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BETWS YN RHOS AND LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LLANELIAN AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2026

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1.WELCOME – The Chair, Councillor Glena Humphrey welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT – Councillors Glena Humphrey, Gwenda Davies Irwedd Griffiths, Hefin Williams, Goronwy R. Williams, D Gwyn Jones, John Evans, County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd, Hefin Williams, County Councillor Ifor G. LloydClerk Mel Jones.

3. APOLOGIES – Councillors Gwawr Thomas and Gethin Owen.

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 was no declaration of interest.

5. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 2026 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor Gwyn Jones.)

6. MATTERS ARISING

The vacancy for the Councillor to replace Bryn Jones had been advertised on the Council website and on Notice Boards. No applicants received to date albeit interest had been shown. Any interested party to E mail the Clerk.

Councillor Goronwy Williams had raised an issue regarding the BT manhole at Twnan Crossroas and the Clerk had e mailed ERF. Councillor Williams reported that the roadway had been repaired.

7. FINANCE

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the period ending 20th January 2026.

Ending 20th January 2026

(1) Community Account = £7,441.49 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = NIL

Money Paid Out

= £205.60 (HMRC – Clerk's salary))

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £65.50 (Aston Hughes – Payroll)

= £60.00 (Llanelian Hall rental)

= £400.00 (Grant – Betws Youth Club)

= £95.98 (BT invoice WiFi)

= £205.60 (HMRC – Clerk's salary)

TOTAL – £1,745.85

Community Account = £5,695.64 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,119.53 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = NIL

Business Account = £4,119.53 (Carried Forward)

Total = £9,815.17 (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.

BT invoice for £95.98 to be received. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.

The Clerk reported that further HSBC Safeguarding process was ongoing and he may need to refer to the signatories.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

Regular emails from One Voice Wales, Public Service Executive etc. with those relevant being forwarded to the councillors, and available from the Clerk.

CCBC have updated the Code of Conduct and the email has been shared with the Councillors.

Arfon Parry has update that visitors to the Community Council website between the 24/1/2026 and 31/1/2026 was150. It was difficult to establish the exact figure due to 'Bots' from Google etc but this is the most accurate number bearing in mind the length of time of the visit.

Sent

1. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department
2. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

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9. **GRANTS**

Applications to the Community Council.

1. As agreed at the last meeting by Councillor John Evans a grant of £400.00 has been paid to Betws yn Rhos Youth Club.
2. Letter received from Marie Curie requesting support for their Great Daffodil Appeal in 2026. Following discussion it was agreed to donate a grant of £150.00

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: 0/53110 Applicant: Ms Judith Evans

Proposal: Retention and extension of agricultural shed

Location: Y Nentydd, Nentydd Road, Rhyd Y Foel, Abergele, LL22 8EF

The planning application documents were examined. Following discussion there were no objections to the Planning Application and the Councillors were content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/53039 **Applicant: Ms R Jones**

Proposal: Proposed conversion of redundant farm outbuildings into residential accommodation including extensions to building

Location: Nant Ucha, Nentydd Road, Rhyd Y Foel, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8EF

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

Reference: 0/53008 **Applicant: Mr Mark Blissitt**

Proposal: Retrospective planning for an agricultural shed

Location: Aelwyd Uchaf, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AG

Further clarity had been received as requested from the Planning Department to include a drawing of the proposed application.

The planning application documents were examined.

Following discussion there were no objections to the Planning Application and the Councillors were content for the Planning Department to make the final decision. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

Reference: 0/52910 **Applicant: Mr Sean McBride**

Proposal: Variation of condition no 1 of planning approval 0/45158 (Development of Land Opposite Bryn Rodyn, (Dolwen Road) Old Colwyn, for residential housing (Outline Planning Permission) (Phase 2)

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

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

Reference: 0/52909 **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))

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

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

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

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

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

The Wales Audit report had been received following the Council meeting in November. The report had been shared with the Councillors at the last meeting in January. The Clerk had emailed Audit Wales with a query regarding the alleged lack of information. No reply received to date.
As was agreed the Audit report and requisite notice has been placed on the Community Council website and the Notice Boards at Llanelian and Betws yn Rhos.

In respect of Training the Councillors Induction training -Module 1 and 2 –the Clerk is awaiting a reply from the Clerk at Llanfair T.H regarding the possibility of joint training.

12. **CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD**.

Councillor Lloyd updated the meeting regarding the proposed Local Development Plan with any views being sought by the 8th March 2026. There were no proposed developments in our Community

Council area but there were for adjoining communities including Old Colwyn.

Councillor Lloyd will accompany the Clerk to identify roads which require refurbishment in the forthcoming financial year, and a list will be compiled and submitted. Various suggestions were received and they will be investigated.

13. MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

The Clerk had received the updated quotation from KOMPAN for Four Tower Unit, tunnel and slide and Water Lilies 4-way springer. The total cost to include supply and fitting is £30,524.61

The Clerk updated that he was still awaiting information from Mr Dudley regarding the details of leasing the playground to the Community Council as many grants are dependent on this. The view was the leasing of the Playground will possibly entail the Community Council requiring insurance etc and the risk was considered too substantial.

It was agreed that grant assistance be sought from the Solar Park fund. However, the cost was substantial - £30,524.61 – and there was also the need to replace/repair the tiles under some of the equipment in the playground. It was agreed that:

1. The Clerk to ask Kompan for a quote for one piece of equipment
2. The Clerk to speak with David Dudley to establish what flooring needs replacing/repairing under the existing equipment and obtain costings
3. A grant to be then sought for the refurbishment and one piece of equipment.

b. Defibrillators

All defibrillators checked on the 2/1/26 and in order

The Clerk had spoken with Tomos Hughes regarding defibrillator training sessions for the communities of Llanelian and Betws yn Rhos. Still awaiting a response to an early evening session from Tomos Hughes. The Clerk will chase the matter up.

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.

The Clerk reported that the Grant application window was open for the Hub and this had been progressed by Aloma Wheway.

d. **Flower beds/Public Benches, Abergele Road.**

Hilda Gibbs monitoring and will update prior to any other work being carried out

e. **Toilet Facility at Llanelian.**.,

In regard to the transfer of toilets at Llanellen Ms Nia Wyn Roberts is the replacement Solicitor who is carrying out the work. To date no updates received and the Clerk has phoned the office three times last week and left messages. The Clerk will continue to try and obtain an update and in the meantime will liaise with Conwy County Council to establish what the lease entails.

It is imperative that this is resolved as soon as possible as the toilets will be due to open in April 2026.

All the necessary details had been shared with Zurich Insurance and the quote was £613.90 (which includes the normal annual insurance) When the lease is progressed the Clerk will source another quote to compare.

General issues

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

The Clerk to contact Mel Ellham in April to provide a quotation in the Spring to repaint the two kiosks in Betws yn Rhos and Dolwen.

Following Councillor Gwyn Jones raising concern following a Road Traffic Collison between two Water Board vans on Ffordd Galch, Llanelian. The Clerk has informed ERF at Conwy County Council that there was a need for the County Council to assess signage at the location and a 'SLOW' sign should be considered prior to the bend where several accidents have occurred. No update from ERF.

The Clerk updated that the Christmas had been removed. Bryn Jones is happy to store them as usual.

In respect of the condition of the historical information board sited near the village hall it was unanimously decided that the cost of a replacement board at £1,000 could be considered for the next financial year.

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths raised the issue of the occupants of 21, Glan Y Fedwen, Betws yn Rhos which had resulted in Police involvement and the family eventually leaving the property which was now empty. Their behaviour had caused serious disruption to residents. The Clerk was requested to write to Housing Solutions requesting that local village residents be considered as tenants in the future.

Councillor Ifor Lloyd had been approached by residents concerned regarding the poor repair of Minafon House, Betws yn Rhos. A large piece of the rendering had fallen onto the roadway. The Clerk to write to ERF and Enforcement.

14. ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT

The precept application for 2026/2027 had been submitted by 16/1/2026.
The expected expenditure for 2026/2027 is £24,558.25
There had been a circulation from Conwy County Council highlighting that there would be no budget for playground repairs or Play Sessions for the forthcoming financial year and that any such costs would have to be met by the Community Council.
The reserves would need to be utilised for these costs and any other unexpected costs.

The decision was that a precept application be submitted for £22,000 with £2,558.25 met from reserves leaving £5,475.52 in the reserves which is just under the advised 25% of the annual precept. However, it was felt that this was sufficient and that the burden upon local rate payers for a reserve pot was not justified.

Decision awaited from Conwy County Council if the precept has been agreed.

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.

16. **Y GADLAS**.

No suggestions for an article.

17. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 9.20 p.m.

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 2nd March 2026