

**CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS a LLANELIAN YN
RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT 1/4/2023 – 31/3/2024

The following is the Annual Report for Betws yn Rhos and Llanellian yn Rhos Community Council for the year 2023 to 2024.

NUMBERS ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA

Betws yn Rhos – 556 Llanellian yn Rhos – 305 Total - 861

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTING

Chair: John Evans Sports Association,
Betws yn Rhos

Deputy Chair : Glena Humphrey Management Board of
Ysgol Betws yn Rhos

Councillors:
Irwedd Griffiths Management Board of
Ysgol y Plas
Bryn Jones Betws yn Rhos
Cemetary
D Gwyn Jones Community
Hall,Llanellian yn Rhos
Gethin Owen Village Hall, Betws yn
Rhos
John D Roberts

Goronwy Rees Williams
Hefin Williams
Authority
Gwenda Davies

Local Education

Conwy County Councillor: Ifor Glyn Lloyd

Clerk: Tom Jones to 31/3/24 and Mel Jones from 1/4/24

ELECTIONS

There were no elections during the year.

MEETINGS

Ten meetings were held during the year. Due to the rebuilding of the Community Hall at Llanelian only two meetings were held there with the remaining eight meetings being held at the Sports Pavilion, Betws yn Rhos. There are no meetings held in August or December.

Once the building work at the Community Hall is completed the meetings will be spread equally between the two venues.

ATTENDANCE

There was a 82% attendance by the Councillors during the year and the County Councillor attended 8 of these meetings.

FINANCE

An application was made and accepted by Conwy County Borough Council for the sum of £9,000 as the Precept for the year.

Expenditure was as follows:

Clerk's salary = £4,459.29

HMRC = £1,115.40

Grants for community groups = £2,052.00

Licences, memberships and insurance = £481.00

Website and email services = £2,727.00

Annual Audits = £1,317.00

Meeting Rooms rent = £270.00

Update and repair Notice Boards and Christmas lighting
maintenance etc = £696.77

Payroll Services = £234.00

Bank Charges = £61.20

Total = £13,414.36

The Internal Audit has some comments and observation and these were addressed prior to submission to Audit Wales. The same comments and observation were made by them which have need addressed. A full audit will be carried out this coming year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22 planning applications within the Council area were discussed and a written report was submitted to the Planning Department at Conwy Borough County Council in respect of each application outlining the Council view.

16 of the applications were granted, 4 were refused and 2 were withdrawn.

WIND FARMS

There were numerous proposals made during the year regarding the erection of wind farms within the council and adjoining areas. It was obvious that this caused great concern to local residents and a great deal of discussion took place regarding these developments. This matter will be closely monitored as development progresses.

TRAINING

No training took place during this year, neither as a group nor individually.

GENERAL COMMENTS

There is a need for refurbishment work to be carried out at the Children's Playground at Betws yn Rhos. CCBC have indicated that they would be refurbishing the existing apparatus during the year but this has yet to be carried out. The Community Council are seeking funds to expand the available apparatus in the playground. Various estimates have been sourced and there would be a need for Grant aid in order to carry out any such work. This work is ongoing.

The Community Council obtained a grant to set up a 'Warm Hub' over the winter at the Sports Pavilion in Betws yn Rhos whereby those attending could socialise and have light refreshments. This venture carried on into the spring and for the rest of the year. Volunteers carry on running the venture.

Yours faithfully

Mel Jones
Clerk

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