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BETWS YN RHOS AND LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE SPORTS PAVILLION, BETWS
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AT 7:15pm ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 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 James Wilde the Fundraising Manager at St St Davids's Hospice, Llandudno.

2. PRESENTATION BY MR JAMES WILDE – James outlined the history and work carried out by the St David's Hospice and the efforts required to raise sufficient funds to ensure the running of the hospice. James then took part in a question-and-answer session.

The Chair thanked him for his interesting and informative presentation.

3. PRESENT – Councillor John Evans, Irwedd Griffiths, Glenna Humphrey, Goronwy R. WILLIAMS, D Gwyn Jones, Hefin Williams and the County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd, Clerk - Mel Jones. Observer – Gwawr Thomas.

4.APOLOGIES – Gwenda Davies, Bryn Jones, Gethin OWEN,

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 were not to be discussed at this meeting as the applications are being considered by the Planning Department.

6. MINUTES

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

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

8. FINANCE

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

Ending 20th February 2025

(1) Community Account = £2,938.15 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = NIL

Money Paid Out = £570.12 (Clerk's wages

= £142.40 (HMRC)

= £35.00 (ICO Membership

= £5.00 (Bank Charges)

= £86.28 (BT Invoice)

TOTAL – £838.80

Community Account = £2,099.35 (Carried Forward)

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

Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = NIL

Business Account = £4,052.66 (Carried Forward)

Total = **£6,152.01 (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:

Upcoming £86.28 – BT Monthly Wi Fi invoice.

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. Correspondence from Conwy County Council re county budget – Councillor Ifor Lloyd will update.
3. Various weather reports regularly received from SP Energy.
4. Information that Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos will be closed 0930 -1530 9/4/2025.
5. Request received from Conwy County Council for the Community Council to highlight roads in the area that required repairing. List

to be supplied by 7th March 2025. To be discussed later in the meeting.

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 he had written to Theatre Bara Caws in respect of their application grant assistance for the forthcoming financial year to inform them that no contribution would be given as the precept was already submitted and the Community Council were committed to support local ventures.
- 2. Following the presentation given by James Wilde it was unanimously agreed that a £200.00 grant be paid to St David's Hospice.

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: 0/52316

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

The planning documents were viewed and following discussion the decision was that the Community Council had no objection to the planning application. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

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

The planning documents were viewed and following discussion the decision was that the Community Council had no objection to the planning application. The Clerk to update 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

Matter being considered by the Planning Department.

Councillor Gwyn Jones had notified a declaration of interest at last month's meeting but as the matter was not discussed there was no need for him to leave the meeting.

Reference: 0/52273

Applicant: Mr Mark Blissitt

Proposal: Farm track to agricultural sheds and hay feeder (Agricultural Prior Approval)

Location: Aelwyd Uchaf, Peaceful Mountain Farm, Cil Llidart Road, Betws yn Rhos, Conwy, LL22 8AG

Application refused by the Planning Department. They are requesting further details as to the materials being used in the construction.

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

Matter still being considered by the Planning Department.

Councillor Hefin Williams had notified a declaration of interest previously but as the matter was not discussed there was no need for him to leave the meeting.

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

Matter still being considered by the Planning Department.

Councillor Glenna Humphrey had notified a declaration of interest previously but as the matter was not discussed there was no need for her to leave the meeting.

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.

Reference: 0/52118

Applicant: Mr Dewi Jones

Proposal: Temporary 80m guyed meteorological monitoring mast with lightening protection (overall height not exceeding 80.4m) for a period of three years from date of first operation, to record data on the available wind resource at the site.

Location: Agricultural Grazing Land to the South of Mynydd Llanelian

APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

It was updated that there had been a successful appeal in relation to the construction of a single wind turbine with a replacement turbine to a tip height of 86.5 m along with associated access track and grid connection and the decommissioning of the second existing turbine” at Pen Y Bryn Farm, Wind Turbine, Pen Y Bryn, Trofarth, Betws Yn Rhos, Conwy, LL22 8BE, in accordance with the terms of the application Ref. 0/51012, dated 15 August 2023.

The location was not actually within the Community Council area but bordered onto our area hence why the information was as circulated.

12. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

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

13. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD

Councillor Ifor Lloyd updated that it had been a difficult decision to agree the forthcoming County budget. The County Council had concentrated on maintaining the investment into the care of vulnerable persons within the County including schools and the elderly. Following a late 3.6% uplift by the Welsh Assembly Government the community charge increase had been reduced to 8.95%.

In the discussion that followed there was general agreement that the funding formula was detrimental to Conwy County. There was a need for the formula to be revisited.

14. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

The Clerk met with David Dudley the Playground Inspector for Conwy County Council at Betws yn Rhos Playground on Thursday 6th February 2025. On that day Mr Dudley was able to replace certain items that required maintaining on the current equipment and will maintain equipment at Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian Playgrounds moving forwards. There was no need for the estimate from G.L. Jones to be considered as the work will be carried out by Conwy County.

The annual inspection reports for both the Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian Playgrounds did not highlight any dangers to users and they were all rated as 'green'. There are some minor refurbishments that require attention.

Mr Dudley had advised that it would be prudent to visit three Toddler Playground areas in order to make the correct decision when selecting new equipment for the Playground. He advised visiting the following:

1. Bodlondeb Play Area, Town Ditch Road, Conwy
2. Penmaen Road Play Area, Penmaen Road, Conwy
3. Owain Glyndwr Play Area, Kinmel Bay

It was agreed that the Clerk would visit the locations and circulate photographs of the equipment to the Councillors in order for a decision to be made.

b. Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that pads of two defibrillators needed replacing during March 2025 and they are then all in date until June 2026. The pads are in stock.

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 was aware that the Community Council wanted to operate the Toilet facility at Llanelian. There was a need for the toilet block to be assessed by the County and for papers to be drawn up for the official 'hand over' of the toilet block. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain a completion date.

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 Cochl 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.

In respect of the reports regarding the following locations the Clerk had written to the Planning Department and had received updates.

1. Coed Ty Brith, Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos - reports of a field being used as a Dog Park and Tepees located at that location

Mr Simon Richardson, Conwy County Council reported as follows:

ENF/2025/5568 Coed Ty Brith, Betws yn Rhos. Breach:
Change of use of agricultural land/woodland to Dog Park /
Exercise Area

There was no evidence of a 'dog park' but a new hardstanding area and track had been laid, in breach of planning control. We also identified a portable container and touring caravan sited on the land. We will be contacting the new owners for clarification on their intentions with the land and to advise them that permission is required for the track/hardstanding area.

2. Land at Nant Uchaf, Betws yn Rhos. Field being used for storage of plant equipment.

Mr Simon Richardson, Conwy County Council reported as follows:

ENF/2025/5569: Land off Nentydd Road, Rhyd y Foel, Abergele. Land used to store plant machinery, erection of building and siting of caravan.

A new building has been constructed which requires planning permission. There were a lot of farm implements (including machinery) and a mini digger was on a trailer. There was active use of the land for farming (calves were in the building). We will contact the owner to advise them that permission is required for the building and to gain more information with regards to activities on site (including possibly operating a plant hire business).

Mr Richardson will update on both investigations when progress is made.

A discussion ensued regarding the requirement requested by Conwy County Council for the Community Council to nominate roads for refurbishment in the area. The following were nominated

1. Ffordd y Mynydd, Betws yn Rhos
2. Ffordd Abergele, Betws yn Rhos from Minafon junction along its length to Foxhole area of Abergele
3. B5383 Junction - Dolwen Rd Carriageway between Llanelian Solar Farm and Ysgol y Plas, Llanelian
4. Ysgubor Newydd to Teyrdan road, Llanelian
5. Ffordd y Groes - down Hill from village centre
6. Allt y Waun, Dolwen

7. Roadway between Ty'n Ffynnon (Dawn Area) and Bryncar Road to junction of B5381
8. B5381 through the village (Built up area) of Betws yn Rhos
9. Wern Bach crossroads (A548 to Nant yr Efail junction B5381
10. Bryn Helyg to Bont Melin Person junction, Dolwen
11. Ffordd Pen Bryn to Brynffanigl Uchaf (B5381 junction to Ffordd Abergele junction)

The Clerk will forward the details to Conwy County Council and to Councillor Ifor Lloyd.

Councillors had received numerous reports regarding a shed which appears to be used as a residential dwelling and is in a very untidy condition on the unclassified road to North Wales Stoves – follow A548 from Abergele towards Llanfair TH. At Penrefail Crossroads turn right onto B5381 towards Betws yn Rhos and then turn first right onto unclassified road towards North Wales Stoves. Shed is on left hand side. The Clerk to write to Conwy Council.

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](#)

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.

BT had responded to a further E mail from the Clerk regarding the delays involved in the WiFi installation at the premises from when the order was placed in April 2024 until August 2024. It was clear that for some reason the order had been cancelled twice which had caused unreasonable delays.

Now that all the information is to hand from BT the Clerk will E mail the Ombudsman with a request for compensation.

18. Y GADLAS

An article had appeared in the latest edition regarding the opening day of new Llanelian Community Centre.

No suggestions for another article.

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Councillors have received numerous reports regarding a shed which appears to be used as a residential dwelling and is in a very untidy condition.

It is located on the unclassified road to North Wales Stoves – follow A548 from Abergele towards Llanfair TH. At Penrefail Crossroads turn right onto B5381 towards Betws yn Rhos and then turn immediately first right onto unclassified road towards North Wales Stoves. The shed is on left hand side prior to North Wales Stoves.

The Clerk to write to the Planning Department at Conwy County Council.

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 8.50.p.m.

CHAIR..... John Evans

CLERK..... Mel Jones

DATE: 7th APRIL 2025.