

CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS A LLANELIAN YN RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, BETWS YN RHOS
AT 7:30pm MONDAY EVENING THE 9th JANUARY 2023**

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **PRESENT** –Councillors John EVANS; Glena HUMPHREY; D Gwyn JONES; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Hefin WILLIAMS; Gethin OWEN; John D ROBERTS; County Councillor Ifor G LLOYD.

3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillor Bryn JONES.

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 November 2022 were read, approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy R WILLIAMS and seconded by Councillor John EVANS)

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. FINANCE

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

NOVEMBER 2022

(1) Community Account = £9,118.28 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £0.00
 Money Paid Out = £5.40 (Bank Charges - DR)
 = £55.80 (Aston Hughes – Payroll Services - 200141)
 = £405.39 (Clerk’s wages – SO)
 = £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
 = £270.00 (CCBC – Cost of Local Elections – 200147)
 Not yet presented = £37.00 (RBL – 2 x Remembrance Sunday Wreaths-200145)
Community Account = £8,280.29 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £5553.67 (Brought Forward)
 Money Paid Out = £0.00
 Money Received = £0.00
Business Account = £5,553.67 (Carried Forward)
Total = £13,833.96 (Carried Forward)

DECEMBER

(1) Community Account = £8,280.29 (Brought Forward)
 Money Received = £2,666.00 (CBBC Precept)
 Money Paid Out = £5.80 (Bank Charges - DR)
 = £178.00 (David Roberts – Trofarth Notice Board - 200148)
 = £405.39 (Clerk’s wages – SO)
 = £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
 = £109.80 (Presentation evening-retired members– 200149)
 = £37.00 (RBL – 2 x Remembrance Sunday Wreaths-200145)
 = £484.51 (CCBC Grant for Flower Pots etc Betws-200150)
 Not yet presented = £40.00 (Annual Cost of ICO GDPR - 200151)
Community Account = £9,624.39 (Carried Forward)
 (2) Business Account = £5553.67 (Brought Forward)
 Money Paid Out = £0.00
 Money Received = £5.85
Business Account = £5,559.52 (Carried Forward)
Total = £15,183.91 (Carried Forward)

All agreed that the accounts were correct

b. Regarding on-line banking the Clerk has now paid the first invoice by on-line banking and it is hoped that most transactions will be made in this format in the future. These transactions will be denoted by TAL/OLP on the usual monthly finance statement.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Received

a. Applications for local grants to be included in next year's precept.

ii. Sent

b. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department

c. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

9. GRANTS

i. Applications to the Community Council for inclusion in the Precept

- a. Ty Gobaith
- b. Llanelian yn Rhos elderly.
- c. Trofarth cemetery
- d. Air Ambulance Charity
- e. Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- f. Calan Mai Eisteddfod

ii. Applications by the Community Council

a. Local Places for Nature - towards a starter pack for wild flower beds and shrubs around the Betws yn Rhos playing fields and Pavillion. This grant application was successful and the pack will be delivered in the Spring of 2023

b. A response from CCBC's Economy and Culture Department for a grant towards the maintenance of the Children's Playground. A member of the CCBC ERF department visited the playing fields and advised that they would carry out some repairs and maintenance work on the existing equipment. Any new equipment would need to be obtained through a local or lottery type grant. This type of grant would need to be applied for by a local community group with support from the Community Council. A grant from Cymru Cynhaliol to be looked into.

10. PLANNING - <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/planningexplorer>

- a. Reference: 0/50307 Applicant: Gareth Williams
Proposal: Reconstruction of old historic agricultural track to create a safe access route across the land. Location: Bethgeth, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AG. There were no objections to this application.

- b. Subject: CAS-01878-N6V2D3, LPA ref - 0/48167. Land adjacent to Bryn Rhoden, Dolwen Road, Old Conwy, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 8UQ. Further information regarding the appeal. Awaiting results of the planning appeal.
- c. Reference: 0/50102 Applicant: Mr Max Jones Proposal: Creation of a new agricultural access to replace existing. Location: Land adjacent to Bryn Rodyn, Dolwen Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8UQ – Approved on 28/11/2022 with conditions i.e stockproof gates etc. The Community Council’s objections were obviously not considered by the planning authority as the application had been allowed.
- d. Subject: FW: ENF/2021/4730 - Bethgeth, Betws yn Rhos. Awaiting result of planning authority’s survey.
- e. Reference: 0/50327 Applicant: Springtime Lodges Ltd Proposal: Replacement of existing three holiday lodges and propose additional two lodges (total five holiday lodges) including associated landscaping and car parking Location: Alpine Lodge, Rhyd Y Foel Road, Rhyd Y Foel, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8EA. There were no objections in principle as long as the entrance was sufficient and not obscured from the direction of Dolwen nor Rhyd y Foel. Also that sufficient parking was available to avoid parking on the road.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk is waiting for the result of the External Audit (Audit Wales). Following telephone conversations with Audit Wales it would seem there had been problems at Audit Wales this year which has caused delay to some audits being carried out.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS

- a. There is likely to be a substantial shortfall in the CCBC Budget this year that will impact on their resources in 2023. This will be in addition to the reductions necessary following the national and global recession. CCBC are currently working on the annual budget for 2023-2024.
- b. Problem of standing water on the B5381 near Bryn Pin. This will hopefully be resolved soon.
- c. There is still a problem of fly-tipping in the area. We need to persuade people to take details and report anyone they see leaving rubbish in our open spaces.

13. EQUIPMENT FOR ENABLING COUNCIL MEETING TO BE ACCESSED DIGITALLY

As a matter of inclusivity, the Council is now obliged to facilitate the provision for Council members to take part in meetings remotely, so as to enable those who find it difficult to attend for whatever reason. A reasonable quotation has now been received. Following this meeting being held at the Sports Pavilion the Community Council has now decided that the Betws yn Rhos meetings will be held here in future. It was also decided to arrange the fitting of suitable equipment to hold the meetings interactive and to have a WiFi connection in the Pavilion as soon as that can be resolved.

14. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

- a. Damaged/broken old type road-sign at the junction of Capel Bach Sion. To have one made in cast iron is too expensive. We need to ask CCBC to replace the road-sign.
- b. Play equipment for younger children at the Betws yn Rhos playing fields – will look to add to the resources once the maintenance has been carried on the existing equipment by CCBC. In the meantime, we need to look for funding.
- c. Overgrowth on local green lanes and paths – we need to get as much information regarding maintenance work required to send to CCBC.
- d. Trofarth notice board – this has now been restored and information is being displayed in it.

15. AWEL Y MOR and GWYNT Y MOR OFFSHORE WINDFARM

The Council has now registered with Awel y Mor as an interested organisation so that we can be updated with the latest information. A similar project is now under way named Gwynt y Mor. The Council will keep these developments under review. The on-shore cabling from the latest development may be planned to run through some of the Community Council areas.

16. LOCAL CAMPAIGN TO CONTROL THE DEVELOPMENT OF WINDFARMS IN THE AREA

There are now posters available in this campaign. See www.moelfre2022@gmail.com. This will be progressed further if a planning application is made for a windfarm in our locality. There will be a public meeting at 7.30pm in the Betws yn Rhos Village Hall on the 30th January.

17. NATURE TRAIL

A suggestion has been made to make use of the old drovers' road and the old roman road as a possible location for the nature trail. Support will be required from someone with knowledge of the local history, the local wildlife and the local footpaths. A request to be placed on local noticeboards, websites and community newspapers. There has been no response to the suggestion thus far.

18. LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY CENTRE

This item is on the agenda so that we can keep up with how the project is progressing, and so that we can offer support when required.

19. Y GADLAS

Any information of interest emanating from the Community Council will form an article for the next issue.

20. PRECEPT 2023/2024

The Precept for the year 2023-2024 was discussed and it was decided to request the sum of £9,000. The Clerk is to prepare the application and send it to CCBC by the end of the month.

21. VACANCY ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There is a vacancy on the Community Council that requires filling. Consideration to be given to anyone wishing to fill this post.

22. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Irwedd Griffiths

CLERK:

DATE: 6th February 2023