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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 7th OCTOBER 2024

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1.WELCOME –The Chair, Councillor John Evans welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT – Councillor John Evans, Irwedd GRIFFITHS, Glena Humphrey Gwenda Davies, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, Gethin OWEN, D Gwyn Jones, Hefin Williams and Bryn Jones

County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd and the Clerk – Mel Jones.

3.APOLOGIES – All in attendance.

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 2nd September 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor D. Gwyn Jones)

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

7. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the period ending 20th September 2024

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

(1) Community Account	= £7,600.46 (Brought Forward)
Money Received	= £538.46 (VAT Reclaim)
Money Paid Out	= £5.00 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £570.12 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £162.00 (Arfon Parry Cradur.co. – Website management)
	= £316.80 JDH Business Services (Local Audit)
	= £76.68 (BT Group Monthly WiFi charges OLP)
	= £142.40 (HMRC – Income Tax)
<u>Community Account</u>	<u>= £6,865.92 (Carried Forward)</u>
(2) Business Account	= £5,698.01 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £27.56 (Interest to 5/9/24)
<u>Business Account</u>	<u>= £5,725.57 (Carried Forward)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>= £12,591.49 (Carried Forward)</u>

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

£62.38 – Aston Hughes (Cyflogi a gwaith HMRC)

1. Payment to Bryn Jones for the Monkey Tree which had been planted - £54.00 (Cheque 200158)
2. Payment to Hilda Gibbs for gardening work in Betws yn Rhos - £60 (On line payment)
3. Payment to RBL Poppy Appeal for wreaths - £50.00 (Cheque 200157)
4. Payment for WiFi television and fitting at Community Hall, Llanelian - £1,917.99 (Cheque 200159)
5. Payment for Wifi Dongle at Community Centre, Llanelian - £49.00 (Cheque 200160)

It was agreed that the invoices could be paid.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

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 letter has been received from Mrs Ann Vaughan regarding the grass cutting at Trofarth Cemetery. It seems that the Community Council had not had an application for payment for the last three years.

The application was for payment as follows:

2021-2022 - £580.00
2022-2023 - £580.00
2023-2024 - £375.00
Total - £1,535.00

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the decision by the Community Council had been to assist the cost of grass cutting of £400.00 annually and not to pay for the total cost. The Clerk to ensure that no payments have in fact been made for three years. If no payments have been made the Council will pay £400.00 for each year – total £1,200. The Clerk to liaise with Mrs Vaughan to explain the decision and to request that application should be made for financial assistance annually.

A further letter had been received from Mrs Ann Vaughan requesting financial assistance for the grass cutting at Trofarth Cemetery for 2025. The cost had increased to £600.00 for 2025. It was decided that this application would need discussion at the November meeting when the precept application will be agreed. The Clerk to explain this to Mrs Vaughan.

E Mail received from Mrs Aloma Wheway requesting financial assistance for the following:

1. Purchasing Selection Boxes for about 90 children from Betws yn Rhos when they meet Father Christmas. The cost will be approximately £1.75 for each child – total about £157.50
2. Dinner for about 26 elderly residents of Betws yn Rhos. The cost will be in the region of £200.00

There was full agreement to support both applications.

A letter had been received from Richard Hughes, Hyfrydle Chapel, Betws yn Rhos requesting financial assistance towards Eisteddfod Calan Mai which is being held on the 26/4/2025. It was decided that this application would need discussion at the November meeting when the precept application will be agreed. The Chair will inform Mr Hughes of the decision.

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: 0/51976 Applicant: Mrs Kate Fairhurst

Proposal: Construction of two storey extension to provide a family living room on the ground floor and a master bedroom including en-suite and dressing room, to the first floor. Construction of a front dormer with the addition of one velux on the North elevation and 3 no. velux on the South elevation, to provide natural light. Roof to support the extension of existing photo-voltaic panels.

Location: Bryn Carneddau, Ty Mawr Road, Betws Yn Rhos, Abergele, Conwy , LL22 8DR

Following a discussion and the examination of the Planning Application documents there was no objections to the application. The Clerk to write to the Planning Department with the decision.

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

Planning approved by Conwy Council Planning Department

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

Planning approved by Conwy Council Planning Department

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

Matter still being considered by the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/51926

Applicant: Ms Wendy Molloy

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

Matter still being considered by the Planning Department

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The documentation had been forwarded to Audit Wales for the full audit.

The final report from the Local Audit has been posted on the website together with responses to the Action Plan.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

County Councillor Ifor LLOYD updated on the current financial issues affecting the services in Conwy County. The Clerk together with other Clerks, had a ZOOM meeting with Amanda Hughes of Conwy Council. It is obvious that there will be a need to cut services. The County Council will send out this information as soon as possible.

As discussed at the last meeting repair work to the following roads following Storm Babet should have been completed

- 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 had written to Conwy Council and the work is imminent.

Councillor Lloyd also updated the meeting regarding Ynni Cymru providing £10m for smart local energy projects □ □

Eligible groups will receive funding to power their communities with renewable energy and help create a greener future.

Applications closed for this year but will no doubt be open again next year.

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 has E mailed Owen Conroy but has yet to have any contact. It is necessary to have a discussion with the County Council to explain the plan as they own the equipment and the playground itself.

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 estimates had still not been received. Mr Ifan Rowlands of Conwy Council is chasing these.

The Clerk reported that after several requests the two Defibrillators in Betws yn Rhos had been transferred to the new account. However, the other three defibrillators at Dolwen, Llanelian and Holland Arms have not been transferred. 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/Public Benches, Abergele Road.**

The Clerk has managed to source Hilda Gibbs to carry out the weeding and grass cutting around the benches and maintain the flower pots. She has started the work and had cleared the area around the benches with several positive comments received from the community.

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.

A decision should have been made by the next meeting if the County Council were closing the public conveniences at Llanelian. Once this decision is known we can discuss plans at the November meeting.

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 has updated the Highways Department and a reply is awaited.

Conwy Council had written a letter following the Speed Survey in Betws yn Rhos village to the resident who raised the issue. A copy has been sent to the Councillors.

In respect of the issue of no covered Bus Stop in Betws yn Rhos village and bus passengers including children awaiting the school bus having nowhere to take shelter. The Clerk has raised the issue with ERF and a reply is awaited.

In respect of the lack of hedging/roadsides being trimmed in Ffordd y Figin between Bryn Elian Farm and Llanelian. The Clerk has raised this with ERF and a reply is awaited.

Councillor Gwenda Davies raised the issue of the very poor condition of Ffordd y Mynydd, Betws yn Rhos. The Clerk had been sent photographs of the road by Councillor Davies. The Clerk will report the matter to the County Council.

The Clerk reported that he had collected the 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

Information has been received that the application for the 2025/26 precept has to be submitted by the 17/1/2025. This will need discussing at the November meeting and the precept application signed at the January meeting.

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:

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[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 work by BT to install WiFi is ongoing. It is frustrating that BT are taking weeks to carry out the promised work. The Clerk is continually chasing the matter.

The previously agreed decision to install a Dongle at the Hall had taken place. Payment had been authorised earlier in the meeting.

CCTV Services have visited the premises but could not provide an estimate. The same equipment as at the Sports Pavilion in Betws yn Rhos has been sourced from Curry's at a cheaper price. Payment had been authorised earlier in the meeting.

It is hoped that the November meeting will be held at the Hall in Llanelian.

17. **Y GADLAS**

No suggestion as to an article.

18. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

CHAIRMAN..... John Evans

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 4th NOVEMBER 2024