

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 4th JULY 2022

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; Cynhorydd Sir Ifor G LLOYD. Also present as an observer was Mrs Julia PARRY.
3. **APOLOGIES** – Councillor Hefin WILLIAMS.

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 13th June 2022 were approved and signed.
(Proposed by Councillor Goronwy R WILLIAMS and seconded by Councillor John EVANS)

6. MATERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

7. FINANCE

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

Community Account = £11329.61 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £0.00

Money Paid Out	= £6.20 (Bank Charges - DR)
	= £270.00 (JDH Services Ltd-Internal Audit - 200136)
	= £775.49 (A Wheway-Queen's Jubilee – 200137)
	= £523.54 (Clerk's wages – SO)
	= £130.80 (HMRC – SO)
Not yet presented	= £264.00 (Zurich Municipal Ins-Annual renewal - 200139)
<u>Community Account</u>	<u>= £9,623.58 (Carried Forward)</u>
Business Account	= £5551.60 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out	= £0.00
Money Received	= £0.69 (Bank Interest)
 <u>Business Account</u>	 <u>= £5,552.29 (Carried Forward)</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>= £15,175.87 (Carried Forward)</u>

- b. Regarding on-line banking the Clerk has submitted a third application along with a letter expressing the Community Council's frustration with the Bank's processes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Email to CCBC's ERF department requesting the cutting back of overgrown hedges etc and for planting of flowers in the flower beds in each village. A response had been received that these works would be complete by the end of the following week.
- b. A reply had been sent to the Betws yn Rhos resident stating that the Monkey Puzzle tree planted during the Queen's Jubilee event would remain where it had been planted.
- c. A thank you letter had been sent to Aloma Wheway and her group for their work preparing and running the Jubilee event. A financial account had been received showing the income and expenditure where it was seen that a balance of £9.49 remained. This had been added to a separate collection for the Ukrain appeal which totalled £114.32.
- d. A letter had been sent to Aneurin Bevan UHB to seek financial assistance for a defibrillator to be placed at Dawn. A response had been received with the appropriate paperwork to be completed by the Clerk. The names of those listed for looking after our current defibs was to be updated.
- e. Email received with information regarding Wales Nature Week from the 2nd to the 10th July. A little late in the day but we could look into creating a nature trail in the

near future. The Clerk to look into a grant that is available for the planting of wild flowers and fruit trees around the sides of the playing fields.

- f. A message had been received via the Community Council web page expressing disappointment at the state of the local public footpaths and styles. A reply had been sent to thank the individual for the information and to ask for more specific locations so that we could pass this on to the County Council.
- g. A letter had been received asking for responses to global warming and climate change. It was felt that the information required was more relevant to more industrial areas. The information to be kept on file.
- h. A letter had been received from One Voice Wales with information regarding a Community Ownership Fund.. The Clerk to look into this further.
- i. A letter had been received from CCBC's Licensing department with an official withdrawal of the Premises Licence application for the music event at Coed Coch.
- j. A letter had been received from Bute Energy through 'Camlas' requesting a meeting to discuss the latest developments with regard to the building of local wind farms. Any meetings arranged will need to be advertised so that residents are able to prepare relevant questions to be asked of the company.
- k. A notification had been received regarding road closure and traffic control in the Chweffordd area.
- l. Preliminary information had been received regarding Shaping Wales' Future with more information to come in the near future.
- m. A message had been received and responded to from the Clerk of Llanddulas and Rhyd y Foel Community Council regarding partnership working with regard to the forthcoming Place Plans community engagement project. The Clerk to have an informal meeting in the near future.

9. GRANTS

- a. No new requests for grants had been received. A notice has been placed on the Notice Boards at Betws and Llanellian inviting application for grants from the Community Council.
- b. The following grants are available to the Council and the Clerk will look to see which are suitable to apply for:

Local Places for Nature

Rural Community Development

Community Ownership Fund

Community Fund

10. PLANNING

- a. 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. This application has now been allowed by CCBC Planning Committee.
- b. 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.
- c. 0/49771 Ty Newydd, Cilgwyn Road, Llanellian yn Rhos LL298YR; The Council required photographs of work to be carried out. This application had been brought forward previously and there were no objections to it.
- d. Building work being carried out at Ty'n y Coed, Llanellian that did not conform to Building/Planning regulations. A representative from the PCCBC Planning Department had visited the site and given appropriate advice that will necessitate changes. Any future planning applications will come before the Community Council.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk is waiting for the result of the External Audit (Audit Wales)

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CLLR. IFOR LLOYD MATTERS

- a. A response was received from the County Council as a result of concerns about the length of time the maintenance work on Llanellian Road was taking. The Council state that the work will be carried out before the start of 2023.
- b. CCBC require the exact location of any road repair that is urgently required so that it can go on a priority list. Any such information to be submitted through the Clerk.
- c. Complaints of speeding along the B5381 in the Bryn Pin area of Bryn y Maen. North Wales Police will be placing monitoring cameras to establish the extent of the problem. – Project Darwin.

13. REPAIR OF THE WELL ON ABERGELE ROAD, BETWS YN RHOS

An application for a grant will be submitted to try and give financial assistance to the renovation of the well.

14. PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT BETWS YN RHOS PLAYING FIELDS

The second application is being prepared and Councillor Bryn Jones will meet with members of local community groups to seek their observations on the project.

15. EXPECTED REFUGEES FROM THE UKRAINE

Following the arrival of some refugees from the Ukraine in Colwyn Bay we are waiting for any that may be housed within the Community Council area when we will look at ways to support, financially and practically any individual or refugee families.

16. 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.

17. OVERGROWTH ON LOCAL GREEN LANES AND PATHS

The investigation into how many and where the green lanes and paths are located is still being carried out. And the approach to the County Council will be made regarding all of them. This is in addition to reminding the ERF of the overgrowth in the villages especially on Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos.

18. DAMAGED/BROKEN OLD TYPE ROADSIGN AT THE JUNCTION AT CAPEL BACH SION

The Clerk has received some quotes but they are around a £1,00 each which is excessive. Enquiries will be made with some local businesses to see if similar signs can be produced.

19. AWEL Y MOR OFFSHORE WINDFARM

The Council has now registered with Awel y Mor as an interested organisation so that we can be updated with the latest information.

20. LOCAL CAMPAIGN TO CONTROL THE DEVELOPMENT OF WINDFARMS IN THE AREA

The leaflets that had been produced have now been distributed throughout the local area.

21. NATURE TRAIL

A suggestion was made to look into the development of a local nature trail by making use of some of the local public footpaths. This to be added to the list of action plans.

22. CHANGES TO THE LOCAL PLANNING REGULATION ETC

The introduction of the 'levelling up' plan needs further consideration to see what the new regulations are and how they will affect local councils.

23. ROAD WORKS / CLOSURES ON DOLWEN ROAD - WATER BOARD

This is essential work and therefore no means or reason to object to it.

24. Y GADLAS

The Clerk to prepare items for the Gadlas to include information about a meeting with Camlas on behalf of local windfarms applications.

25. APPRECIATION EVENING FOR RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Because of ill health among some of the guests the arrangements will be rescheduled in a few weeks.

26. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a. Need to inform the ERF department regarding an obscured road-sign at Dolwen.
- b. A complaint has been received regarding excessive motorcycle noise emanating from land at
- c. Councillor John EVANS was congratulated for his work in planting flowers around Betws yn Rhos the cemetery
- d. The action plan list had been decided on for the Council to work on over the next few months. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: