

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 6th MARCH 2023

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS welcomed everyone to the meeting, and extended the members' sympathy to Mary, Councillor John EVANS' wife following the death of her brother. He also stated that Councillor John D ROBERTS was awaiting much needed surgery and that he would probably not be in a position to attend Council meetings until after receiving treatment.
2. **PRESENT** –Councillors John EVANS; D Gwyn JONES; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Hefin WILLIAMS; Bryn JONES; County Councillor Ifor G LLOYD.
3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors John D ROBERTS; Glena HUMPHREY; Gethin OWEN

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 6th February 2023 were read, approved and signed. (Proposed by Coun. D Gwyn JONES and seconded by Coun. Hefin WILLIAMS)

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. FINANCE

- a. FINANCE for the period ending 20th February 2023. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank accounts as listed below:-

(1) Community Account = £9,055.20 (Brought Forward)

Money Received	= £652.00 (CCBC Warm Hub Grant)
	= £484.51 (CCBC Re-payment of Villages Grant - 200150)
Money Paid Out	= £5.00 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £40.00 (Annual Cost of ICO GDPR – 200151)
	= £405.39 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
	= £185.50 (Village Children's Christmas presents - OLP)
Not yet presented	= None
<u>Community Account</u>	<u>= £9,454.42 (Carried Forward)</u>
(2) Business Account	= £5,559.52 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £0.00
<u>Business Account</u>	<u>= £5,559.52 (Carried Forward)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>= £15,013.94 (Carried Forward)</u>

All agreed that the accounts were correct

- b. Regarding on-line banking the Clerk is now paying invoices by on-line banking where possible Arrangements have been made to pay regular payees via SO and DD.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Received

- a. Letter from NHS regarding Vascular Services in North Wales.
- b. Letter from NRW's Natural Forest for Wales – Woodland Investment Grant
- c. Letter from CCBC re ECO Flex Scheme – Energy efficiency improvements.
- d. Request for an annual report under Section 6 of the Environment Act 2016.
- e. Letter from Mr. Rod King requesting support for the reduction of speed limits from 30mph to 20mph throughout Wales.
- f. Request for returns for the 2023-2024 Highways Refurbishment Capital Works Programme.
- g. Quote from GL Jones Playgrounds re new equipment for Betws playing field
- h. Quote from Creative Play re new equipment for playing field.
- i. Letter of thanks you from Cwmni Drama Betws yn Rhos for donation
- j. Invitation from CVSC to a Meet the Funder event

- k. Notice of supply date from BT for a WiFi connection to the Betws yn Rhos Sports Pavilion.
- l. Follow up letter from Grwp Cynefin re Rural Housing Enabler's Meeting
- m. Letter from CCBC Leisure Services re Playing Out Summer 2023 – enquiring if Betws required two play sessions during the 2023 school summer holidays.
- n. Community Councils Training Needs Survey.

ii. Sent

- a. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department
- b. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.
- c. Letter to ERF requesting replacement road signs at Junction of B5381 Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos at the junction near to Capel Sion.
- d. Request to CVSC for grant details for future projects within the community.

9. GRANTS

i. Applications to the Community Council – amounts to be confirmed and published on agreement of Precept

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

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 Pavilion. This grant application was successful and the pack has been delivered. Following discussion with some local residents the planters etc will be placed near the entrance to the sports/playing fields area. This will be carried out over the next two weeks.
- b. The equipment in the children's playground . A substantial grant will be required to obtain new play equipment. The Clerk has obtained quotes from relevant play equipment companies which are in the region of £16,000. This will now enable suitable grant to be sought.
- c. CVSC are now assisting the Community Council to resource suitable grants for various projects within the community.

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

- a. Reference: 0/50483 Applicant: Andrea and Keith Owen
Proposal: Single storey side extension and associated works Location: Tan Y Bryn Bach, Tan Y Bryn Bach Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NT
There were no objections to this application.
- b. Reference: 0/50493 Applicant: Mr Arwel Evans
Proposal: Replacement agricultural shed and associated works
Location: Glan Aber, Cilgwyn Road, Llanellian Yn Rhos, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 8YR
There were no objections to this application.
- c. Reference: 0/50362 Applicant: Mr. Barry Mc Dowell
Application Type: Full Case Officer: Received Date : 18/11/2022 Registered Date: 10/01/2023 Development Type(s): New Development
Ward: Betws Yn Rhos Community Council: Cyngor Cymuned Betws-yn-Rhos
Community Council Location: Land at Bron Derw Betws Yn Rhos Conwy LL22 8FD
Proposal: Construction of new dwelling and associated works
Awaiting a response for further information regarding this applications, in relation to the size and scale of the build in relation to surrounding dwellings as well as fenestration.
- d. Reference: 0/50531 Applicant: Gareth Williams
Proposal: Extension to the Agricultural shed to provide a slurry pit and storage provisions as noted in the client needs statement.
Location: Bethgeth, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AG
Further information required as to the content of a SUDS report (the water supply to nearby dwellings emanate from this field), and the business case for this size of structure.

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. No response has been received to subsequent telephone enquiries. This item can be removed from the agenda until further information is received.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS

- a. There is a 23% deficit in the annual budget. The 2023-2024 CCBC rates will be published shortly that will reflect the current pressures especially those of Social Care.

13. EQUIPMENT FOR ENABLING COUNCIL MEETING TO BE ACCESSED DIGITALLY

As a matter of inclusivity, the Council is obliged to facilitate the provision for Council members and the public to take part/observe meetings remotely. As the Community Council has now decided that the Betws yn Rhos meetings will be held at the Sports Pavilion a WiFi connection will shortly be supplied by BT so that the necessary interactive equipment can be sourced.

14. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

- a. Road-sign on the corner of Capel Bach Sion – The CCBC ERF department have been requested to replace the existing signs.
- b. Play equipment for younger children at Betws yn Rhos playing fields – Quotes have been received to have some idea of costs and steps are being taken to source funding. A community consultation will be held over the next few weeks to decide what new play equipment to consider.
- c. Overgrowth on local green lanes and footpaths – there has been no response to a request for feedback to date on the state of the local footpaths nor for suggestions of a Nature Trail.
- d. The Warm Hub – the warm Hub at the Betws Sports Pavilion is attracting more people each week with about 20 calling in at the end of February. It is hoped to carry this community meeting event into April and perhaps May.
- e. Drama Workshops at Betws yn Rhos Village Hall – This has been a success with the group displaying their talents in adjoining communities. All are asked to support and frequent these workshops.
- f. Condition of the roads in the Council area – A return on the state of the local roads has been sent to CCBC under the Highways Refurbishment Capital Works Programme.
- g. Playing Out Summer 2023 – The Community Council have invited the CCBC Youth Summer Programme to visit Betws yn Rhos again this summer to provide two of their playing out sessions.
- h. Defibrillators – A survey on local defibrillator locations and use is being carried out and the Community Council is keen to bring all five defibrillators within the community under the one umbrella for easier administration. Discussions along these lines will continue over the next few weeks.

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. This item can now be removed from the agenda until such time as there are additional information to discuss

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

This subject is discussed at every Community Council meeting but as previously stated it is very difficult to further any action without an actual planning application being made. If an application is made to Conwy Council then the Community Council will write immediately to the CJC (Combined Joint Council) when that entity has been formed.

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. Conwy Council have now agreed to extend the lease on the Centre which will allow the funding process to take place. The planning for this is now continuing at pace and we look forward to see some positive steps taking place over the next few months.

19. Y GADLAS

An article has been sent to the Gadlas with regard to the work required on the local footpaths, to include styles and gates.

20. 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.

21. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a. There have been comments made as to the untidy appearance of some locations within the area. This will be monitored and CCBC Environmental Dept may be asked to take action if necessary.
- b. An 85% grant has been secured to fit solar panels on the Betws yn Rhos Village Hall roof to help with lighting and heating costs as well as being steps towards our greener community requirements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

CHAIRMAN: Irwedd Griffiths

CLERK: Tom Jones

DATE: 17th April 2023