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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 2nd MARCH 2026

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1.WELCOME – The Chair, Councillor Glena Humphrey welcomed all to the meeting and welcomed Tudur Roberts who had shown an interest in the vacancy to become a Community Councillor.

2. PRESENT – Councillors Glena Humphrey, Gwawr Thomas Irwedd Griffiths, Hefin Williams, Goronwy R. Williams, D Gwyn Jones, John Evans, Hefin Williams, County Councillor Ifor G. LloydClerk Mel Jones and Mr Tudur Roberts.

3. APOLOGIES – Councillors Gwenda Davies, Gethin Owen and County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd.

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 2nd Februarey 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 progressed and Mr Tudur Roberts was attending the meeting to obtain a flavour of the process.

7. FINANCE

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

Ending 20th February 2026

(1) Community Account = £5,695.64 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = NIL

Money Paid Out

= £47.00 (ICO Data Protection licence)

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £150.00 (Grant – Marie Curie)

= £95.98 (BT invoice WiFi)

= £205.60 (HMRC – Clerk's salary)

TOTAL – £1,111.75

Community Account = £4,583.89 (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 = £8,703.42 (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 updated that notice had been received that the BT charges were to be increased by £4 plus VAT monthly.

The Clerk reported that HSBC had updated that the interest rate for the Business Account was to be reduced to 1.21%. The HSBC Safeguarding process had been completed and confirmation was awaited. .

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.

1. E mail received from Deborah Checkland of Purple Plaques Wales – founded to record remarkable women in Wales. They wanted to place a plaque to celebrate the life and work of Mary Lloyd Wynne, of Coed Coch Estate. She was a well-regarded mycologist before such a profession was recognised and long

before women could qualify in such fields. The Organisation were of the opinion that Betws yn Rhos Church or Betws yn Rhos Primary School may be the most suitable locations.
The matter was discussed and clearly the Community Council do not manage the Church or the village School. It was decided that the Clerk should update the Purple Plaques Organisation with contact details of the Vicar and Head Teacher at the School. It was suggested that the entrance gate to the Coed Coch Estate may be a suitable location. The Clerk to forward an E mail

2. Letter received from 'Elan City' suppliers of speed indicator devices which illuminate and remind motorists of their speed. There had been complaints received previously of speeding traffic through Betws yn Rhos. The issue had been monitored by the County Council and reported to Go Safe. It was however not considered to be worthy of installing traffic calming measures. The cost of the equipment was £4,499 excluding VAT and delivery. It was decided not to proceed with any such equipment.
3. E mail received from the Sports Association requesting that the agreed replanting of the monkey tree from the currant location in the grounds of the sports filed as it roots will impair with the newly laid parking surface. The Sports Association had volunteers who would replant the tree. The Clerk to update the Sports Association that the tree could be moved to its agreed location near the fence of the Golf Club.
4. E mail received from Deb Critchley at Tenovus requesting to give a talk to the Community Council. The Organisation – Mr Andrew Roberts – had spoken to the Council in April 2025. The Clerk had updated Deb Critchley and there was no need for her to arrange such a talk.

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. The grant of £400.00 has been paid to Betws yn Rhos Youth Club and an E mail of thanks received.
2. Letter of thanks received from Marie Curie for the grant of £150.00
3. E mail received from Richard Hughes requesting grant assistance for Eisteddfod Calan Mai which is to be held on the 25th April 2026. The Eisteddfod is supported annually. A grant of £300.00 was agreed. The Clerk to progress payment.

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: 0/53230 **Applicant Mr & Mrs MacBeth**

Proposal: Alteration of first floor double height gallery living room to form two guest bedrooms with ensuites, alteration of existing ensuite to form additional bedroom, installation of ensuite, and the installation of two Juliet balcony doors (Listed Building Consent)

Location: Ffarm Country House, Cill Llidiart Road, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8AR

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.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/53226 **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Ian Jackson**

Proposal: Proposed erection of single storey side/front porch, two storey dining / bathroom extension and two storey kitchen/bedroom extension with associated internal works.

Location: Nant Ganol, Nentydd Road, Rhyd Y Foel, Betws Yn Rhos, 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.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/53170 **Applicant: Mr Dewi Cahill**

Proposal: Erection of agricultural buiilding (Agricultural Building Prior Approval)

Location: Land at Penrefail, Betws Yn Rhos, Abergele Conwy

Application was forwarded to Councillors for views as a decision had to be made by the Planning Department before the 1st March 2026. No objections received to the Planning Application. The Clerk informed the Planning Department accordingly.

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

Planning application approved with conditions

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

The initial application had been examined, and the Community Council had no objections. Amended plans and updated information had now been submitted to the Planning Department.

The amended 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: 0/53008 **Applicant: Mr Mark Blissitt**

Proposal: Retrospective planning for an agricultural shed

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

Planning application approved with conditions

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

Planning application approved with conditions

PLANNING REFUSAL APPEAL

Site Address:	**Bryn Rodyn, Dolwen Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, LL29 8UU**
Description of Development:	**Change of use of land for the storage of caravans with associated landscaping**
Application Reference:	**0/52387**
Appellant's Name:	**BR Storage**

The Council reviewed the comments they had previously made on the initial planning application and did not see any reason to change their view on this appeal which was :

There was a consensus that the proposed site was out of view however there were concerns regarding the spacing of individual spaces in the planned storage area and any future development and the long-term intention for the site. There is apparently already such a storage area on the site. There will also be an increase in traffic using the road to the site.

The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

11. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk had emailed Audit Wales with a query regarding the alleged lack of information. No reply received to date.

E mail had been received from JDH Business Services that the internal audit will be carried out between April and June 2026. The timescale will be agreed with the Clerk during March 2026.

In respect of the Councillors Induction training (Module 1 and 2) the Clerk at Llanfair T.H would be keen to share a training session. It was agreed that the Clerk contact One Voice Wales to obtain a quote for a group session

12. CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd was not present and had tendered his apology.

The Clerk updated that Councillor Lloyd had planned to accompany the Clerk to identify roads which require refurbishment in the forthcoming financial year. This had not been possible, and Councillor Lloyd will compile a list and forward for consideration to the County Council. A copy will be shared with the Community Council.

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
Following the decision at the last meeting the Clerk had contacted KOMPAN with a request that they supply an amended quote in the region of £15,000. The details are still awaited. It is intended that a grant application would then be made to the Solar Park.

The Clerk had updated Mr David Dudley (Playground Inspector) that the Community Council felt the risk of leasing Betws yn Rhos Playground was considered too substantial and would not be considered.
Mr Dudley had shared the Inspection Reports for both Llanelian and Betws yn Rhos Playground with the Clerk who had forwarded them to the Councillors. There is equipment which requires replacing/repairing including the flooring as highlighted. Mr Dudley has agreed to meet the Clerk early in March at the Betws yn Rhos playground to discuss repairs etc.

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 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. Sadly, to date Clerk has received no responses to numerous e mails and phone calls to the Howell Jones office. The Clerk has liaised with Kylie Wellings of Conwy County Council, and another group had had the same issue with Howell Jones and have moved to Lanyon

Bowdler Solicitors, Conwy who are now carrying out the work on the leasing of another toilet amenity. Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to contact Lanyon Bowdler and obtain a quote for the work and to then engage them and thereafter inform Howell Jones.

It is imperative that this is resolved as soon as possible as the toilets were 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.

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths had 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. The Clerk has written to Cartrefi Conwy requesting that local village residents be considered as tenants in the future.

With regards the poor repair of Minafon House, Betws yn Rhos. where a large piece of the rendering had fallen onto the roadway. The Clerk has written 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
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. The Awel y Mor development is progressing.

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**

Mr Tudur Roberts agreed that he would become a Community Councillor and signed the requisite form.

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 11th April 2026