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**BETWS YN RHOS AND LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LLANELIAN**  
**AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

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**1. WELCOME** – The Chair, Councillor John Evans welcomed all to the meeting to the newly completed Village Hall which he commented was a superb facility for the village.

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

**3. APOLOGIES** – County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Glena Humphrey)

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

## 7. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the period ending 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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

(1) Community Account	= £6,865.92 (Brought Forward)
Money Received	= NIL
Money Paid Out	= £570.12 (Clerk's wages)
	= £142.40 (HMRC – Income Tax)
	= £59.40 (Aston Hughes -Payroll)
	= £60.00 (Hilda Gibbs – Gardening work)
	= £5.00 (Bank Charges)

Community Account = £6,171.40(Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account	= £5,725.57 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= NIL
Money Received	= NIL
<u>Business Account</u>	= £5,725.57 (Carried Forward)

**Total = £11,896.97 (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:

Upcoming £ 157.42 (Wifi installation at Llanelian and £86.28 – BT Monthly WiFi invoice which now includes the WiFi at the Village Hall in Llanelian.

It was agreed that the invoices could be paid.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Received**

1. Request from Andrew Roberts, Tenovus Cancer Care to speak to the Community Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to communicate an offer to present to the Council in February 2025.
2. Request from Adrian Owen St Davids Hospice, Llandudno to speak to the Community Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to communicate an offer to present to the Council in March 2025.
3. 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.**

The Clerk updated that there was no record of the payment having been paid to assist with the cost of grass cutting at Trofarth

Cemetery as per the letter received from Mrs Ann Vaughan which was discussed at the last meeting. There was no record that the Community Council had an application for payment for the last three years but it had been included in the Precept.

The application was for payment as follows:

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

It was agreed and authorised that three payments of £400.00 totalling £1,200 should be made.

The Clerk had liaised with Mrs Vaughan to request that the application should be made for financial assistance annually.

Councillor Bryn Jones raised the issue that agreed payments to Betws yn Rhos Cemetery of £500.00 annually had apparently not been paid since 2020. It was agreed that the Clerk would examine the records to establish if any payments had been made and a formal E mail will be sent to the Clerk from the Betws yn Rhos Cemetery committee explaining that no payments had been received.

It was agreed that if payments had not been made that they should be made as they are in the annual precept.

Councillor Gwyn Jones raised the issue of the Llanelian Pensioners Lunch which is supported annually by the Community Council. This will be held at the White Lion early in December 2024. A grant of £450.00 was agreed.

### **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.

## **NEW APPLICATION**

**Reference: 0/52040**

**Applicant: Mr ELGAN JONES**

Proposal: PROPOSED SILAGE CLAMP AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Location: Bryn Dansi, Bryn Dansi Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NS

Following discussion and the examination of the planning documents there were no objections to the application, and the Community Council is content for the Planning Department to make the final decision, bearing in mind the observations made by other specialist interested parties. The Clerk to communicate this to the Planning Department.

## **NEW APPLICATION**

**Reference: 0/52035**

**Applicant: Mr Peter Ryan**

Proposal: Erect stone wall to boundary of front of property, with timber gate posts and timber gate

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

Local residents have expressed their concerns to the Councillors regarding the height of the wall.

There were no formal objections to the application and the Community Council is content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to communicate this to the Planning Department.

## **NEW APPLICATION**

**Reference: 0/52094**

**Applicant Betws Sports Association**

Proposal: Creation of new parking spaces (not commenced) and installation of storage containers (installed)

Location: Sports Pavilion, Dolwen Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AW

Following discussion and the examination of the planning documents there were no objections to the application. The Clerk to communicate this to the Planning Department.

**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

**Application still being considered by the 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

**Approved with conditions 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 Lllys y Dderwen, Betws yn Rhos, Abergele, Conwy, LL22 8AQ

**Approved with conditions by the Planning Department**

#### **11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.**

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

All the requested documentation has been forwarded to Audit Wales for the full audit and their report is awaited.

**12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD**

Councillor Ifor Lloyd had tendered his apologies.

**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.

Contact is still awaited from Conwy County Council to discuss 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 and the one at Holland Arms had been transferred to the new account. However, the other two defibrillators at Dolwen and Llanelian have not been transferred to date.

There is a need to replenish the pads at the five defibrillators. This expense is no longer met by the Health Board and the cost is left with the Community Council. The costings are £125 each for a 5



year expiry date or £40 each for an 18 month expiry date. The expiry date is irrelevant if the pads are used. It was authorised that five pads at £40 each plus VAT (Total £240) be purchased.

**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.**

Hilda Gibbs to carry out the maintenance moving forwards.

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

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.

Councillor John Evans updated that the Church committee at Betws yn Rhos were looking at refurbishing an out building as a public toilet which would negate the need to build a new facility. Further update will be available for the next meeting. The Community Council agreed to provide necessary assistance.

The Clerk reported that the County Council had made the decision that they were closing the public conveniences at Llanelian. The Clerk reported that he had initial discussion with the Building Services Manager and it would be possible for the facility to be taken over by the Community Council who would need to meet all the running costs.

A decision was made that the Community Council should take over the facility and the Clerk was requested to progress obtaining all the requisite details from Conwy Council and to report back to the

meeting in January 2024. The toilet block is now closed until April 2025.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> July by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths regarding the roadway near Nant Cochl has yet to be attended to.

In respect of the issue of no covered Bus Stop in Betws yn Rhos village. 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 work has been completed.

Councillor Gwenda Davies had raised the issue of the very poor condition of Ffordd y Mynydd, Betws yn Rhos. Work had now been carried out to repair the road.

Councillor Bryn Jones raised an issue with an overgrown hedge at 34 Ffordd Glan y Fedw, Betws yn Rhos. This had now been trimmed.

Local residents had reported that a large mobile home had been transported to Glan Gors, Llanelian and a query had been raised re planning issues.. The Clerk to enquire with the Planning Department.

A report was received regarding a tree growing at the wall near the old toilets/flats at Llais Afon Inn. The Clerk to report to ERF.

An issue had been identified with a tree overgrowing onto the roadway at 2/3, Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos. The Clerk to report to ERF

In view of the fact that there was a planning application on going for the grounds of the Sports Pavilion the Monkey Tree and protective cage will need to be moved. Councillor John Evans will discuss with the Sports Committee. There may be an area which will not be affected by the new parking area that the tree can be re sited in.

#### 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

A discussion took place regarding the forthcoming Precept application. The form will be received at the beginning of December 2024 and will need to be fully discussed at the January 2025 meeting as the application for the 2025/26 precept has to be submitted by the 17/1/2025.

The following will need to be included in the Precept application submitted.

1. Costings for the Community Council taking over the Llanelian Toilets.
2. BT Wi Fi cost for Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian circa £936 per annum
3. Defibrillator pads costs - £240.00
4. Clerk's salary SCP 17 to be increased on 1/4/25 to £15.58 per hour.
5. Application received from Mrs Ann Vaughan requesting financial assistance of £600.00 for the grass cutting at Trofarth Cemetery for 2025. £500.00 was agreed
6. Application 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.  
£300.00 was agreed

The Clerk will populate the application form when received and the final precept application will be discussed at the Community Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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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[About us](#) [About the Project](#) [What the Project will look like](#) [Processes and Next Steps](#)

[Our work so far](#) [Interactions with other marine users](#)

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16. **LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

This item had remained on the agenda so that we could keep up with how the project is progressing, and could offer support when required.

Councillor Gwyn Jones updated that there would be a informal open day on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and a formal opening day will be arranged at a later date.

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17. **Y GADLAS**

An article would be submitted in due course regarding the new Llanelian Community Centre.

18. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

The Clerk highlighted that if the festive lights were to be installed in Betws yn Rhos as the cost would now be £396.00 It was agreed that the matter should be progressed.

Councillors John Evans, Gethin Owen and Gwenda Davies agreed to becoming signatories on the Bank Accounts and a mandate was signed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

CHAIRMAN..... John Evans

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025.