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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 YN RHOS AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2025

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1.WELCOME –In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Glena Humphrey, the Vice Chair Gethin Owen chaired the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT – Councillors Gethin Owen, Irwedd Griffiths, Goronwy R. Williams, D Gwyn Jones, Gwenda Davies, Gwawr Thomas, John Evans, Hefin Williams, County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd and the Clerk - Mel Jones.

3. APOLOGIES – Councillors Glena Humphrey and Bryn Jones.

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.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2025 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor Gwyn Jones.)

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk updated that he had spoken with Aloma Wheway and conveyed the Council's gratitude to John and Aloma for opening the Sports Pavillion at Betws yn Rhos every Friday evening for the local youths to have a meeting place.

7. FINANCE

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

Ending 20th June 2025

(1) Community Account = £4,565.36 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £596.61 (VAT refund)

Money Paid Out = £198.00 (One Voice Wales membership)

= £193.94 (Clerk's wages)

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= £5.00 (Bank Charges)

= £70.50 (Hilda Gibbs -gardening cost)

= £170.00 (Arfon Parry – website cost)

= £333.60 (JDH Audit Invoice)

= £197.23 (HMRC Clerk's pay)

TOTAL – £1,762.21

Community Account = £3,399.76(Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,071.02(Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = £17.35 (Interest to 5/6/25)

Business Account = £4,088.37 (Carried Forward)

Total = £7.488.13 (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:

£375.00 – Invoice Number ARINV/013558 from Audit Wales for annual audit 2024/2025

It was agreed that this payment could be made.

The Clerk updated that the £500 grant authorised to Betws yn Rhos Cemetery would be paid now that details of their Bank Account had been confirmed.

There was no monthly payment to BT this month as a confirmation letter had been received awarding the following compensation for the delay in installing the WiFi at the Village Hall in Llanelian had been credited to the BT Account.

1. £239.94 for 12 days rental credit
2. £50 as a gesture of goodwill.

The letter also contained a written apology.

The Clerk requested permission to order 30 batteries for the defibrillators as all stock had been depleted with two of the defibrillators needing batteries replaced (10 per unit). Authority was given to order the batteries. Cost will be circulated for authority of payment once received

8. 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.

Sent

a. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department

b. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

9. GRANTS

Applications to the Community Council.

The Clerk updated that the £500 grant authorised to Betws yn Rhos Cemetery would be paid now that details of their Bank Account had been confirmed.

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.

10. PLANNING - http://www.conwy.gov.uk/planningexplorer

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52628 **Applicant: Mr/ Mrs P & W Arundale**

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuildings to provide additional domestic accommodation incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling

Location: Celynnen , Llanelian, Conwy. LL29 6AT

The Planning application documentation was read. There was no objection to the Planning Application and the Community Council are content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52622 Applicant: Mr Sean McBride

Proposal: Variation of condition no 1 of planning approval 0/45158 (Approval of matters reserved in respect of outline planning permission 0/42343 (Development of Land Opposite Bryn Rodyn, (Dolwen Road) Old Colwyn, for residential housing (Outline Planning Permission) (Phase 2) to allow for the retrospective amendments to the approved scheme

Location: Land at Dolwen Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 8UP

The Planning application documentation was read. There was no objection to the Planning Application and the Community Council are content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52621 Applicant: Mr Sean McBride

Proposal: Variation of condition no 1 of planning approval 0/45161 (Approval of matters reserved in respect of outline planning permission 0/42351 (Development of Land Opposite Bryn Rodyn, (Dolwen Road), Old Colwyn, for residential housing (Outline Planning Permission) (Phase 1) to allow for amendments to approved scheme

Location: Land at Dolwen Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 8UP

The Planning application documentation was read. There was no objection to the Planning Application and the Community Council are content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52591 **Applicant: Mr Nigel Williams**

Proposal: Single Storey Pitched Roof Extensions to Existing Dwelling

Location: Springhill, Ffynhonnau Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AB

The Planning application documentation was read. There was no objection to the Planning Application and the Community Council are content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/52584 **Applicant: Mr Max Jones**

Proposal: Change of use of land from an agricultural field to a dog exercise area (unique use) along with associated works for parking and landscaping

Location:Land Adjacent to Bryn Rodyn, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay Conwy LL29 8UU

The Planning application documentation was read.
The Community Council formally object to the application
There are concerns that there is no active travel to the site and concern was expressed for the safety of pedestrians accessing the site.
There are long hours of opening planned and the noise of dogs barking and additional traffic to the site is likely to interfere with the lives of nearby householders.

It was noted that numerous responses have been received from neighbouring houses also objecting to the application.
The Council are content for the Planning Authority to make the final decision
The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/52538 Applicant: Mrs Elmaira Watson

Proposal: Conversion of a disused agricultural stonework building and barn in addition to a steel framed storage shed into a single-family dwelling.

Location: Tyn Y Wal Farm, Pencraig Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NT

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

Reference: 0/52477 Applicant: Mr Hughes

Proposed agricultural shed for storage of agricultural implements

Location: Plas Meredydd, Pen Y Ffrith, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8BU

Approved by the Planning Department

Reference: 0/52387 Applicant: BR Storage

Proposal: Change of use of land for the storage of caravans with associated landscaping

Location: Bryn Rodyn, Dolwen Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8UU

Planning refused by the Planning Department.

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

The audit reports from both the Local Audit and from Wales Audit had been discussed at the last meeting.

The Clerk updated that the requisite notices and reports had been advertised as per the instructions and copies of the Audit reports were on the Community Council website.

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd updated that Conwy County Planning department have issued compliance notices on the owner of Peaceful Mountain Farm for alleged breaches of planning regulations.
Councillor Lloyd had been elected as the Chair of the County Planning committee and will take up that position.
Work on the refurbishment of rural roads has been commenced with £4.7 million allocated to the budget.

13. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

The Clerk had received the quotation from KOMPAN in relation to the equipment identified in the catalogue -
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The total cost to include supply and fitting is £46,353.99

It was agreed in view of the cost that the equipment should be reduced to

1. Four Tower Unit, tunnel and slide
2. Water Lilies 4-way springer.

The Clerk will request an updated quotation and will thereafter seek a meeting with Conwy CVSC to source grant aid. Councillor Ifor Lloyd agreed to accompany the Clerk to the meeting.

b. Defibrillators

Two defibrillators had to have their batteries changed (total of 20 batteries) There was no stock left and there was permission granted

to the Clerk to order 30 batteries in readiness to change the batteries in the other three defibrillators.
The Clerk had spoken with Tomos Hughes regarding defibrillator training sessions for the communities of Llanelian and Betws yn Rhos. The offer was for a late afternoon session during September. The view was that an early evening session would be better attended and the Clerk to speak with Tomos Hughes to arrange the timings and dates.

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 has carried out the maintenance and flowers have been planted.

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.

In regard to the transfer of toilets at Llanelian the Clerk had obtained an estimate from Dylan Llyr Roberts (Solicitor) Howell Jones and Co, Llanrwst for the legal work. It will depend on what searches etc the County Council have recorded and the costs will be between £995 - £1,495 plus VAT. There was an agreement to appoint Mr Roberts but the Clerk will liaise with Llanddulas Community Council to enquire as to which Solicitor they had used when they took over the lease of the toilets in their village.
All the necessary details had been shared with Zurich Insurance to obtain a quote for ensuring the Toilet Block and the quote is still awaited.
It was agreed that the Clerk could update Councillors by E mail in order for decisions to be made prior to the next meeting.

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.

Coed Ty Brith, Abergele Road, Betws yn Rhos - reports of a field being used as a Dog Park and Tepees located at that location. As previously discussed, the Planning Authority are aware and updates will be provided when matters proceed.

The Clerk had informed the Planning Authority that two teepees had been seen at the location. The update from the County Council was that they had contacted the land owner for an explanation

Land at Nant Uchaf, Betws yn Rhos. Field being used for storage of plant equipment. The County Council will update of any developments

There was a need to replant the Monkey Tree that had been planted in the grounds of the Sports Pavilion at Betws yn Rhos as it was in the way of the new parking area. The contractors – AJC Contractors – have stated that they will replant the tree. Councillor Ifor Lloyd agreed to liaise with AJC Contractors owner. The tree has not been replanted to date.

The Clerk had informed ERF that the hedge on Ffordd Abergele, Betws yn Rhos opposite Nant y Ffordd is overgrown and needs trimming. A reply had been received informing that road verges etc are cut back annually usually in June and July but they may amend the cutting regime for biodiversity issues whilst making sure that public safety is not compromised.

14. ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT

The precept application of £18,000 has been approved by Conwy County Council. £6,000 had been credited to the Bank Account on

in April 2025 and the other two payments will be made in August 2025 and December 2025.

15. **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

No formal update regarding the proposal for wind turbines and solar park at Llanelian Mountain.The matter will be monitored.

Planning authority has been granted to the Mona Off Shore wind farm. The papers had been E mailed to the Clerk and he will forward the information on to the Councillors.

16. **Y GADLAS**.

No suggestions for an article.

17. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 9.30.p.m.

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 1st SEPTEMBER 2025.