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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 7:50pm ON MONDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

1. **WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor John EVANS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
  
2. **PRESENT** –Councillors Gwenda DAVIES; Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Glena Humphrey, Bryn Jones, D. Gwyn Jones, John D. Roberts, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, Hefin WILLIAMS and County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd, Clerk – Mr Mel Jones.
  
3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillor Gethin OWEN

**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
- b. D. Gwyn Jones declared an interest in a planning application and the relevant form was duly signed

**5. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Goronwy Williams)

**6. MATERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

## 7. FINANCE

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

(1) Community Account = £4,777.35 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £4,334.00 (Conwy Council first precept payment)

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

= £405.39 (Clerk's wages – SO)

= £101.40 (HMRC – SO)

= £573.00 (Audit Wales)

= £45.11 (BT Monthly WiFi Payment OLP)

= £66.60 (Aston Hughes)

= £153.54 (Aloma Wheway - OAP Lunch)

= £139.40 (Aloma Wheway – Father Xmas chocolates)

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

Community Account = £7,621.91 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £5,668.48 (Brought Forward)

Money Paid Out = £0.00

Money Received = £0.00

Business Account = £5,668.48 (Carried Forward)

Total = £13,290.39 (Carried Forward)

All agreed that the accounts were correct.

The replacement cheque (200156) in respect of the Remembrance Wreaths had been delivered to the home of Mr Ken Baker of the Poppy Appeal by the Clerk and should be presented shortly.

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:

£41.70 – BT Monthly WiFi invoice

The Clerk reported that annual membership of the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) is £158.00 All agreed that payment can be made.

The annual membership for One Voice Wales was due. The annual cost is £189.00. All agreed that payment can be made.

The renewal of the Public Liability Policy by Zurich Insurance was due. The annual cost is £264.00. All agreed that the renewal should be paid.

## 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 upgrade of the Playground facility had previously been discussed under this agenda item but has now been moved for discussion under item 12.

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

a. **Reference: 0/51670**

**Applicant: Mr P Ryan**

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension to form new utility room

Location: Ty'n Y Coed, Cilgwyn Road, Llanellian Yn Rhos, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8YR

Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no objection to the application and Conwy Planning Department would be informed of the decision and it would be left to the Planning Authority to make the final decision.

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

b. **Reference: 0/51432**  
**Jones**

**Applicant: Mr Berwyn**

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.

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

An enquiry had been made by the previous Clerk by E mail on 4/4/24 as to the actual purpose of the dwelling as it is being referred to as a 'rural enterprise' A reply received from Conwy Planning Department on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 clarified that the dwelling was to be occupied by the applicant Mr Berwyn Jones in connection with the farm at Bryn Ffanigl Ganol.

Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no objection to the application and Conwy Planning Department would be informed of the decision and it would be left to the Planning Authority to make the final decision

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

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

c. **Reference: 0/51667**

**Applicant: Rhys and Rosie Jones**

Proposal: Two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension along with some internal alterations

Location: Penraig, Penraig Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NT

Councillor D. Gwyn Jones withdrew from the meeting prior to any discussion following a declaration of interest

Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no objection to the application and Conwy Planning Department would be informed of the decision and it would be left to the Planning Authority to make the final decision

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

At the conclusion of the discussion Councillor D. Gwyn Jones rejoined the meeting.

d. **Reference: 0/51618**

**Applicant: Nina Cole**

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

Location: White Lion Inn, Llanelian Road, Llanelian Yn Rhos, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8YA

Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no objection to the application and Conwy Planning Department would be informed of the decision and it would be left to the Planning Authority to make the final decision

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

e. **Reference: 0/51608**

**Applicant: Mrs N Williams**

Proposal: Proposed Annexe extension

Location: Tan Y Coed, Croes Engan Road, Trofarth, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NT

Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no objection to the application and Conwy Planning Department would be informed of the decision and it would be left to the Planning Authority to make the final decision

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

## **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 require submission in 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 that to date sponsorship collection for MIND Conwy following his zip wire exploits had reached £2,100. He was grateful for all the support.

An update was provided that the ERF (Environment, Road and Facilities) building in Mochdre had been sold by the County Council and the money received will be of great assistance to the budget.

The emergency grant of circa £800,000 in respect of the damage caused by Storm Babet in October 2023 was about to be received. The grant will be ring fenced to repair damage caused by the storm.

It was confirmed, as discussed at the last meeting, that Councillors Irwedd Griffiths and John D Roberts had drawn up a priority list of the roads in the area that were most in need for attention. The Clerk had E mailed the list to County Councillor Ifor Lloyd.

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

#### **a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian**

The Clerk is planning to explore 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.

The clerk reported on the Zoom meeting he had on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with Julie Meese – Community Engagement Officer – in relation to the Playing Fields. The Clerk had circulated the audit that Julie Meese had carried out of the Betws yn Rhos Playing Field. The audit identified a great deal of work that needed carrying out. There is an ambition for playing fields to be 'inclusive' with equipment for all types of disability.

The estimate received in March 2024 by Sovereign, who had carried out a site visit to Betws yn Rhos, was in the region of £67,000. It was accepted that grants would have to be sought for this amount of expenditure. It was highlighted that the experience in Llanelian raising grant aid to build the new Village Hall was a lengthy and drawn-out process.

Following discussion, it was agreed that other proposals should be explored by the Clerk and quotations received for perhaps refurbishing and adding onto the equipment already in situ.

#### **b. Defibrillators**

The process for adding the defibrillator at Llanelian into the ownership of the Community Council had been completed and is included on the asset register.

The Clerk has explored the purchase of a Telephone Kiosk to house a defibrillator in the Dawn area but as the kiosk had been removed the £1 scheme was no longer available. To purchase a used telephone kiosk in poor condition is in the region of £1,800. The decision was not to proceed. The Clerk reported that Glan Conwy Community Council had managed to locate defibrators on poles installed by the County Council next to electricity poles. The Clerk will explore this with the Clerk of Glan Conwy.

**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. Flower beds**

Councillor Gethin OWEN will proceed with placing them on the B5381 near the Betws yn Rhos village sign as travelling from Penrefail Crossroads and at Rhwng y Ddwyffordd hopefully within the next fortnight. The County Council nursery at Tan Lan would supply plants.

**e. Toilet Facility at Betws yn Rhos**

The Clerk has E mailed Conwy Council Estates regarding the plans for the toilet block at Betws yn Rhos. A reply is awaited.

There are a number of other Community Councils who have taken over County Council owned toilet blocks. The Clerk will explore these.

Councillor John Evans is on the committee of the Sports Association and their preferred option is an accessible toilet at the gable end of the Sports Pavilion which will allow easy access to sewerage pipes. This is still work in progress.

**f. General issues**

The Clerk had written to ERF at Conwy Council regarding the barrier at the end of the public footpath and also the gazebo on the river bank at Llais Afon flats. They had acknowledged receipt under reference 112632.

In regard to inappropriate parking at Llanelian the County Council had agreed to paint a 'H' white line outside the driveway to prevent the inappropriate parking. The cost will be met by the householder.

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

The precept application had been agreed by CCBC at £13,002.00.  
A deposit of £4,334.00 will be paid into the account on 19/4/24, 16/8/24 and 13/12.84

#### **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](#)

#### **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 and Councillor D Gwyn Jones updated that the Centre should be fully completed in 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.

It was previously agreed that the Community Council would finance the WiFi at Llanelian in the same manner as the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos.

The Clerk had progressed this with BT and has been in regular contact with Mr Lewis Arnold of the Llanelian Committee. The work by BT is ongoing and a new line needs installing at the building.

It was agreed that the Clerk would proceed with obtaining estimates for installing a monitor etc at the building identical to the system at the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos.

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

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths had submitted an excellent article on the subject of farming for the last issue.

No other suggestions.



**18. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- a. Councillor Irwedd Griffiths proposed that the former Clerk Mr Tom Jones and his partner should be invited for dinner as gratitude for the work he had carried out for the Council. It was unanimously agreed and that it should be a Wednesday evening in June or July. The Clerk will progress arrangements in conjunction with Mr Tom Jones's availability.
- b. Councillor Bryn Jones raised the issue of the purchase of a replacement monkey puzzle tree. It was unanimously agreed that one should be purchased.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN..... John EVANS

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: .....