

**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 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

- 1. WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor John EVANS welcomed everyone to the meeting, again in particular Mr Melfyn JONES, who after a short discussion was offered and accepted the post as the new Clerk to the Council. The Pay Scale of Grade SCP 17 = £14.95 per hour for 11 hours per week was agreed.
  
- 2. PRESENT** –Councillors Gwenda DAVIES; Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Bryn JONES; D Gwyn JONES; Gethin OWEN; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, and Hefin WILLIAMS.
  
- 3. APOLOGIES** – Councillors Glenna HUMPHREY; John D ROBERTS, 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 were no declarations of interest voiced.

**5. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were read, and it was noted that the name of Councillor Gethin OWEN had been recorded as being present and under apologies. The matter was corrected after which the minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Coun. Irwedd GRIFFITHS and seconded by Coun. Goronwy WILLIAMS)

**6. MATERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**7. FINANCE**

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the periods ending 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank account as listed below:-

February 2024:

(1) Community Account	= £6,432.81 (Brought Forward)
Money Received	= £0.00
Money Paid Out	= £5.40 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £405.39 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)
	= £90.00 (Betws Sports Association – Pavilion Rent – OLP )
	= £40.74 (BT Monthly WiFi Payment for Sept – OLP)
Not yet presented	= £50.00 (RBL – Remembrance Day Wreaths – 200153)
<u>Community Account</u>	<u>= £5,789.88 (Carried Forward)</u>
(2) Business Account	= £5,641.20 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £0.00
<u>Business Account</u>	<u>= £5,641.20 (Carried Forward)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>= £11,431.08 (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:

£40.74 – BT Monthly WiFi invoice

£10.80 - Aston Hughes Payroll Services

£160.00 – Cradur.Com Website maintenance.

The Clerk had received two outstanding invoices from Audit Wales , one for the year 2020/21 (£325.00) and one for the year 2022/23 (£248,00). There was no record of these invoices having been previously received nor paid.

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. No requests for financial support has been received in the last month.

**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. The Clerk is now discussing various avenues with Community, Engagement and Participation Officer - Conwy and Denbighshire Local Authority so as to collect the necessary information and quotes to apply for grants from sources such as Gwynt y Mor to refurbish the Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian yn Rhos Children's Playing Fields.

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

a. Reference: 0/51449 Application Type: Full  
Received Date : 01/02/2024 Registered Date: 13/02/2024  
Development Type(s): Minor Development Extension  
Cyngor Cymuned Betws-yn-Rhos Community Council  
Location: White Lion Inn Llanelian Road Llanelian Yn Rhos Colwyn Bay LL29 8YA  
Proposal: Retention of pavilion structures for a temporary period of up to three years. Following a discussion as to the purpose of the 'temporary' structure and at what point would it become permanent or be removed, and if there were future plans to make it a more permanent structure. There are parking issues in the centre of the village and this structure has taken up some parking spaces. Enquiries to be made as to what is the long-term plan.

b. Reference: 0/51432 Applicant: Mr Berwyn Jones  
Proposal: Outline consent for the erection of a new rural enterprise dwelling on land at Bryn Ffanigl Ganol, Abergele  
Location: Bryn Ffanigl Ganol, Bryn Ffanigl Road, Rhyd Y Foel, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NF.  
Enquiries to be made as to the actual purpose of the dwelling as it is being referred to as a 'rural enterprise'.

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

The Annual Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 will be a 'Full Audit' and will therefore require extra work. The current Clerk stated he would work on this over the next month and beyond in order to assist the incoming Clerk with this task.

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

a. County Councillor Ifor LLOYD was not present at the meeting and therefore no information on County Council matters were discussed.

**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. Efforts are still being made to bring the defib at Llanelian within the remit of the Community Council. The outgoing Clerk

will accompany the incoming Clerk on the next inspection visit, as well as examining the Community Council Noticeboards.

- b. '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.
- c. Following a discussion regarding the flower beds that had been removed from the entrance to the Betws playing fields, it was decided to look into placing them on the B5381 near the Betws yn Rhos village sign as travelling from Penrefail Crossroads. Councillor Gethin OWEN stated he would maintain the flower beds once they are in place.
- d. 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 had looked into pre-fab type structures and produced some examples. Following some discussion the question was raised if public toilets were needed. Further discussion to take place with a local business as to the possibilities of locating this facility. This is still work in progress.
- e. 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. A response from CCBC's ERF department stated that work is required and it will be carried out as and when possible.
- f. Inappropriate parking at Llanelian Village. Clerk to enquire re placing a white line across the nearby drive. The Clerk has still not received a response from the local authority.

#### **14. ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT**

The annual budget had already been discussed and agreed upon. The budget had now been prepared together with the precept application. The precept application had been forwarded to CCBC but no response as yet.

#### **15. 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 meeting. Any further plans or applications will be monitored closely.

See the following links for further information:

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

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

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#### **16. 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 is now progressing well. It is hoped that the Centre will be available for use sometime May/June 2024. All future Council meetings will be held at the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos until the Llanelian re-build has been completed.

#### **17. Y GADLAS**

There were no suggestions for a Gadlas article for this month.

**18. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- a. The kitchen in the village hall requires some maintenance following its use by the school. It was stated that money had been received from the school for this purpose.
- b. Letter to ERF re potholes on road between Pen Cefn Crossroads and Old Colwyn.
- c. Regarding the LEA representative required for Ysgol y Plas, the headmaster has put forward four names, and hopefully one of them will agree.
- d. The Clerk stated that the Council's laptop requires attention or replacing. The in coming Clerk stated he would try and have it upgraded, but if that was not possible the Councillors agreed that a new laptop should be purchased.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

CHAIRMAN: John EVANS

CLERK: Tom Jones

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