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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 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024

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1. **WELCOME** –The Chair, Councillor John Evans welcomed all to the meeting. Following the recent sad passing of Councillor John D Roberts the meeting stood and observed a minutes' silence to his memory.

2. **PRESENT** – Councillor John Evans, Irwedd GRIFFITHS, Glena Humphrey Gwenda Davies, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, Gethin OWEN, D Gwyn Jones and County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd. Clerk – Mel Jones

3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Hefin 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 15th July 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor D. Gwyn Jones)

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

7. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the periods ending 20th July 2024 and the 20th August 2024

Members noted the financial situation and the Bank account as listed below: -

Ending 20th July 2024

(1) Community Account = £4,800.24 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £0.00

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

= £570.12 (Clerk's wages – SO)

= £59.40 (Aston Hughes - Payroll– SO)

= £38.34 (BT Group Monthly WiFi

charges OLP)

Community Account = £4,127.38 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £5,698.01 (Brought Forward)

Money Paid Out = £0.00

Money Received = £0.00

Business Account = £5,698.01 (Carried Forward)

Total = £9,825.39 (Carried Forward)

Ending 20th August 2024

1) Community Account	= £4,127.38 (Brought Forward)
Money Received	= £4,333.00 (Conwy Council Precept Payment)
Money Paid Out	= £5.00 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £570.12 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £427.20 (HMRC – Tax on wage)

Community Account = £7,600.46 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account	= £5,698.01 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £0.00
<u>Business Account</u>	<u>= £5,698.01 (Carried Forward)</u>

Total = £13,298.47 (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

£162.00 – Cradur.com – website management

£316.80 – JDH Business Services Ltd – internal audit costs.

It was agreed that the invoices could be paid.

The Clerk updated that on the 15th August 2024 he had submitted the VAT refund claim to HMRC totalling £534.46.

The Councillors approved the Annual Report 14/23 to 31/3/24 and they were content for it to be placed on the website.

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. A letter of thanks from the former Clerk Mr Tom Jones thanking the Councillors for his farewell evening at the White Lion, Llanelian.
- c. E mail from Conwy County Council informing that the cost of Festive Lighting Applications has increased to £396. This would increase the cost of installing the Festive lights at Betws yn Rhos.

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.

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

As there is currently no Application Form in relation to Grant Applications from the Community Council the Clerk proposed an application form a draft of which was shared with the meeting. It was agreed that such an Application Form should be adopted.

Applications by the Community Council

CVSC are now assisting the Community Council to resource suitable grants for various projects within the community. A future application will be submitted in relation to the upgrade of the Betws yn Rhos Playground.

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

NEW APPLICATION

Reference 0/51897

Applicant: Eirlys Parry

Proposal: Temporary use of land for siting a marquee for a total of 28 days per one calendar year.

Location: Oak Tree Farm, FFynhonnau Road, Betws yn Rhos, LL22 8AB

Following a discussion there was no objection to the application in principle. The Clerk to write to the Planning Department to ensure that consideration has been given to possible increased noise and additional traffic movement.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/51882

Applicant: Mr Alex Chesworth

Proposal: Works to the existing building to address accessibility issues including extensions to accommodate the installation of an domestic elevator, the erection of a 3no vehicle garage with accessible parking and the construction of a rehabilitation facility including a home gym, hydrotherapy pool, wet room/changing place, steam room and sauna.

Location: Plas Llewelyn, Glasfryn To Dolwen, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NR

Due to this application being sent with a response date prior to the September meeting it was sent by E mail to the Councillors. As there was no objection to the application the decision was sent to Conwy Council

The Councillors confirmed that there was no objection to the application. This has already been communicated to the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/51922

Applicant: Gareth Williams

Proposal: Extension to the Agricultural shed to provide storage provisions as noted in the client needs statement.

Location: Bethgeth, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AG

Following a discussion there was no objection to the application in principle. The Clerk to write to the Planning Department highlighting that there was a lack of information of the size and scale of the development on the design and access statement. Consideration should be given to screening the development with planting of native species of trees/hedges up to three meters high. Details of supporting information should be required regarding leeching of nitrates and phosphates to any water course.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/51926
Molloy

Applicant: Ms Wendy

Proposal: To Prune back approaching limbs over property: Oak Tree - To cut back Crown. Holm Oak Tree - Reduce limbs a metre above summer house and prune back the apporoachig limbs 3-4 metres.

Location: To the rear of 8 Llys y Dderwen, Betws yn Rhos, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8AQ

No objection to this application.

Reference: 0/51728
Blissitt

Applicant: Mr Mark

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and outbuildings

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

This application was refused by Conwy Planning Department on 14th August 2024.

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 application was granted by Conwy Planning Department on 22nd July 2024.

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 application was granted by Conwy Planning Department on 15th August 2024.

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.

The internal audit report had been received from JDH Business Services Limited on the 26th July 2024.

The Action Plan was discussed by the Councillors and the following was agreed:

- a. The annual return to be amended in respect of staff costs to £5,575 and total other payments to be £7,989.
- b. The Fixed Assets to be amended to show the purchase costs and to include the display equipment purchased in 2023/24 at a cost of £1,762.68
- c. The Minutes of the next year relevant Council meeting will record details of the precept request and the supporting budget.
- d. It was confirmed that an E mail had been received from Mrs Aloma Wheway, Treasurer of the Betws yn Rhos Sports Association confirming receipt of the £500.00 grant payment in respect of the warm hub.

The Chair, Councillor John Evans and the Clerk signed the amended Annual Return.

The Councillors were content for the documentation to be forwarded to Audit Wales for the full audit.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

County Councillor Ifor LLOYD updated on the current financial issues affecting the services in Conwy County.

He requested that any areas where the gulleys are overflowing should be reported to the County Council.

The hedges were now only being trimmed once annually and this work should have been completed.

Repair work to the roads following Storm Babet should have been completed but the following areas have not been repaired:

- a. Rhwng y Ddwyffordd Junction – B5381
- b. Abergele Road between Beniarth Fawr and Bryn Ffanigl Uchaf junction.
- c. B5381 between Nant yr Efail and Aber Myrson junction.
- d. West of the entrance to Bryn Ffanigl Uchaf.

The Clerk volunteered to write to ERF highlighting that the work needed completing.

13. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

The Clerk is exploring 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.

The updated estimate for refurbishing the current equipment has been received from G.L. Jones and totals £12,780. (The 2022 estimate was £9,700.80) The estimate for the new equipment from Creative Play is £17,150.00. The total cost of the full refurbishment would be £26,850.80

The Clerk will liaise with Conwy County Council as they had mentioned to the previous Clerk that they would carry out the refurbishment to the current equipment. A number of relevant staff have moved portfolio and the current incumbent is Owen Conory. He is going to contact the Clerk.

There will be a requirement for grants to be applied for and the Clerk will liaise with CVSC in due course.

b. Defibrillators

With regard to the siting of a defibrillator in the Dawn area. The Clerk reported that the estimates have not been received to date. He had spoken with Ifan Rowlands of Conwy Council. There is a problem with Scottish Power as the electric pole that was to be utilised may be defunct and the defibrillator may need to be located across the road which will mean added cost – in particular to the cutting back of trees etc. 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. Three 'pads' were passed their best by date but the Clerk is unable to order any equipment as the details have not been transferred to the new account. Further efforts will be made.

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 made contact with ERF at CCBC on the 4th June 2024 to establish if they will attend to the issues. There has been no response to date as it has apparently been 'Escalated'.

The Clerk has managed to source a local person as Gardener/Handyman to carry out the weeding and grass cutting around the benches and maintain the flower pots. However, this has

yet to be confirmed. It was decided that the Clerk would approach another individual if the local person could not take on the task.

e. Toilet Facility at Betws yn Rhos

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. The Clerk reported that County Councillor Lloyd had forwarded information from C CVS highlighted that grants were available to assist communities in providing toilet facilities as the County Council were closing a number of public conveniences.

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

The issue raised on the 15th July by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths regarding the roadway near Nant Coch had been mis understood by the Highways Department. It is not a case of landowners cutting back the header. The road bank has eroded and large stones are affecting traffic. The Clerk will update the Highways Département.

Conwy Council had carried out the Speed Survey in Betws yn Rhos village. The results were:

- Number of measurements during a 7 day period – 5393
- Mean speed of vehicles – 24mph
- Average number of Vehicles during the work week – 729
- 85th Percentile (this is the speed that 85% of drivers travel at or below) – 31mph.

The results have been forwarded to Go Safe for enforcement action. The resident who had raised the issue has been updated.

Councillor John Evans reported that a resident had raised the issue of no covered Bus Stop in Betws yn Rhos village and bus

passengers including children awaiting the school bus had nowhere to take shelter. The Clerk will raise the issue with ERF.

A resident had complained of the lack of hedging/roadsides being trimmed in Ffordd y Figin between Bryn Elian Farm and Llanelian. The Clerk to highlight this to ERF.

The Clerk reported that he had ordered two Wreaths from the Royal British Legion in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

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 an E mail had been received that surveys will be carried out by contractors, Oxford Archaeology, on land off Abergele Road, Abergele, and land south of Glascoed Road near Saint Asaph, at predetermined positions along the route of the Mona Offshore Wind Project onshore cable corridor and at the proposed onshore substation location. This is the fourth stage of archaeological surveys of this type relating to the Project. The work is expected to start on Monday 2 September and will take approximately two weeks to complete.

The actual work for the Mona Project is due to begin in 2027.

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.

In essence there has been little progress. The work by BT to install WiFi is ongoing and a new line needs to installing at the building. It is frustrating that BT are taking weeks to carry out the promised work. The Clerk is continually chasing the matter and an update has been promised by the 6th September 2024. It was agreed that the Clerk would look at installing a Dongle at the Hall and paying monthly until the issue was resolved.

CCTV Services have visited the premises and an estimate for installing the same equipment as at the Sports Pavilion in Betws yn Rhos is awaited.

17. Y GADLAS

No suggestion as to an article.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

CHAIRMAN..... John Evans

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 7th OCTOBER 2024