

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BETWS YN RHOS**  
**AT 7:30pm MONDAY EVENING THE 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

**The meeting had been preceded by the Council's AGM and a training presentation by a member of the CCBC Licensing Team.**

- 1. WELCOME** – The Chairman, Councillor Irwedd GRIFFITHS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. PRESENT** –Councillors John EVANS; Hilda GIBBS; Glenna HUMPHREY; Bryn JONES; D Gwyn JONES; Gethin OWEN; John D. ROBERTS; Goronwy R. WILLIAMS; Hefin WILLIAMS; Cynhorydd Sir Ifor G LLOYD
- 3. APOLOGIES** – There were no apologies, all members of the Council being present.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved and signed.  
(Proposed by Councillor John D ROBERTS and seconded by Councillor Goronwy R WILLIAMS)

**6. MATERS ARISING**

A complaint had been received by one of the Councillors that the minutes of the last Council meeting had not been posted onto the Website within 7 days of the meeting. The Clerk stated he would ensure the minutes were placed onto the website as early as possible in future.

A comment was also made that no information regarding the work of the Community Council had appeared in the Gadlas for some time. The Clerk stated that he would resurrect this practice.

There were no other matters arising.

## **7. FINANCE**

- a. FINANCE for the period ending 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Members noted the financial situation and the Bank accounts as listed below:-

Money Received	= £2668.00 (Precept from CCBC)
Money Paid Out	= £5.80 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £100.00 (Santa's Drive through Betws yn Rhos – 200132)
	= £20.00 (Hysbyseb yn y Gadlas – 200130)
	= £861.69 (Clerk's wages for 3 months – SO)
	= £215.43 (HMRC for 3 months – SO)
	= £137.26 (Electrician fitting Christmas Lights – 200133)
Not yet presented	= £200.00 (Ukraine Appeal – 200134)
	= £33.60 (Plaque – 200135)
Community account	= £10803.19
Business account	= £5,551.60

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

- b. Regarding on-line banking difficulty was experienced on its first attempted use. The difficulty due to a banking error is being worked on and should be rectified in the next two weeks.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Emails from Zurich Insurance regarding the renewing of the Community Council's Insurance.
- Email to CCBC Planning Dept re Applications 0/49506 and 0/49521
- Various emails to and from Internal Auditors and Audit Wales re Annual Audit.
- Email and calls to ERF re roadworks at bridge near Ty'n Ddol.
- Letter from local business objecting to music festival planned at Coed Coch Estate, Betws yn Rhos.
- Letter to Betws yn Rhos Church regarding the return of previous long-standing donation.

## 9. GRANTS

No new requests for grants had been received.

## 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 – The correct name for the site is: 5 Bryn Derw. If the owners wanted to refer to the site as Granary Cottage this would fall outside the Licensing Department's auspices. This item can now be removed from the agenda.
- 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 subject of appeal which has been upheld and planning permission granted. This item can now be removed from the agenda.
- c. 0/49368 Application to erect two agricultural buildings on land at Aelwyd Uchaf, Cil Llidiart Road, Betws yn Rhos, Conwy LL22 8AG. There were objections to this application 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. Still awaiting the decision of the Planning Department.
- d. Reference: 0/49506 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. Still awaiting the decision from the Planning Department.
- e. 0/49554. Registered on 08/04/2022; small development extension within the Betws yn Rhos Community area at Bethgeth, Ffordd Cil Llidiart LL22 8AG. To construct an array of solar panels and associated works. There was no objection to this application.
- f. A licensing application has been made by OK-Entertainment Ltd for a four-day music festival on land at Coed Coch, Dolwen, Betws yn Rhos, Abergele LL22 8AY. This includes a licence to serve alcohol and a music licence until 3am on each of the four days. Council members had received numerous concerns regarding this application having experienced a similar event last year during lockdown which had caused upset to local residents and businesses in the area. The Council will issue a formal objection to this application following numerous complaints by local residents regarding the likelihood of noise until the early hours, uncontrolled traffic, unruly behaviour, and the likelihood of similarities to the previous event held at the same location during lockdown. The Clerk to set these representations on the appropriate

forms, together with members of a Council sub-group, and submit them to the Licensing Department.

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

The Clerk has now completed the preparatory work for the 2021-2022 Audit and members are satisfied with the Annual return so that it can now be forwarded to the Internal Auditors.

#### **12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS**

- a. There were no matters for discussion as the make-up of the new County Council has yet to be formed.
- b. Concern was raised that the remedial work on Llanelian Road, from its junction with Dolwen Road to the village of Llanelian has not started as was the intent of CCBC ERF early in the new financial year. Enquiries will be made with the ERF for a start date.

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

The plaque is now in the possession of the Clerk and preparations for its placing in the Sports Hall will be made in time for its unveiling during the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### **14. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The trees for planting for the Jubilee will now be ordered along with other preparatory work in time for 5<sup>th</sup> June. When the money from Betws yn Rhos Church is received this can be made available for the Jubilee celebrations.

#### **15. LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The local elections had taken place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Three new members of the Council had been welcomed at the start of the AGM which had been held prior to this meeting. There is now a full complement of 10 Members who represent Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian yn Rhos.

#### **16. REPAIR OF THE WELL ON ABERGELE ROAD, BETWS YN RHOS**

This matter to be followed up before the next Council meeting.

#### **17. TIDYING AROUND THE VILLAGE OF BETWS YN RHOS**

This will now be part of the plan being formulated from Winter/Spring every year. One member of the Council has volunteered to paint the benches near the village shop.

#### **18. PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT BETWS YN RHOS PLAYING FIELDS**

An application for funding has been submitted and a response is expected soon.

#### **19. EXPECTED REFUGEES FROM THE UKRAINE**

It is understood that some refugees from the Ukraine have arrived in Colwyn Bay. We will be ready to look at ways to support, financially and practically any individual refugee or refugee family that would find themselves within the Community Council area.

**20. 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. This is still work in progress.

**21. OVERGROWTH ON LOCAL GREEN LANES AND PATHS**

The local County Councillor is visiting a member of the community to examine the extent of this problem on his land. This is part of the study being 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.

**22. DAMAGED/BROKEN OLD TYPE ROADSIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF PLAS YN BETWS AND CAPEL BACH SION**

The Clerk is looking into the possibility of replacing the sign with one of the same format and type.

**23. APPRECIATION EVENING FOR THOSE RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Arrangements are being made.

**24. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

The Notice Board in the area outside the Village Hall is need of attention. The Clerk to look into the feasibility and cost of repair.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

CHAIRMAN:

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