

**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 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor John EVANS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
  
2. **PRESENT** –Councillors Gwenda DAVIES; Glenna HUMPHREY; Bryn JONES; D Gwyn JONES; John D ROBERTS; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, and Hefin WILLIAMS
  
3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Gethin OWEN and 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were read, approved and signed. (Proposed by Coun. Gwyn D JONES and seconded by Coun. Goronwy R WILLIAMS)

**6. MATERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising but a short discussion ensued regarding the flooding issue near Llais Afon and the Industrial Units. The area underneath the bridge needs to be cleaned when the weather improves and the flow of water reduces sufficiently. This to be looked at in the Spruing.

**7. FINANCE**

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

- (1) Community Account = £7,133.22 (Brought Forward)

Money Received	= £0.00
Money Paid Out	= £5.00 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £405.39 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
	= £4.60 (Discounted BT Monthly WiFi Payment for Aug-OLP)
	= £55.80 (Aston Hughes – Payroll Services – SO)
	= £40.74 (BT Monthly WiFi Payment for Sept – OLP)
Not yet presented	= None
<u>Community Account</u>	<u>= £6,524.89 (Carried Forward)</u>
(2) Business Account	= £5,614.13 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £0.00
<u>Business Account</u>	<u>= £5,614.13 (Carried Forward)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>= £12,139.02 (Carried Forward)</u>

All agreed that the accounts were correct.

Following the Internal Audit it is now necessary to have the Council's agreement before any invoices are paid on-line.

The following Invoices require paying:

£325.00 – Audit Wales – 2020-2021 Audit Fee – No Invoice previously received

£450.00 – Audit Wales – 2021-2022 Audit Fee – No Invoice previously received

£248.00 – Audit Wales – 2022-2023 Audit Fee – Invoice recently received.

£165.00 – Betws yn Rhos Sports & Recreation Assoc. – Rental of Pavilion for Meetings

£336.29 – Huws Gray – Sand and bags for flood defences

£50.00 – Royal British Legion – Remembrance Day Wreaths.

£40.00 – Information Commissioners Office – Data protection Renewal

The Council agreed to pay these Invoices.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### i. Received

- a. 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. c. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department
- d. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

## 9. GRANTS

### i. Applications to the Community Council.

a. Application for grant towards the cost of Betws yn Rhos Christmas Lunch for the elderly, and a grant towards the cost of Christmas gifts for the children of Betws yn Rhos.

### ii. Applications by the Community Council

- a. CVSC are now assisting the Community Council to resource suitable grants for various projects within the community.
- b. Clerk to apply for an application form for a Gwynt y Mor Grant.

## 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  
Location: Bethgeth, Cil Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AG  
This application is still showing as 'Withdrawn'. Enquiries to be made if another separate application has been made under a separate reference.  
This application has been granted with amendments.
- b. Proposal: Construction of agricultural building for animal welfare purposes  
Location: Field no 5446, Abergele Road, Betws Yn Rhos, Abergele, Conwy LL22 8AL  
This application had previously been withdrawn, but has now been re-submitted.  
Enquiries to be made if there have been variations to the application.  
Approved With Conditions - 10-10-2023
- c. Reference: 0/51025 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 concerns as to the access to this site with regard to visibility and also sufficient off-road parking spaces. A letter requesting assurances to be sent to CCBC Planning Department. It would now seem that this application is within the area of Llanddulas and Gele Community Council with representations having been made residents and the Community Council for that area.  
This application has now been approved with conditions 15/12/2023.
- d. Application No: 0/51140  
Application Type: Discharge of Conditions Received Date : 05/10/2023 Registered Date: 09/10/2023 Development Type(s): New Development  
Community Council: Cyngor Cymuned Betws-yn-Rhos Community Council  
Location: Glan Gors Ffordd Galch Llanellian Yn Rhos Colwyn Bay LL29 6BD  
Approval of condition nos 3 (Materials) & 4 (Photographic Survey) of planning approval 0/48997 (Renewal of planning approval 0/43196 (proposed replacement dwelling)0  
Still being considered by Planning Dept.

## 11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Annual Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 has been concluded. The results were posted for the appropriate period on the Community Council's three notice boards and on the

website as required under Section 29 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. They have now been removed from the Notice Boards but will remain on the Community Council website.

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

- a. There were no matters of interest.

## **13. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.**

- a. Defibrillators –The Clerk will now ensure the de-fibs are kept operationally ready with a view to obtaining a further one in the Dawn area. Enquiries to be made as to the feasibility of buying a telephone kiosk to place the defib in.
- b. 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 Community Council were given to understand that a video is being produced to identify the green lanes and footpaths.
- c. '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.
- d. There is a need to maintain the newly placed flower beds at the entrance to the Betws playing fields. A suggestion has been made for these flowerbeds to be re-located and seeded with wild flowers. They have now been moved but need to be re-seeded.
- e. Further discussions to be made with CCBC regarding the disused toilets in Betws yn Rhos. They are on the CCBC's list of empty and disused buildings. Further discussions to be held with regard to positioning new public toilets at another site in Betws yn Rhos. Clerk to look into pre-fab type structures.
- f. The barrier at the end of the public footpath in the centre of Betws yn Rhos village. The Clerk to send a further request to ERF as the wall at the side of the path has now collapsed.
- g. Inappropriate parking at Llanelian Village. Councillors to meet at the location to decide the best course of action. Clerk to enquire re placing a white line across the nearby drive and look into appropriating a large concrete/wooden flower bed.
- h. New Festive Lighting S178 License Process and Requirements. The Clerk to apply for the appropriate licence for erecting the lights on the tree in Betws yn Rhos.

## **14. ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual report has been prepared and will appear on the Community Council webpage

## **15. ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT**

The annual budget was discussed and agreed upon. This will now form the basis for the following year's precept. The annual budget will be prepared and produced by the next meeting along with the precept application.

## **16. ON and OFF-SHORE WIND FARMS AWEL Y MOR/GWYNT Y MOR/MONA**

This subject remains on the Agenda and any developments discussed at every Community Council meeting. Any further plans or applications will be monitored closely.

Information is published every now and then regarding the above windfarm projects and the Council will be keeping contact with them to ensure any issues affecting the local community and any advantages gained are being monitored. Exploration has now begun on the path of the cables from the off shore site onto the proposed sub station at St Asaph Business Park.

See the following links for further information:

[Overview](#)

[About us](#) [About the Project](#) [What the Project will look like](#) [Processes and Next Steps](#)

[Our work so far](#) [Interactions with other marine users](#)

[Information Hub](#) [Visualisations of the windfarm](#) [Interactive map](#)

#### **17. LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

This item remains 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 new building has now been started. All future Council meetings will be held at the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos until the Llanelian re-build has been completed.

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

An article has been sent to the Gadlas promoting the activities in The Hub at Betws yn Rhos Sports Pavilion.

#### **19. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- a. A letter to be sent to Mr Alan Bates congratulating him and supporting him in his work into the Post Office scandal.
- b. A letter to be sent to Dave and Eddie Ty'n Wal regarding their actions in rescuing a motorist stranded in a flood in an electric powered car.
- c. Clerk to check the Community Council records to see if the Llanelian elderly had received their £300 grant in 2021.
- d. 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 or the Village Hall in Betws yn Rhos..

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

CHAIRMAN: John EVANS

CLERK: Tom Jones

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024