

CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS A LLANELIAN YN RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LLANELIAN YN RHOS
AT 7:30pm MONDAY EVENING THE 5th JUNE 2023**

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor John EVANS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **PRESENT** –Councillors Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Glena HUMPHREY; D Gwyn JONES; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Hefin WILLIAMS; Bryn JONES; Gethin OWEN;

3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors John D ROBERTS; County Councillor Ifor G LLOYD.

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 5th May 2023 were read, approved and signed.
(Proposed by Coun. Bryn JONES and seconded by Coun. Goronwy R WILLIAMS)

6. MATERS ARISING

Item 21 – Any Other Matters – the issue of the Monkey Puzzle Tree. There was a discussion whether to replace or wait a while longer to see if it would revive. It was decided to leave for another few weeks.

7. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statement was produced for the period ending 20th May 2023. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank accounts as listed below:-

(1) Community Account = £11,364.64 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £0.00

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

	= £150.48 (CCBC–Placing of Christmas Tree Lights– OLP)
	= £405.39 (Clerk’s wages – SO)
	= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
	= £300.00 (Betws yn Rhos MC–Calan Mai Eisteddfod- OLP)
	= £73.16 (BT – WiFi Supply to Sports Pavilion – OLP)
	= £48.80 (BT Monthly Wifi Payment – SO)
Not yet presented	= None
<u>Community Account</u>	= <u>£10,280.41 (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>£15,852.90 (Carried Forward)</u>

All agreed that the accounts were correct. The Clerk stated he was in consultation with BT to repay the WiFi supply cost to the Sports Pavilion as they had assured him there would be no charge. A suggestion was made as to the viability and financial propriety of making the ‘Business Account into a ‘Reserve’ account.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Received

- A note left through the Clerk’s door to call a Mr. David Evans of Coed Bodwen Llanellian LL29 8UY on 01492 515752/07835 388582 concerning a dispute concerning a boundary between himself and a neighbour. Mr Evans was contacted, and the matter discussed.
- The Clerk had received a telephone call from a Mr. Stephen Crowther of Echoes Lodge, 5 Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos LL22 8AX 07887 740744 complaining of excessive speed of traffic along Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos and suggesting the placing of speed bumps. The matter was discussed.
- Email enquiry from a Betws yn Rhos resident asking about the planning withdrawal at Beth Geth as it seems some work is in fact taking place there.
- Enquiries from residents of both villages as to whether CCBC would be planting anything in the villages flower pots this year. A letter was sent to ERF at CCBC.
- Reminder letter from Zurich Insurance and a further remittance advice following payment of invoice.
- 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. Letters to and from CCBC's democratic Services regarding the advertising and proposed co-opting of an additional council member.
- d. Letter to and from CCBC Summer Playing Out services regarding sessions at Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian yn Rhos.
- e. Letter to ERF, CCBC regarding flower-pot planting at Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian yn Rhos.
- f. Response to Betws resident regarding i.c. above

9. GRANTS

i. Applications to the Community Council

- a. Enquire re Trofarth Cemetery as to amount required.

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. 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.
- b. 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.
No Business Plan had been submitted but a 'Business Viability' and 'Sector Review, Economic Impact and Tourism' had been prepared. After discussion it was decided not to oppose this application as there was no glut of these facilities in the immediate area.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk is now preparing the Internal Audit for the year ended 31st 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. The members were satisfied that the audit preparation was in order. It was hoped the Internal Audit could be submitted on-line in the following days.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS

- a. Councillor Lloyd was not present at the meeting.

13. 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 questionnaire had been prepared, and with a few small amendments will be circulated throughout the community via the Schools, Nurseries, websites and noticeboards.
- 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. The Clerk to ask ERF Dept of CCBC if they intend to place flowers in the flower pots in both villages and to cut the grass at the side of the roads.
- d. '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. A suggestion was made whether anyone of the regular users of the facility could volunteer to supervise it.
- 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 with CCBC regarding the disused toilets in Betws yn Rhos.
- j. The roadside trees between Barron Hill and Trofarth require further pruning. A request to Coed Coch Estates to be made.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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. Interest has been shown by a couple of organisation in buying the existing building and removing it.

17. Y GADLAS

Pictures of the Betws yn Rhos Fun Day have appeared in the Gadlas..

18. VACANCY ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The required adverts and notices had been displayed on the local noticeboards and web pages for the stated time period. Only one name had been received. Mrs Gwen DAVIES was present at this meeting. Coun. Irwedd GRIFFITH proposed Mrs DAVIES' nomination and was seconded by Coun. Glenna HUMPHREY. Mrs DAVIES was formally co-opted onto the Community Council and completed the necessary Acceptance of Office, Declaration of Code of Conduct and Independent Remuneration Declaration.

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a. Dr. Owen Williams a native of Betws yn Rhos had been this year's winner of the Urdd Eisteddfod's Crown. It was decided that this should be celebrated with a commemorative plaque for placing in the Sports Pavilion.
- b. It had been brought to the notice of the members that an application had been made to the CCBC's Licensing department by Coed Coch estates to hold a music event similar to the one applied for 12 months previously and the one held without licensing in 2021. Concerns had already been received from numerous businesses and households as to the operating hours on the application and that this would cause a grave nuisance to the area. The Clerk had already visited the Licensing Department to have sight of the application and it was obvious at that time that no Event Management Plan, with all its attendant assurances had not been submitted with the application. It was decided to submit a Representation to the Licensing Department in view of the complaints made, the likelihood of non-conformity to the four licensing objectives and the lack of event planning information.
- c. Concerns have been raised regarding the burning of 'garden waste' in fields at the rear of Gerddi, Llanelian. CCBC's ERF department are aware but the Clerk to confirm this awareness by email to ERF.
- d. The Betws yn Rhos Fun Day was a great success. Aloma Wheway and her team to be congratulated for their hard work in making this event a very 'Fun Day'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm

CHAIRMAN: John EVANS

CLERK: Tom Jones

DATE: 5ed July 2023