

CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS A LLANELIAN YN RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LLANELIAN YN RHOS
AT 7:30pm MONDAY EVENING THE 4th APRIL 2022

1. **WELCOME** – Councillor Hefin WILLIAMS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **PRESENT** –Councillors John EVANS; Tudur W. JONES; Gwyndaf O. ROBERTS; John D. ROBERTS; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Bryn JONES; Hefin WILLIAMS.

All stood in remembrance of Councillor Tudur W JONES

3. **APOLOGIES** – Late Arrivals - Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS (Chairman), Councillors D. Gwyn JONES and Ifor G. LLOYD (County Councillor).

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.

- a. There was no declaration of interest voiced.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2022 were approved and signed.
(Proposed by Councillor John D ROBERTS and seconded by Councillor Goronwy R WILLIAMS)

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. FINANCE

- a. **FINANCE** for the period ending 20th March 2022. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank accounts as listed below:-

Money Received = £240.00 (Covid Grant from CCBC)

Money Paid Out = £6.20 (Bank Charges - DR)

= £163.00 (One Voice Wales Annual Membership – 200131)

= £40.00 (Annual ICO-GDPR Registration – 200129)

Community account = £9475.37

Business account = £5,551.46

The balance sheet for this period was agreed by all present.

- b. Regarding on-line banking it is now possible to pay invoices etc on-line using the security equipment supplied to the Clerk by HSBC Bank.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter to the owner of the motorcycle parked by the benches on Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos.
- b. Letter to Vantage FeeProtect – declining their offer of cover.
- c. Reply to an email received from Aloma Wheeway regarding the untidy condition of some of the village's public areas.
- d. Thank you letter to Hilda GIBBS for the work she has done tidying up some of the public areas in Betws yn Rhos.
- e. Email to CCBC regarding the need to send the street cleaner/sweeper around the villages in the area.
- f. Emails to and from CCBC regarding playground equipment in the Betws yn Rhos playing fields.
- g. Email to Community Funding regarding funding for play equipment in the Betws yn Rhos playing fields.
- h. Letter and cheque to One Voice Wales to renew the annual membership.
- i. Emails to and from the Woodland Trust regarding possible resourcing of trees for planting for the Queen's Jubilee.
- j. Emails from Zurich Insurance regarding the renewing of the Community Council's Insurance.

9. GRANTS

A request had been received from Kids Cancer Charity. To be kept with the other requests that will be considered for next year.

10. PLANNING

- a. 12.21/12 (iv) 0/49181 Applying for Condition 4 (Soft and Hard Landscaping) on planning permission 0/44848 at Plot 5 The Granary Cottages Betws Yn Rhos

Abergele Conwy - Mr Barry McDowell – There was no objection to this application when it was discussed at the last meeting apart from concerns as to the English name (Granary Cottages) given to the property. The Clerk has enquired with CCBC and is still awaiting a response from their Licensing Department.
- b. 0/48681 Mrs Enfys Parry, Oak Tree Farm Ffynhonnau Road, Betws yn Rhos, Abergele LL22 8AB: To keep and use a static caravan for the purpose of holiday lets. This appears to be a second application as a result of Planning Department requesting more details. This application has been refused by the Planning Dept.
- c. 0/49368 Applicant Mr Mark Blissitt. Application to erect two agricultural buildings on land at Aelwyd Uchaf, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws yn Rhos, Conwy LL22 8AG. There were objections to this applications on the grounds of visual impact; being on a heritage route; scale and size of the application in relation to its viability for agricultural use.
- d. Reference: 0/49506 Applicant: Ms Karena Taylor Proposal: Full application for siting of stables for private use only, laying of hard standing ancillary to development and new access from highway Location: Land Adj Ffordd y Mynydd, Betws-yn-Rhos, Conwy, Wales, LL22 8FD. There were objections to this on the grounds of lack of information as to the long term use of the application.
- e. Reference: 0/49463 Applicant: Glenys Roberts Easting: 285552 Northing: 376022 Proposal: Reconstruction of an existing outbuilding which is structurally unsound to bring the thermal envelope in-line with current standards. This will house a larger kitchen, additional home office, utility, garage and a first-floor bedroom, bathroom and lounge. Location: Ty Newydd, Cilgwyn Road, Llanellian Yn Rhos, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8YR. There were no objections to this application.
- f. There were three other applications on the Agenda, but these were situated on the border of the Community Council's area and fell within other Community Councils' responsibilities.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk to now prepare for the 2022-2023 Audit.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS

- a. There is now no planning application for the proposed Windfarm that has been discussed over the past few months. This item can now be removed from the Agenda.
- b. Confirming that Llanellian Road, from its junction with Dolwen Road to the village of Llanellian will be resurfaced early in the new financial year.

13. 9.21/6(i) PLAQUE REGARDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. GEORGIA WILSON

The plaque has been prepared but requires collection from the manufacturers. It will be positioned on the wall of the sports hall in Betws yn Rhos and unveiled during the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 2nd June 2022.

14. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

01.22/15(ii) Further to the discussions during the recent meetings the Community Council will be doing their best to work with other committees in the locality to make the event memorable.

15. THE ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY COUNCILS (GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE) (QUALIFICATIONS OF CLERKS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2021

01.22/15 (iv) These courses are now being offered free of charge. It was decided to leave this item on the agenda as it may be of interest to new Councillors after the May elections.

16. LOCAL ELECTIONS

The local elections will be taking place on Thursday 5th May 2022. Posters and information leaflets have been placed on the noticeboards at Betws yn Rhos and Llanellian yn Rhos, and there will be extensive coverage and information in the local and national media. The nomination papers for the standing Councillors and the proposed new Councillors will have been registered with the County Council by 4:00pm on Tuesday the 4th April 2022.

17 REPAIR OF THE WELL ON ABERGELE ROAD, BETWS YN RHOS

The owner of the premises - Ty Gwyn, is prepared to repair the stonework around the well and return it as far as possible to its original state. The Community Council are prepared to help where possible and necessary.

18 TIDYING AROUND THE VILLAGE OF BETWS YN RHOS

Following a letter to the County Council the road sweeper has visited and cleaned the sides of all the roads in the area. We are still waiting for the tree that normally houses the Christmas lights to be trimmed. A letter of thanks has been sent to one of the Betws yn Rhos residents for her voluntary work tidying up some of the public areas.

19 PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT BETWS YN RHOS PLAYING FIELDS

A favourable response to a letter was received back from the County Council stating that some support may be available for repairing and adding to the play equipment on the playing field, but a plan of what was required had to be prepared. The plan would need the involvement of the community, which is hoped may be possible through the village web page. A copy of the annual inspection had been received and it was clear that some of the equipment was nearing the end of their life. It is also possible that another stream of funding may be available. The Clerk to follow this up.

20 EXPECTED REFUGEES FROM THE UKRAINE

Following the ongoing crisis in the Ukraine it was decided that the sum of £200 be sent to the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) which is being supported by the Welsh

Government. Also, there will be the need to look at ways to support, financially and practically any individual refugee or refugee family that would find themselves within the Community Council area.

21 EQUIPMENT FOR ENABLING COUNCIL MEETING TO BE ACCESSED DIGITALLY

As a matter of inclusivity, the Council is now obliged to facilitate the provision for Council members to take part in meetings remotely, so as to enable those who find it difficult to attend for whatever reason. It was decided to look at various options for both village halls, including costings for wall mounted or portable monitors mounted with a camera.

22 ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a. A member of the community has come forward pointing out that some of the local green lanes /paths are becoming overgrown and making it difficult to walk or cycle/motorcycle along them. Councillor LLOYD suggested a study be made of these green lanes/paths to identify where and which ones require attention. Then an approach can be made to CCBC to include all of them.
- b. Information was also received regarding a damaged/broken old type road sign on the corner of Plas yn Betws / Capel Bach Sion. It would be good if it could be repaired to its original state or involve the historical society in its preservation.
- c. Councillor John D ROBERTS thanked, on behalf of the Community Council the industrious, loyal, and conscientious service that retiring Councillor Gwyndaf ROBERTS had freely given for decades as a Councillor in the area.
- d. It was to be placed on the next meeting's Agenda an item to arrange a thank you evening for those now retiring members of the Community Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: