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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 7pm ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2025

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1.WELCOME –The Chair, Councillor John Evans, welcomed all to the meeting in particular Mrs Gwawr Thomas who had responded to the advertisement for a Community Councillor and was attending as an observer.

The Clerk introduced Mr Andrew Roberts, Sing with us Area Co-Ordinator for Tenovus Cancer Care.

2. PRESENTATION BY MR ANDREW ROBERTS – Andrew outlined the history and work carried out wholly in Wales by Tenovus Cancer Care and his involvement with the Sing with Us choirs. Andrew then took part in a question-and-answer session.

The Chair thanked him for his interesting and informative presentation.

3. PRESENT – Councillors John Evans, Irwedd Griffiths, Glenna Humphrey, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, D Gwyn Jones, Hefin Williams Gwenda Davies, Bryn Jones, Gethin OWEN, and the Clerk - Mel Jones. Observer – Gwawr Thomas.

4.APOLOGIES – County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd

5. 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 previous declarations of interest by Councillors Hefin Williams, Glenna Humphrey and Gwyn Jones in relation to Planning applications on the agenda. These matters had all now been dealt with by the Planning Department and there were no declarations required.

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Gwyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Goronwy Williams)

7. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the matter raised under any other business at the last meeting concerning the shed on the unclassified road near North Wales Stoves had been reported to Conwy Council Planning Department. A reply had been received that the issues raised had been investigated previously and there was no planning issues discovered. No further action will be taken.

8. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the period ending 20th March 2025.

Ending 20th March 2025

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| (1) Community Account | = £2,099.35 (Brought Forward) |
| Money Received | = NIL |
| Money Paid Out | = £570.12 (Clerk's wages) |
| | = £142.40 (HMRC) |
| | = £90.00 (Bottled Water for pensioners) |
| | = £200.00 (Grant St David's Hospice) |

= £5.00 (Bank Charges)

= £86.28 (BT Invoice)

TOTAL – £1,093.80

Community Account = £1,005.55(Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,052.66(Brought Forward)

Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = £18.36 (interest to 6/3/25)

Business Account = £4,071.02 (Carried Forward)

Total = £5,076.57 (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:

£95.98 – BT Monthly Wi Fi invoice.

£62.38 – Aston Hughes Payroll services

£150.00 – Annual Membership SLCC

£198.00 – Annual Membership One Voice Wales

It was agreed that these payments could be made.

The Clerk reported that the balance of the Community Account at 7/4/25 was £373.05 and that to meet commitments prior to the Precept payments being received it will be necessary to transfer £1,000 from the Business Account. This would be repaid once the precept was received. It was unanimously agreed and if any further

transfer was required the Clerk could go ahead and report the situation at the next meeting.

9. 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.
2. E mail regarding consultation for Transport in North Wales. Responses received from Councillor Gethin Owen regarding use of bicycles which the Clerk will forward on.
3. E mail regarding Ffit Conwy membership
4. Information that Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos will be closed between 21/4/25 and 23/4/25.
5. E mail from Conwy County Council giving dates for meetings with leads on Town and Community Council engagement and partnership. There was no request for a meeting.
6. Correspondence with the Election Department at Conwy which highlighted that the process to elect a new Councillor had been changed. Adverts placed on 19/3/25 and the period expires on 7/4/25. It was agreed that Gwawr Thomas be co-opted thereafter.

Sent

- a. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department
- b. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

10. GRANTS

Applications to the Community Council.

1. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Llangollen International Eisteddfod requesting grant assistance for the Eisteddfod to be held in July 2025. Following discussion, the decision was that no contribution would be given as the precept was already submitted and the Community Council were committed to

support local ventures. The Clerk to inform the Llangollen Eisteddfod committee.

2. Following the presentation given by it was unanimously agreed that a £200.00 grant be paid to Tenovus Cancer Care.
3. As previously agreed, payment of £300.00 to be made to Eisteddfod Calan Mai.

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.

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

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52408

Applicant: Castle Green Homes

Proposal: Amendment to Planning consent 0/42351 to landscaping at the completed housing estate.

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Reference: 0/52387

Applicant: BR Storage

Proposal: Change of use of land for the storage of caravans with associated landscaping

Location: Bryn Rodyn, Dolwen Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8UU

The Planning application documents were viewed. There was a consensus that the proposed site was out of view however there were concerns regarding the spacing of individual spaces in the planned storage area and any future development and the long-term intention for the site. There is apparently already such a storage area on the site. There will also be an increase in traffic using the road to the site. The Clerk to report the concerns to the Planning Application and the Council were content for the Planning Authority to make the final decision.

Reference: 0/52316

Applicant: Ms Delyth Wanklyn

Proposal: Single storey lean to extension to South side of existing agricultural building

Location: Field 5446, Abergele Road, Betws Yn Rhos, Abergele Conwy LL22 8AL

Planning approved with conditions

Reference: 0/52339

Applicant: Ywain Williams

Proposal: Demolition of an existing shed to be replaced by a 2 storey extension to provide ground floor bedrooms, utility and garage along with a first floor open plan kitchen living.

Location: Ael Y Bryn, Ffordd Llanelwy, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AN

Matter being considered by the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/52242

Applicant: Rhys and Rosie Jones

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

Planning approved with conditions

Reference: 0/52229

Applicant: Mr Hefin Williams

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

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

Planning approved with conditions

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

Application refused by the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/52145

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Davies

Proposal: Proposed Agricultural Slurry Lagoon

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

Matter still being considered by the Planning Department.

12. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

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

Notification had been received for the local audit for 2024/2025. The documents will need to be submitted to JDH by the 13th May 2025 and their final report would be prepared and will need to be discussed and approved at the Council meeting on the 2nd June 2025.

13. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

Apologies received from Councillor Ifor Lloyd

14. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

The Clerk reported that he had visited Bodlondeb Play Area, Town Ditch Road, Conwy and photographs of the equipment had been sent to the Councillors. The Clerk had made contact with Kompan who had installed the play area and they had supplied a comprehensive on-line catalogue. It was agreed that this be shared with Councillor Gwenda Davies who would consult with the local Ysgol Feithrin and select the most appropriate equipment.

b. Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that pads of two defibrillators – Dolwen and Holland Arms – had been replaced and they are then all in date until June 2026.

This will remain on the Agenda but will only be reported upon if the defibrillators are utilised.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would seek to arrange defibrillator training sessions for the communities of Llanelian and Betws yn Rhos

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 previously 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 Conwy County Council had sent an e mail on Friday 4th April 2025 with a draft agreement for the takeover of the Toilet facility at Llanelian. The lease of £1 per annum was proposed. A meeting was suggested by the County Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would be accompanied by Councillors Goronwy Williams, Gwyn Jones and Irwedd Griffiths who would be able to make decisions on behalf of the Community Council. The Clerk to arrange a 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 has yet to be attended to.

The Clerk had written to ERF with a request that a road sweeper needs attending the B5383 Dolwen Road from Dolgau to Dolwen ERF had confirmed that this work had been scheduled.

A report had been received that the roadside on the B5381 between Penrefail Crossroads and Hunters Hamlet had collapsed onto the road narrowing the carriageway. The Clerk had written to ERF and the work is still awaited.

Coed Ty Brith, Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos - reports of a field being used as a Dog Park and Tepees located at that location. As previously discussed, the Planning Authority are aware and updates will be provided when matters proceed.

The Clerk had informed the Planning Authority that two teepees had been seen at the location. The update from the County Council was that they had contacted the land owner for an explanation

Land at Nant Uchaf, Betws yn Rhos. Field being used for storage of plant equipment. The County Council will update of any developments

15. ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT

The precept application of £18,000 with the Community Council utilising £2,387.76 from balances had been submitted within the timeline to Conwy County Council. The Clerk will update with any developments.

16. 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](#)

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths highlighted that a report had been submitted to PEDW for a proposed application for wind turbines and solar park at Llanelian Mountain. There was a 162-page report. The matter had been subject of Facebook comments. The Clerk to communicate with the Conwy Planning Department to seek clarity. If none was forthcoming then an approach to be made to the Welsh Assembly Government.

17. 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.

The Clerk reported that the BT Ombudsman was investigating the delays involved in the WiFi installation at the premises from when the order was placed in April 2024 until August 2024.

The Clerk had been requested to submit all the E mail exchanges with BT Business and these had been supplied.

18. Y GADLAS.

No suggestions for an article.

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Councillor John Evans reported that a resident had commented that there was no official celebration by the Community Council to celebrate VE Day 80 on the 8th May 2025. This had not been within the Council plan or budget. There is nothing that prevents local communities from celebrating if they wished to do so.

A discussion was held regarding the presence of the Community Council on Facebook. There is a website but it seems that some

Community Councils do have a Facebook page. It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillors would investigate further with local community councils etc and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk highlighted that the next meeting on the 12th May 2025 was the annual general meeting and would commence at 7.15p.m. at Betws yn Rhos

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 9.20.p.m.

CHAIR.....

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 12th MAY 2025.