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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 13th APRIL 2026

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1.WELCOME – The Chair, Councillor Glena Humphrey welcomed all to the meeting. A special welcome back was extended to County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd who had undergone surgery

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

3. APOLOGIES – Councillors Gwawr Thomas and Tudur Roberts

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 March 2026 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor Hefin Williams)

6 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

7 FINANCE

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

Ending 20th March 2026

(1) Community Account = £4,583.89 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = NIL

Money Paid Out

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £300.00 (Grant – Eisteddfod Calan Mai)

= £95.98 (BT invoice WiFi)

= £205.60 (HMRC – Clerk's salary)

TOTAL – £1,214.75

Community Account = £3,369.14 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,119.53 (Brought Forward)

Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = £14.38 (Interest to 5/3/26)

Business Account = £4,133.91 (Carried Forward)

Total = £7,503.05 (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 Clerk reported that they BT Contract for Betws yn Rhos Sports Pavilion was coming to an end and the BT Contract for the Village Hall at Llanelian had a further three years to run. The contract for Betws yn Rhos been renewed for two years at the same cost.
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 a BT invoice for £110.59 had been received. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.
The Clerk reported that an invoice had been received for £65.50 from Aston Hughes for preparation of payroll from 1/1/2026 to 31/3/2026. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.
The Clerk reported that an invoice had been received for £376.00 from One Voice Wales in respect of the group training delivered on the 2/12/20205 jointly with Llanfair T.H. Community council. The Clerk has requested remittance of half the cost - £188.00 from the Clerk at Llanfair T.H Community Council. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.
The Clerk reported that a quote for the renewal of Council insurance had been received form Zurich Insurance. The renewal premium is £264.00. It was agreed that the Policy should be renewed and the payment made.

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.

Sent

1. The Clerk had replied by E mail to Deborah Checkland of Purple Plaques Wales with contact details of the head at Betws yn Rhos primary school and the Reverend at Betws yn Rhos Church.
   The Clerk had suggested that the entrance gate to the Coed Coch Estate may be a suitable location.
2. The Clerk had updated the Sports Association that the monkey tree could be moved to its agreed location near the fence of the Golf Club. He had received an update to confirm that the tree had been replanted at that location. It was agreed that once the tree has established a plaque commemorating the Jubilee Year should be sourced for the tree guard fence.

3. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department

4. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

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9 **GRANTS**

Applications to the Community Council.

1 The agreed grant of £300.00 had been paid to Eisteddfod Calan Mai which is to be held on the 25th April 2026. A letter of thanks had been received.

2 Letter received from Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod requesting a grant for the 2026 Eisteddfod. Following a discussion, it was unanimously decided that a grant payment would not be supported. Then Clerk to inform the Llangollen Eisteddfod committee of the decision.

3 Letter received from Betws yn Rhos Sports Association requesting a grant of £250.00 towards a fun day on the 13th June 2026 in the village. There will be a hog roast, musical entertainment and a bouncy castle amongst other fun items. Following discussion it was agreed that a grant of £250.00 would be paid. The Clerk to inform the Sports Association and forward 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: 0/53261 **Applicant: Mr Elgan Jones**

Proposal: Proposed new slurry lagoon

Location: Bryn Dansi, Bryn Dansi Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NS

The planning application papers were viewed and the matter was discussed. It was noted that this was retrospective planning. There were concerns expressed that this was again retrospective when it would have been clear from the outset prior to any work being commenced that there was need for Planning permission. The queries raised in the document from Natural Resources Wales was viewed and it appears they have concerns regarding the siting of the slurry lagoon. There is also a roadway that has been developed from Y Waun to Bryn Dansi and a new gateway opened onto the road near Sarn. There were queries whether these developments also required planning consideration.

It was agreed that the Slurry Pit was a necessity and there will be no objection to the development provided that all due diligence has been carried out to answer the concerns from Natural Resources Wales. The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

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

Planning application refused by the Planning Department.

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

Planning application approved with conditions.

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

Prior planning approval not required.

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: 0/52910 **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

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**

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk has commenced the work for the internal audit, carried out between April and June 2026, and is currently populating the relevant document for JDH Business Services.
The Balance Sheet for the year ending 31/3/2026 was presented. No issues raised.
The Asset Register was discussed and has been updated. The Chair and the Clerk signed the amended Asset Register.
The Risk Assessment and Management document had been reviewed during the year and signed by the Chair and the Clerk on the 3rd November 2025. It will need reviewing in November 2026.
The Clerk updated that he will have completed the work for the audit by the next meeting on the 11th May 2026 and will discuss the Internal Audit with the Councillors prior to submitting to JDH Business Services.

The Clerk had contacted One Voice Wales to obtain a quote for group training for Module 1 and 2 inductions. The cost is £391 per session for maximum of 20 attendees. The Llanfair TH Community Council have only one or two who require the training and after discussion it was agreed that payment of £40 for individual training for Councillors to join ZOOM training sessions would be more beneficial. The Clerk to circulate training dates to the newly appointed Councillors.

12 CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd updated that he had compile a list of roads which require refurbishment in the forthcoming financial year and forwarded for consideration to the County Council.
Councillor Lloyd had provided a copy for the Clerk which 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 met with David Dudley (Playground Inspector) at Betws yn Rhos Playground on 19th March 2026.

The following work is necessary in the playground

1. Roundabout to be considered for replacement as the current one is aged and not disability friendly. The flooring - particularly the edging - needs to be renovated.

2. The swings to be repainted and new flooring laid underneath.

3. The climbing frame to be repainted.

4. The current goal post to be removed. It will be replaced by two 'board' goalposts.

In respect of new equipment Kompan have provided an updated quote for £30,921.97 for a Tower and a 'spinner' which will be age appropriate.
The cost for a new roundabout will be £14,000 and new flooring under the swings will be £5,00 – this total £49,921.97

Having discussed the project with David Dudley the plan is for the Clerk to submit a grant application to the 'Pride in Place' fund but match funding would provide a stronger case for acceptance. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should submit the grant application for £25,000 with a further application to the Solar Park Community Fund for £24,921.97 which was supported by the Councillors.

The application to the Pride in Place fund will need submitting before 5pm on Friday 17th April 2026.

b. Defibrillators

All defibrillators checked on the 19th March 2026 and in order. The pads in all five defibrillators will require replacing on the 15th June 2026. The Clerk will obtain costings.
Whilst carrying out the checks the Clerk met the new residents of the Holland Arms,Trofarth – Peter and Erica. The premises will not be reopening as a public house and is being renovated as a dwelling. They are happy to retain the defibrillator in the open porch. However, should they need to renovate and close the open porch in the defibrillator will need to be moved to an outside wall. Should this be planned, the Clerk will be informed. The Clerk has updated Tomos Hughes of this development.

The Clerk is still awaiting a response to availability for early evening training sessions from Tomos Hughes.

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.

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.

The Clerk as requested has engaged with Lanyon Bowdler, Solicitors, at Conwy and the fixed price will be £1,950 plus VAT for the work with the lease. The Councillors were happy with this. The Solicitor – Gemma Wynne - has received the necessary documentation from CCBC to transfer the toilets at Llanelian and is working on the documents. The Chair and Clerk have sent the

requisite identification documents to the company. It is hoped that the process will be complete as soon as possible and the toilets will be opened for the summer months.

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 will now contact Mel Elham to provide a quotation in the to repaint the two kiosks in Betws yn Rhos and Dolwen.

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 on Ffordd Galch, Llanelian where several accidents have occurred. No update from ERF.

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.

The Clerk reported that the Notice Board near the shop in Betws yn Rhos had been damaged by a vehicle which had collided with the perspex frontage. This will need repairing. The Clerk will contact David Roberts. Councillor John Evans volunteered to look at the Notice Board initially and report back to the Clerk.

The bench donated by the Roberts family for the Playground at Betws yn Rhos had been damaged and parts removed. The Clerk was requested to obtain costing for a replacement bench. The suggestion was that it should be the heavy-duty bench made from recycled plastic.

14 **ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT**

The precept application for £22,000 with £2,558.25 met form reserves for 2026/2027 had been submitted by 16/1/2026.

The precept application had been approved by Conwy County Council. Payment of £7,334.00 will be made on the 17th April 2026 followed by two other payments on the 14th August 2026 and 11th December 2026.

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**

Fomer long serving County Councillor Ena Wynne will be 100 years old in June 2026. It was agreed that the Community Council should recognise her birthday. Councillors were requested to consider appropriate suggestions which will be discussed and agreed upon at the next meeting on 11th May 2026.

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

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 11th May 2026