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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 3RD JUNE 2024

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

2. **PRESENT** –Councillors Gwenda DAVIES; Irwedd GRIFFITHS; Glena Humphrey, D. Gwyn Jones, John D. Roberts, Hefin WILLIAMS, Gethin OWEN and County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd, Clerk – Mr Mel Jones.

3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Goronwy R. WILLIAMS and Bryn 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Hefin Williams)

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk raised the issue of the forms required to be signed for Councillors' Financial Remuneration. The forms were duly signed by all the Councillors present opting to withdraw from receiving the financial remuneration.

7. FINANCE

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

(1) Community Account = £7,621.91 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = NIL

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

= £405.39 (Clerk's wages (Tom Jones) – SO)

= £101.40 (HMRC (Tom Jones) – SO)

= £570.12 (Clerk's wages – SO)

= £142.40 (HMRC – SO)

= £41.70 (BT Monthly WiFi Payment OLP)

= £50.00 (RBL – Remembrance Wreaths – (200153)

= £264.00 (Zurich Insurance – Council Insurance)

= £189.00 (One Voice Wales – Clerk membership)

TOTAL PAID OUT - £1,911.41

Community Account = £5,710.50 (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 = £11,378.98 (Carried Forward)

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:

£41.70 – BT Monthly WiFi invoice

The annual membership of the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) of £158.00 as agreed at the previous meeting has yet to be processed.

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.
- b. E mail received from Councillor Ifor Lloyd highlighting a new funding stream for projects to benefit the community. A discussion ensued as to whether the funding would be suitable for improvement of internet/mobile phone reception in rural communities and also funded electric car charging points. The Clerk to make enquires with the local development group at Conwy County Council and report back.
- c. Notification from CCBC that Cefn Isa Road, Dolwen was to be temporarily closed on the 19th June 2024. No observations made that need highlighting to CCBC.
- d. Notification from CCBC that a presentation on the Replacement Local Development Plan is being held online between 6pm and 8pm on 12th June 2024. The Clerk will dial in and report back.
- e. Notification that Councillor Aaron Wynne the cabinet member for engagement with Community Councils is holding various meetings to discuss concerns etc. It was felt that Councillor Ifor Lloyd in attending each of the Community Council meetings provides that conduit if it was needed and there was no need to meet Councillor Wynne.
- f. Notification that One Voice Wales was holding a number of free training sessions via Zoom for Councillors within Conwy County. The list of dates were shared and any sessions of interest will be highlighted to the Clerk who will reserve a place on the sessions.
- g. E mail received from resident of Betws yn Rhos highlighting concerns with speeding in the village between the entrance to Silver Birch Golf Course and the corner after the Junior School. The Police were apparently not interested in taking any action. The Clerk has made contact with the Traffic Engineer at CCBC and they will carry out a Speed Survey in the village in due course. The resident has been kept fully updated. There was a discussion regarding other areas within the village where speeding may be an issue. This will be discussed with CCBC when they notify the Clerk of the installation of the Speed Survey.

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. E mail received from Reverend Gareth Erlandson – Vicar of Old Colwyn, Llanelain and Betws yn Rhos requesting a grant of £400 to pay for subscription charges for the 2024/2025 school year for the Transforming Lives for Good programme at Ysgol y Plas, Llanelian which is beginning in September 2024.

Following discussion, it was agreed that this should be supported by a grant application from the Solar Farm fund. The Clerk will speak with Reverend Erlandson and will thereafter forward the E mail to Councillor D Gwyn Jones who will progress the application.

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, Llanelian Yn Rhos, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8YR

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council and nothing further was discussed.

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

This application has been refused by the Planning Department. No details as to the reason updated onto the website and nothing further was discussed.

- 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: Pencraig, Pencraig Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NT

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council and nothing further was discussed.

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

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council and nothing further was discussed.

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

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council and nothing further was discussed.

NEW APPLICATION

f. Reference: 0/51728

Applicant: Mr Mark Blissitt

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and outbuildings

Location: Aelwyd Uchaf, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AG Conwy County Borough

This application was forwarded to the Clerk on the 3rd June 2024.

A discussion ensued and the documents on the Planning Explorer were accessed. Not clear if the application is under a Rural Enterprise. The Clerk will speak with the planning officer Ian Gibbons (01492 575703) for clarity

The decision was that the application would not be supported as it would set a dangerous precedent to development in the rural area on what should be regarded as a greenfield site. There were also concerns that the new build would be highly visible and out of place.

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 end of June 2024.

The Clerk will work with Tom Jones to complete this work over the next few weeks.

The Balance Sheet for 2023/2024 has been sent to the Councillors for their attention.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

County Councillor Ifor LLOYD updated on new Government Funding to bring Full fibre Deployment to Premises in the Dolwen telephone exchange area - Primarily Betws Yn Rhos and Dolwen. This would be a individual grant to householders with no cost to themselves.

Potentially 256 households in the area could be eligible for the improved service. Councillor Lloyd will arrange for a Zoom meeting with OpenReach together with the Clerk and the Clerk of Llanfair TH to explore if the areas covered can be extended.

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 referred to an inspection of the Betws yn Rhos playground which was carried out in October 2021 which showed that some items could be retained and be refurbished.

The Clerk is meeting a representative of Creative Play, Seland at 2pm on Thursday 6th June at the playground for them to look at improvements and provide an estimate for refurbishing/replacements/additions. It was agreed that the inspection report should be shared with Creative Play. Update to be given at the next meeting.

b. Defibrillators

The Clerk has explored the siting of a defibrillator in the Dawn area. Glan Conwy Community Council had managed to locate defibrators on poles installed by the County Council next to electricity poles. The Clerk had E mailed the Clerk at Glan Conwy but had no response. Tomos Hughes had supplied details of a contact within Conwy Council – Richard Cochran the Street Lighting Manager who had arranged for the work at Glan Conwy. The Clerk had E mailed Mr Cochran. The matter will be chased up. Councillor John Roberts is willing to meet Mr Cochran with the Clerk at the preferred location in Dawn.

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 The County Council nursery at Tan Lan would supply plants.

There is also concerns regarding the lack of flowers in the pots around the village and the area around the benches on Abergele Road being overgrown with weeds etc.

The Clerk will make contact with ERF at CCBC and also Parks and Gardens to establish if they will attend to the issues.

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.

The Clerk had spoken with Diane Roberts at Llangernyw Community Council as they have taken over the running of the Public Toilets in the village from CCBC.

The Councillor who leads on that will contact the Clerk. There was concern expressed that the toilet block in Betws yn Rhos may well be beyond repair.

The Clerk will chase up with CCBC to get their assessment.

If the toilet block is beyond economical repair the siting of a toilet adjacent to the Sports Pavilion will need to be progressed. The Sports Association will need to obtain the relevant planning permission.

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 decking on the river bank at Llais Afon flats. They had acknowledged receipt under reference 112632. The work is classed as non-urgent

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 13/12/24

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. All future Council meetings will be held at the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos until the Llanellian re-build has been completed.

The Clerk had progressed this with BT and has been in regular contact with Mr Lewis Arnold of the Llanellian Committee. The work by BT is ongoing and a new line need installing at the building. It is frustrating that BT are taking weeks to carry out the promised work.

The Clerk has arranged for CCTV Services to visit the Community Centre week commencing 10th June 2024 to provide an estimate for installing the same equipment as at the Sports Pavilion in Betws yn Rhos.

17. Y GADLAS

No suggestions.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a. The Clerk updated that Mr Tom Jones and his partner are delighted with the invite for dinner. Tom Jones is away with work commitments but a date will be obtained as soon as possible and the Clerk will pass that on so that reservations can be made.
- b. Councillor D Gwyn Jones discussed that an application for a grant application of £10,386 was received in respect of additional work at LLanelian Community Centre. It was agreed that this should be submitted to the Solar Park fund.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

CHAIRMAN..... John EVANS

CLERK..... Mel Jones

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