councillor Bryn Jones was happy to research the sourcing of the tree and its cost.

15. THE ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY COUNCILS (GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE) (QUALIFICATIONS OF CLERKS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2021

01.22/15 (iv) These courses are now being offered free of charge. It was decided to leave this item on the agenda as it may be of interest to new Councillors after the May elections.

16. LOCAL ELECTIONS

The local elections will be taking place on Thursday 5th May 2022. Posters and information leaflets have been placed on the noticeboards at Betws yn Rhos and Llanellian yn Rhos, and there will be extensive coverage and information in the local and national media. Councillors Irwedd Griffiths, Hefin Williams, Bryn Jones, John Evans, Tudur W Jones, John D Roberts and Goronwy R Williams were prepared to stand again. As Councillor D Gwyn Jones was not at the meeting it was not possible to ascertain his intentions. Councillors Eifion Evans and Gwyndaf O Roberts did not intend to stand again. Because of the Covid restrictions over the past 2 years Councillor Irwedd Griffiths was happy to remain as Chair for the next two years if this is possible. The Clerk stated that information and nomination packs would be available for distribution in the next week. A link to an information video about becoming a local councillor is available by contacting the Clerk.

17 ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a. 01.22/15(vi) Following the concerns raised at last month's meeting regarding the condition of some of the local roads, in particular Llanellian Road from Old Colwyn. The Clerk has been notified by CCBC's ERF Dept that work on this particular road will be high on the list of actions in the new financial year.
- b. Concerns were also raised regarding the condition of the well adjacent to Hyfrydle Chapel on Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos. The Clerk has been notified by CCBC that this does not come under their auspices and it is the householder's responsibility. It was decided that as this forms part of the village's history it may be worth a discussion with the owner of the house to see if some arrangement could be reached to renovate the well.
- c. The large tree adjacent to the Village Hall, Betws yn Rhos that usually holds some of the Christmas lights, is in need of trimming. The Clerk is still awaiting a response from the County Council.
- d. An email had been received from a resident of Betws yn Rhos commenting about the condition of some of the village's public areas especially near to the benches on Abergele Road. The locality seems to have gone very untidy and a local individual had taken it upon herself to tidy up some of the weeds and overgrowth. There needs to be a plan in place to avoid this in early Spring in the future. The email went on to say that a motorcycle is being regularly parked near to the aforesaid benches making it difficult for people to make use of them. The Clerk to approach the County Council for reassurance that the public areas would be attended to and the owner of the motorcycle asked to park elsewhere.
- e. A suggestion was made by one of the members to look into resourcing additional play equipment on the playing field to include equipment for younger children. The Clerk to enquire with Conwy Council if they had necessary funding for the project, and also look into any other source of funding.
- f. The tragedy in the Ukraine was discussed with suggestion to donate money to charities such as the Red Cross etc. It was decided to look at what charities the Welsh Government were supporting first so as to bolster the Welsh support. Consideration also to be given to the possibilities of supporting Ukrainian refugee families in the Community Council area.

- g. As a matter of inclusivity, the Council needs to look into the feasibility of providing the means for Council members to take part in meetings remotely, so as to enable those who find it difficult to attend for whatever reason. The Clerk to look into the matter.
- h. It is possible that the Chairman would not be attending the next Council meeting. Councillor Hefin Williams agreed to take the chair for the 4th April 2022 meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55y.h.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: