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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 15th JULY 2024

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1. **WELCOME** – In the absence of Councillors John Evans (Chair) and Glena Humphrey (Vice Chair) Councillor Irwedd Griffiths chaired the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting. Councillor Griffiths updated that Councillor John Roberts was currently an in-patient at Glan Clwyd Hospital. Councillor Ifor Lloyd offered his sympathy to the Clerk Mel Jones following the death of his father-in-law- John Lloyd Jones. This was echoed by the meeting and they were thanked for their kind words by Mr Mel Jones

2. **PRESENT** – Councillors Irwedd GRIFFITHS, Gwenda Davies, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, Hefin WILLIAMS, Bryn Jones, D Gwyn Jones and County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd. Clerk – Mel Jones

3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors John Evans, Glena Humphrey, Gethin OWEN, John D. Roberts

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 3rd June 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Hefin WILLIAMS and seconded by Councillor D. Gwyn Jones)

6. MATERS ARISING

Councillors Goronwy R Williams and Bryn Jones signed the Councillors' Financial Remuneration forms. They opted to withdraw from receiving the financial remuneration

7. FINANCE

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

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(1) Community Account = £5,710.50 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £0.00

Money Paid Out = £5.40 (Bank Charges - DR)

= £570.12 (Clerk's wages – SO)

= £142.40 (HMRC – SO)

= £38.34 (BT Group Monthly WiFi charges

OLP)

= £154.00 SLCC Annual Membership

Community Account = £4,800.24 (Carried Forward)

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

Money Paid Out = £0.00

Money Received = £29.53 – Bank Interest

Business Account = £5,698.01 (Carried Forward)

Total = £10,498.25 (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:

£38.34 – BT Monthly WiFi invoice

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.

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

Reference: 0/51728

Mark Blissitt

Applicant: Mr

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and outbuildings

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

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council. Further information had come to light that there is a heritage path (Owain Glyndwr era) in the area of the planned development. The Clerk to write to Conwy Borough Council highlighting this information.

Reference: 0/51705
Learmount

Applicant: David

Proposal: Conversion of the existing conservatory with a insulated roof and a new porch to create a focal point for visitors.

Location: Tan Y Bryn, Tan Y Bryn Bach Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NT

This matter is still under consideration by Conwy County Council.

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

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Reference: 0/51667
Rosie Jones

Applicant: Rhys and

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

APPLICATION REFUSED

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.

Reference: 0/51608
Williams

Applicant: Mrs N

Proposal: Proposed Annexe extension

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

Approved with conditions 3/6/24

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 September 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 together with the Clerk and the Clerk of Llanfair TH Community Council they had met Open Reach regarding the new Government Funding to bring Full fibre Deployment to Premises in the Dolwen telephone exchange area. It was explored if the area covered can be extended but that is not a possibility at this stage. The presentation was helpful and householders should be encouraged to register. Open Reach are looking to hold information meetings locally.

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.

On Thursday 6th June 2024 the Clerk met a representative of Creative Play, Seland at the Betws yn Rhos playground for them to look at improvements and provide an estimate for refurbishing/replacements/additions. The estimate and artwork have been received. The estimated cost of installing a dart activity centre and a basket swing with grass mats and associated works is £17,150.00 There was an agreement that the current playground equipment should be retained and refurbished as per the plan by Creative Play. The estimate for refurbishing from G.L. Jones is historic and a new estimate will need to be obtained. The Clerk will liaise with Conwy County Council to discuss financial support. There will be a requirement for grants to be applied for and the Clerk will liaise with CVSC.

b. Defibrillators

With regard to the siting of a defibrillator in the Dawn area. On the 19th June 2024 Councillor John Roberts and the Clerk had met with Ifan Rowlands (Street Lighting Manager CCBC) on site near the new bridge in Dawn. Mr Rowlands confirmed that electricity could be easily sourced from a nearby electric pole and CCBC would install a post to locate the defibrillator onto. Mr Rowlands would arrange to send an estimate for the work and also to obtain an estimate from Scottish Power for the electrical work.

The Clerk reported that the estimates have not been received to date and that he would chase this up. There would be a need to purchase a new defibrillator when the work is completed.

The Clerk reported that to date despite several requests the Defibrillators had not been transferred to the new account.

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 had made contact with ERF at CCBC and also Parks and Gardens to establish if they will attend to the issues. There has been no response to date. It was decided that attempts would be made to source a Gardener/Handyman to carry out the weeding and grass cutting around the benches and maintain the flower pots,

e. Toilet Facility at Betws yn Rhos

The Clerk had E mailed Conwy Council Estates regarding the plans for the toilet block at Betws yn Rhos. A reply has been received from Ceri Owen (Public Conveniences) who updated that the toilet block – a concrete structure - had been closed since 2008. The drains have collapsed and the Council had assessed that the toilet block was unfeasible to be renovated.

As 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. The Community Council will provide necessary assistance.

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 £13,000.00. £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](#)

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

The work by BT to install WiFi 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 provide an estimate for installing the same equipment as at the Sports Pavilion in Betws yn Rhos

17. Y GADLAS

No suggestion as to an article.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths raised an issue with a narrow bend between Nant y Cochl and Bryn Derwen which had caused difficulty for large vehicles delivering in the area and damage had been caused to both vehicles and the verge. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to ERF.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9. 20 pm

CHAIRMAN..... John Evans

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 2nd September 2024