

**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 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023**

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor John EVANS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for their invitation to become the Chair. He also thanked the outgoing Chair, Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS for his hard work during his extended period in office over the Covid period.
2. **PRESENT** –Councillors Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Glenna HUMPHREY; D Gwyn JONES; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Hefin WILLIAMS; Bryn JONES; Gethin OWEN; County Councillor Ifor G LLOYD.
3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors John D ROBERTS

**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 17<sup>th</sup> April 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank accounts as listed below:-

(1) Community Account = £8,932.23 (Brought Forward)

Money Received	= £3000.00 (CCBC Precept - CR)
Money Paid Out	= £5.00 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £55.80 (Aston Hughes – Payroll Services – OLP)
	= £405.39 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
Not yet presented	= None
<u>Community Account</u>	<u>= £11,364.64 (Carried Forward)</u>
(2) Business Account	= £5,572.49 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £00.00
<u>Business Account</u>	<u>= £5,572.49 (Carried Forward)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>= £16,937.13 (Carried Forward)</u>

All agreed that the accounts were correct

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### i. Received

- a. Letter from Lurleen Hilliard outlining the dangers and nuisance caused by large unsuitable vehicles and other vehicles travelling at a fast speed along Ffordd y Mynydd, Betws yn Rhos. A copy of this letter was sent as an addendum to a letter already sent to ERF Department, CCBC.
- b. Letter from Mr Terry Ducker with an invitation to visit the Family Centre at Douglas Road, Colwyn Bay.
- c. Further letter from CCBC regarding the availability of the Community Cohesion Fund 2023/24.
- d. Regular emails from One Voice Wales, Public Service Executive etc. with those relevant being forwarded to the councillors, and available from the Clerk.

### ii. Sent

- a. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department
- b. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.
- c. Response to letter from Betws and Llanellian Historical Society re funding.
- d. Letters to and from CCBC's democratic Services regarding the advertising and proposed co-opting of an additional council member.
- e. Letter to and from CCBC Summer Playing Out services regarding sessions at Betws yn Rhos and Llanellian yn Rhos.

- f. Letter to Councillor John D Roberts wishing him a speedy recovery from his surgery and supplying him with information about the business of the Community Council.
- g. Letter in response to Ysgol y Plas' request for financial support for their party for The King's Coronation.
- h. Letter to ERF, CCBC regarding a speed limit and signage on the approach to Ysgol y Plas, Llanellian yn Rhos.
- i. Letter to ERF, CCBC regarding replacing the direction sign at Capel Bach Sion, Betws yn Rhos.
- j. Letter to ERF, CCBC regarding complaints of unsuitable vehicles and speeding vehicles on Ffordd y Mynydd, betws yn Rhos.
- k. Letter to Licensing Dept., CCBC regarding a presumed proposal for a music festival at Coed Coch.

## **9. GRANTS**

### **i. Applications to the Community Council**

- a. Enquire re Trofarth Cemetery as to amount required.
- b. Discussion whether an additional Summer Playscheme session was required – decided to accept the CCBC's Summer Play Out session – one at Betws yn Rhos and one at Llanellian yn Rhos playing fields.

### **ii. Applications by the Community Council**

- a. 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. Application No: 0/50560 Development Type(s): Change Land Use  
Community Council: Cyngor Cymuned Betws-yn-Rhos Community Council  
Location: Ty Ni Pen Y Bryn Trofarth Betws Yn Rhos LL22 8BE  
Approval of condition no 5 (Landscaping Scheme) of planning approval 0/48608 (Extended caravan area from 5 touring caravans to 10 touring caravans).  
This application had already been passed by CCBC Planning.
- b. Application No: 0/50362 Grid Reference: 290484,373356  
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  
This application had been passed by CCBC
- c. 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

This application had been withdrawn.

d. Reference: 0/50613 Application Type: Full Registered Date: 24/03/2023

Development Type(s): Change Land Use

Cyngor Cymuned Betws-yn-Rhos Community Council

Location: Bryn Rodyn Dolwen Road Old Colwyn Colwyn Bay LL29 8UU Change of use of land for the storage of caravans with associated creation of hardstanding and landscaping (revised scheme).

This application had been refused.

e. Reference: 0/50703 Applicant: Mr Gethin Jones

Proposal: Change in use of land - glamping site.

Location: Nant Isa Farm, Nentydd Road, Rhyd y Foel, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8EF

A letter to be sent to CCBC Planning Department requesting confirmation of a Business plan, and if the area needs any further developments of this nature – Policy TOU/4

#### **11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.**

The Clerk is now preparing the Internal Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The Annual Financial Statements for the two accounts were produced together with the Balance Sheet and an Explanation of Variances. The Financial Risk assessment and Asset Register had been updated. It was hoped the Internal Audit could be submitted on-line by the end of the first week in June.

#### **12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS**

- a. Councillor Lloyd brought to the attention of the Community Council a fund that could be applied for towards the children's playing field. Also the UK Government Community Ownership Fund where additional assets may be required.
- b. New speed restriction signs are in place at Llanelian yn Rhos.

#### **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. A BT line had been installed at the Sports Pavilion with a WiFi connection, and the new interactive screen was being used for the first time at this meeting. This matter can now be removed from the agenda.

#### **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. A further request has been made.
- 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 grant funded Warm Hub has now come to an end. However, the facility for a social meeting, cup of tea, coffee, cold drink with light refreshments will continue through the Spring into the Summer, now be called simply 'The Hub' / 'Yr Hwb'. Volunteers are still required to supervise the meetings which will run between 9:00 and 12:00pm every Tuesday morning at the Sports Pavilion, Betws yn Rhos.
- e. Playing Out Summer 2023 – The Community Council have invited the CCBC Youth Summer Programme to visit Betws yn Rhos and Llanellian yn Rhos this summer to provide two of their playing out sessions. The dates should be available soon.
- f. Defibrillators – A survey on local defibrillator locations and use has been carried out as the Community Council is keen to bring all five defibrillators within the community under the one umbrella for easier administration. Discussions are almost completed regarding this matter.
- g. Arrangements have been made to refurbish the benches in the centre of Betws yn Rhos village.
- h. There is a need to maintain the newly placed flower beds at the entrance to the Betws playing fields.
- i. Further discussions to be made regarding the disused toilets in Betws yn Rhos.
- j. The roadside trees between Barron Hill and Trofarth require further pruning.

#### **15. 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. Most of the Council members indicated they would be attending the local meeting at the Betws Village Hall on the 13th July.

#### **16. 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.

#### **17. 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. 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. A second quote has now been sought.

#### **18. Y GADLAS**

A request to be made for the photographer from the Gadlas to attend the Betws yn Rhos Fun Day.

#### **19. 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. One application has been received so far. An advert has been placed on the Council web page as well as on the Community Notice Boards. These will be in place until the 24<sup>th</sup> May after which a Notice of Co-option will be displayed before a decision to co-opt a new member will be made at the next Community Council meeting.

#### **20. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- a. The Monkey Puzzle tree planted by the Betws yn Rhos schoolchildren during HM Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee seems to be dying. A tree sourced from the same supplier on the same day and planted elsewhere on the same day is flourishing. Enquiries with the garden centre reveals that the winter weather may have affected it. It was decided to wait a few more weeks to see if it would re-invigorate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

CHAIRMAN: John EVANS

CLERK: Tom Jones

DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023