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BETWS YN RHOS AND LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, BETWS YN RHOS
AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY THE 8th APRIL 2024

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

2. **PRESENT** –Councillors Gwenda DAVIES; Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Glena Humphrey, Gethin OWEN, John D. Roberts, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, Hefin WILLIAMS and County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd.

3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Bryn Jones and D. Gwyn Jones

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. Glena Humphrey declared an interest in a planning application and the relevant form was duly signed

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy WILLIAMS and seconded by Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS)

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

7. FINANCE

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

February 2024:

(1) Community Account = £5,789.88 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £0.00

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

= £405.39 (Clerk's wages – SO)

= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)

= £300.00 – Eisteddfod Calan Mai

= £40.74 (BT Monthly WiFi Payment for Sept – OLP)

= £160.00 – Arfon Parry - Website

Not yet presented = £50.00 (RBL – Remembrance Wreaths – (200153))

Community Account = £5,789.88 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £5,641.20 (Brought Forward)

Money Paid Out = £0.00

Money Received = £27.28 – Bank Interest

Business Account = £5,668.48 (Carried Forward)

Total = £10,445.83 (Carried Forward)

All agreed that the accounts were correct.

The cheque (200153) not presented by the Royal British Legion has been lost by them. This was confirmed by Mr Ken Baker of the RBL. Cheque number 200153 has therefore been cancelled. The Council agreed that a replacement cheque (200156) should be drawn up

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

It was also agreed that membership of the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) should be renewed for 12 months in view of the recent appointment of the new Clerk. The cost will be ascertained for the next meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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.

Sent

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

9. GRANTS

Applications to the Community Council.

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

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 Llanellian yn Rhos Children's Playing Fields.

The clerk is having a Zoom meeting on the 18th April 2024 with Julie Meese – Community Engagement Officer – in relation to the 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

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Location: White Lion Inn Llanellian Road Llanellian Yn Rhos Colwyn Bay

Proposal: Retention of pavilion structures for a temporary period of up to three years.

The application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

- 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'.

Councillor Glena Humphrey withdrew from the meeting prior to any discussion following a declaration of interest.

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

County Councillor Ifor Lloyd provided an explanation of the Rural Enterprise scheme

No further views to be sent to Conwy County Council

At the conclusion of the discussion Councillor Glena Humphrey rejoined the meeting.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2024 will be a 'Full Audit' and will require submission before the 1st June 2024.

Tom Jones the former Clerk is working on this order to assist the new Clerk with this task. The Clerk will work with Tom Jones to complete this work.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

County Councillor Ifor LLOYD updated on general planning enforcement issues.

Councillor Lloyd highlighted that the budget for the forthcoming year for highway maintenance was greatly reduced and he advised that a Priority List for potholes etc in the area should be drawn up and forwarded to him.

It was agreed that Councillors Irwedd Griffiths and John D Roberts would draw up a priority list and forward the list to the Clerk who would E mail it to County Councillor Ifor Lloyd.

13. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

- a. Defibrillators –The Clerk has visited all the defibrillators with Tom Jones. All were in working order. Efforts are still being made to bring the defib at Llanelian within the remit of the Community Council.
Councillor John D Roberts raised the issue of a defibrillator for the Dawn area. There was a disused telephone kiosk which – similarly to others in the area- could have been utilised for that purpose. The kiosk has since been removed by B.T.

The Clerk will enquire with BT as to the costing of a disused BT Telephone Kiosk

Councillor Gwenda Davies to contact Tomos Hughes (Welsh Ambulance) to enquire re other suitable types of shelter for a defibrillator.

The Clerk reported that all the Community Council Noticeboards were in good condition. The updated list of all meeting dates for 2024 had been placed on the notice boards.

- 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 yn Rhos 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. It was also agreed that the other flower bed would be placed at Rhwng y Ddwyffordd Councillor Gethin OWEN stated he would maintain the flower beds once they are in place. The County Council nursery at Tan Lan would supply plants.
- 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. Councillor John Evans is on the committee of the Sports Association and he will try and establish where the sewerage pipes are located near the Pavilion. 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.
- f. Inappropriate parking at Llanelian Village The Clerk has still not received a response from the local authority.

The Clerk will write to Conwy Council with regards to the plans for the disused toilets, the barrier at the footpath, inappropriate parking at Llanelian, A further matter was raised regarding the gazebo structure over the river at Llais Afon Flats, Betws yn Rhos which could undermine the river bank. This will also be raised with Conwy Council.

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. The matter has been chased up.

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:

[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](#)

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the operators of the Mona Offshore Wind Farm outlining the plans.

County Councillor Ifor Lloyd updated that all the cabling was to be located underground and that any variance from these plans to overhead cabling would require a further planning application. The Community Council would be informed of any such variance.

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.

Mr Tom Jones, former Clerk, had been contacted by Anne Dickinson from the Community Centre committee enquiring regarding the provision of WiFi for the new building which the Community Council had previously agreed to finance in view of doing so at the Sports Pavilion in Betws yn Rhos. This now needed installing asap. It was unanimously agreed that the WiFi at Llanelian should be financed,

The Clerk to make contact with Councillor D. Gwyn Jones initially and to progress the installation of Wi Fi. It was agreed that the Community Council would finance the WiFi in the same manner as the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos.

17. Y GADLAS

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths has submitted an article on the subject of farming for the next issue.

No other suggestions.

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. The matter is closed and will not require further discussion
- b. Regarding the LEA representative required for Ysgol y Plas, Councillor Irwedd Griffiths reported that Sian Ross has been nominated. The matter is closed and will not require further discussion

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

CHAIRMAN: John EVANS

CLERK Mel Jones

DATE: 13th MAY 2024