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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 PAVILLION, BETWS
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AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025

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1.WELCOME –The Chair, Councillor John Evans, welcomed all to the meeting and wished all a happy new year for 2025.

2. PRESENT – Councillor John Evans, Irwedd GRIFFITHS, Glena Humphrey, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, Gethin OWEN, D Gwyn Jones, Hefin Williams and the County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd, Clerk - Mel Jones.

3.APOLOGIES – Councillors Gwenda Davies 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 declarations of interest by Councillors Hefin Williams and Glenna Humphrey in relation to Planning applications on the Agenda.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2024 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths and seconded by Councillor Hefin Williams)

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

7. **FINANCE**

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the period ending 20th November 2024 and 20th December 2024.

Ending 20th November 2024

(1) Community Account	= £6,171.40 (Brought Forward)
Money Received	= NIL
Money Paid Out	= £570.12 (Clerk's wages)
	= £284.80 (2 payments HMRC)
	= £54.00 Chq 200158 Bryn Jones Monkey Puzzle Tree
	=£50.00 Chq 200157 Wreaths
	= £49.00 Chq 200160 Dongle Llanelian
	=£1,917.99 Chq 200159 WiFi screen
	= £5.00 (Bank Charges)
	= £195.76 BT Invoice

Community Account = £3,044.73 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account	= £5,725.57 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= NIL
Money Received	= NIL

Business Account = £5,725.57 (Carried Forward)

Total = **£8,770.30 (Carried Forward)**

Ending 20th December 2024

(1) Community Account = £3,044.73 (Brought Forward)
Money Received = £1,700.00 – from Business Account
= £4,333.00 (Precept Conwy BC)

Money Paid Out = £570.12 (Clerk's wages)
= £142.40 (HMRC Income Tax)
= £240.00 (5 Defib pads)
=£1,200.00 (Trofarth Cemetery)
= £450.00 Pensioners Lunch Llanelian

= £6.60 (Bank Charges)
= £86.28 (BT Invoice Wifi)
= £500.00 (Betws Cemetery)

Community Account = £5,882.33(Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £5,725.57 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out = £1,700 (Transfer to Comm Account)
Money Received = £27.09 (Interest to 5-12-24)
Business Account = £4,052.66 (Carried Forward)

Total = **£9,934.99 (Carried Forward)**

Members noted the financial situation and the Bank account as listed above.

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 £86.28 – BT Monthly WiFi invoice
£62.38 – Aston Hughes Payroll charges
£135.00 – 2024 Invoice for Betws Pavilion hire
£100.00 – 2025 Invoice for Llanelian Hall hire
£127.11 – Betws Children Santa sweets
£218.87 – Betws Pensioners Lunch
£40.00 – ICO annual renewal

It was agreed that the invoices could be paid.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

1. 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 as agreed at the last meeting payments of £1,200 have been made regarding the cost of grass cutting at Trofarth Cemetery as per the letter received from Mrs Ann Vaughan.

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

The Clerk updated that as agreed at the last meeting payments of £2,000.00 have been scheduled to Betws Cemetery as follows:

20-12-24 £500.00

21-12-24 £500.00

22.12.24 £500.00

23-12-24 £500.00

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

The Clerk updated that as agreed at the last meeting a payment of £450.00 has been made for the Llanellian Pensioners Xmas lunch

The Clerk updated that as agreed at the last meeting payments of £127.11 for Betws Children Father Christmas sweets and £218.87 for Betws Pensioners Lunch have been agreed at this meeting.

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: 0/52229

Applicant: Mr Hefin Williams

Proposal: New slurry pit to support the current farm stock in line with the latest legislations

Location: Caeau Bedw, Nentydd Road, Rhyd Y Foel, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8EE

Following a declaration of Interest Councillor Hefin Williams left the meeting room prior to any discussion.

The papers were viewed and it was agreed that the application was compulsory in view of the change in regulations concerning slurry pits. There is no objection to the application. The Clerk to inform the Planning Department.

Following the discussion Councillor Hefin Williams re-joined the meeting.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52202

Applicant: Mr Mark Blissitt

Proposal: Farm tracks, for agricultural sheds to pig arks, to hay feeder (Agricultural Prior Approval)

Location: Aelwyd Uchaf, Peaceful Mountain Farm, Betws yn Rhos, Conwy, LL22 8AG

The papers were viewed. A previous application to build a dwelling on this site was refused. Concerns had been expressed to Councillors. There were concerns that to grant such an application would set a dangerous precedent.

The proposed development would in essence be on a greenfield site and would be highly visible on the landscape. There are concerns that it will impact on the heritage byway in that area and that there would be a likelihood of increased traffic on the access road. A question was posed as to the long-term sustainability of the enterprise. There are concerns that this development may be contrary to Technical Advice Note 24. The Council agreed that they were therefore unable to support the planning application.

The Council will discuss the application at future meetings where any additional documents posted onto the portal will be considered.

It was noted that the name 'Peaceful Farm' is recorded on the planning application. There is apparently no such farm. Is this a change of name for Aelwyd Uchaf. Is there any process that needs following to change a name of premises

The Clerk to write to the Planning Department with the decision and to query the name change.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52175

Applicant: Mr Berwyn Jones

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

Following a declaration of Interest Councillor Glena Humphrey left the meeting room prior to any discussion

The application was viewed and it was noted that a previous similar planning application (0/51432) had been discussed by the Community Council.

At that time there were no formal objections to the Planning Application. This is still the view of the Council.

One question that was raised is whether this proposed development would attract a Section 106 contribution- ideally towards affordable housing. The Clerk to pass the comments onto the Planning Department.

Following the discussion Councillor Glena Humphrey re-joined the meeting.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52145

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Davies

Proposal: Proposed Agricultural Slurry Lagoon

Location: Peniarth Fawr, Abergele Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AE

The papers were viewed and it was agreed that the application was compulsory in view of the change in regulations concerning slurry pits. There is no objection to the application. The Clerk to inform the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52118

Applicant: Mr Dewi Jones

Proposal: Temporary 80m guyed meteorological monitoring mast with lightning protection (overall height not exceeding 80.4m) for a period of three years from date of first operation, to record data on the available wind resource at the site.

Location: Agricultural Grazing Land to the South of Mynydd Llanelian

The application papers were viewed. The comments of the nearby resident were noted and clearly, he has some concerns with the application. The Council acknowledged that the Planning Department will take cognizance of these views.

There is a concern that the application will potentially lead to a wind farm being developed in that area in the future. This will be a matter that will have to be considered if that time comes.

Other than the future issues there is no formal objection by the Community Council to the application and are content for the final decision to be made by the Planning Department.

The Clerk to inform the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/52094

Applicant: 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

Still being considered by the Planning Department

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

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 17/12/24

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

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 21/11/24

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

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS 5/11/24

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The final report from the Wales Audit Office is still awaited. This is similar to many Community Councils.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

Councillor Ifor Lloyd updated that on the 12th December 2024 details were received from the Welsh Assembly of the Provisional Local Government Revenue and Capital Settlement for 2025-26 for county and county borough councils

Conwy will receive £218,586,000 for 2025/26 which represents an increase of £7,835,000 (3.7%)

Councillor Lloyd will forward the briefing papers for sharing with the Councillors.

13. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

Contact has been established with David Dudley the Playground Inspector for Conwy County Council. The proposals for the Playground and the estimates have been shared with him. He agrees with the G.L. Jones assessment that the current equipment will need refurbishing, However CCBC do not have the funding to carry this work out.

In relation to the estimate from Creative Play Mr Dudley stated that the equipment is suitable for Schools but not for public playgrounds. He stated that he will make contact in January 2025 and assist with suitable Companies and will also assist regarding Grant applications.

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 had shared the E mail from Mr Ifan Rowlands of Conwy Council that the location was assessed buy Scottish Power and was not suitable for the siting of a power source.The Clerk agreed to explore if there is a possibility of having a Solar Power source for a defibrillator in that area.

The Clerk reported that 5 new pads had been received and that the pads at the two defibrillators in Betws yn Rhos and the one in Llanelian had been replaced and will now expire on 15/6/2006.

The defibrillators at Dolwen and Holland Arms expire on the 21/3/2025 and will be replaced at that time. Still waiting for the defibrillators at Llanelian and Holland Arms to be transferred to the Community Council 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/Public Benches, Abergele Road.

Hilda Gibbs to carry out the maintenance moving forwards.

e. Toilet Facility at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian.

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 updates will be given when there is progress to report. The Community Council agreed to provide necessary assistance.

The Clerk reported that Gary Williams of Conwy County Council was aware that the Community Council wanted to operate the Toilet facility at Llanelian. Mr Williams had supplied the costings for the running of the toilets for 2024/25 and had assessed that it would cost approximately £6,826.87 for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that there would be a need to include this costing in the Precept Application. 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 15th 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.

Following concerns raised by local residents that a large mobile home had been transported to Glan Gors, Llanelian. The Planning Department had responded that it was additional living accommodation and there were no planning issues.

Regarding the report that was received regarding a tree growing at the wall near the old toilets/flats at Llais Afon Inn. The Clerk had reported the matter to ERF. It was not on Council land and there were no details on the Land Registry as to who owned the land. The County Council were making further enquiries.

Regarding the issue with a tree overgrowing onto the roadway at 2/3, Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos. The Clerk to enquire again with ERF

No update as to the requirement to move the Monkey Tree as the planning decision was still awaited.

The Christmas lights at Betws yn Rhos had been welcomed by the Community. The Clerk will arrange for Conwy Council to remove the lights. Councillor Bryn Jones agreed to store them again.

Reports had been received regarding the state of the B5383 Dolwen Road from Dolgau to Dolwen that needs a road sweeper attending, The Clerk will write to ERF with the request.

14. **ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT**

A discussion took place regarding the forthcoming Precept application. 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. An estimate of £4,800 was agreed
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
7. Eisteddfod Calan Mai which is being held on the 26/4/2025. £300.00 was agreed

The Annual budget for 2025/2026 - £20,387.76 -was discussed and it was agreed by all

It was agreed that the precept application should be £18,000 with the Community Council utilising £2,387.76 from balances.

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

BT are yet to respond to the E mails from the Clerk regarding the delays. They had now received the Engineers report and a reply should be received shortly.

The formal opening day of the new Community Centre is between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 18th January 2025. Councillors Ifor Lloyd, Glenna Humphrey, Irwedd Griffiths, Gwyn Jones and the Clerk would be

attending. The Chairman, Councillor John Evans, tendered his apology as he was abroad on holiday.

17. Y GADLAS

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

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS

It was agreed that there should be an advertisement placed on the website advising that there was a vacancy on the Community Council and any persons interested should make contact with the Clerk in the first instance.

The proposed meeting dates for 2025/2026 had been circulated and they were agreed.

Councillor Gwyn Jones updated that Betws Sports Association had communicated with him requesting a grant from the Solar Park for the extended car park. The estimate was for over £69,000. There would be a need to obtain further estimates prior to any grant application being submitted to Solar Park

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.pm

CHAIRMAN..... John Evans

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 3rd FEBRUARY 2025.