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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 PAVILION, BETWS YN RHOS AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 11th MAY 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, Gwawr Thomas, Hefin Williams, Goronwy R. Williams, John Evans, Tudur Roberts, and Hefin Williams, County Councillor Ifor G. LloydClerk Mel Jones

3. APOLOGIES – Councillors D Gwyn Jones, 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 13th April 2026 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths and seconded by Councillor John Evans)

6 MATTERS ARISING

The forthcoming 100th birthday of former County Councillor Ena Wynne was upcoming in June 2026. Following a discussion, it was agreed that a birthday card and a £50.00 bouquet of flowers would be gifted to Mrs Wynne from the Community Council. Councillor Irwedd Griffiths is in contact with Mrs Wynne's son and he will obtain all the necessary details and pass them onto the Clerk.

7 FINANCES

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

Ending 20th April 2026

(1) Community Account = £3,369.14 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £7,334.00 (Precept Payment)

Money Paid Out

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £212.97 (Clerk's salary)

= £66.50 (Invoice Aston Hughes Payroll)

= £376.00 (Invoice One Voice Wales)

= £110.59 (BT invoice WiFi)

= £205.60 (HMRC – Clerk's salary)

TOTAL – £1,371.66

Community Account = £9,332.48 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,133.91 (Brought Forward)

Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = NIL

Business Account = £4,133.91 (Carried Forward)

Total = £13,466.39 (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.

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The Clerk reported that a BT invoice for £110.59 had been received. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.

The Clerk updated that the quote for the renewal of Council insurance from Zurich Insurance for £264.00 was in fact for a precept under £20,000. As the precept was now £22,000 the Clerk had informed Zurich Insurance, and the renewal was in fact now £396.00. It was agreed that this amount be paid.

The renewal for membership of SLCC was due on the 1/6/26 at a cost of £158.00. It was agreed that this should be paid.

The Clerk reported that the pads in all 5 defibrillators were expiring on the 15/6/2026. A quote from Defib Supplies had been received for £810.00 inclusive of VAT. The Clerk had asked Tomos Hughes (Welsh Ambulance) if he could source the pads cheaper, but no response received to date. It was agreed that the pads were a necessity and authorisation was given for up to £810.00 for their purchase.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

1. The Town and Community Council Forum chaired by a County Councillor is scheduled for 6pm on 16/6/2026. The Clerk was asked to raise one question in relation to how the list of roads that required upgrading/repairing are prioritised.
2. Launch of the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge. The pledge was discussed. It was agreed that it was vital that committing the council to high standards of behaviour by completing and signing the pledge has a lasting impact and everyone agreed. The pledge was signed by the Chair and will be e mailed to One Voice Wales who will maintain a register of all Community Councils signed up to the pledge.
3. E mail received from Ian Wreglesworth (Conwy Beekeepers Association) regarding publicising the invasive species called the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet. It was agreed that the information notices would be placed on the website and into the Notice Boards at Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian.

4. 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. 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 Following the letter received from Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod requesting a grant for the 2026 Eisteddfod the Clerk had replied that a grant payment would not be supported.
2 The Clerk had forwarded the grant of £250.00 to Betws yn Rhos Sports Association towards the fun day on the 13th June 2026 in

the village. A letter of thanks had been received with notification that due a clash of dates to the event had been rescheduled to 31st August 2026.

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

Reference: 0/53261 **Applicant: Mr Elgan Jones**

Proposal: Proposed new slurry lagoon

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

Matter being considered by 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: 0/52910 **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. The three-day appeals hearing is scheduled for 9th – 12th June 2026

11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk has commenced the work for the internal audit and is currently populating the relevant documents for JDH Business Services.

The Annual Return document for the year ended 31/3/2026 was discussed. The Accounting Statement for 2025-2026 was agreed. Each point on the Annual Governance Statement was discussed. There was unanimous agreement that the document was accurate The Clerk will now be able to progress with the internal audit submission to JDH Business Services.

The Clerk has circulated training dates for Module 1 and Module 2 to the newly appointed Councillors.

12 CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd had tendered his apologies for the meeting.

13 MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

a. Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian

The Clerk updated that the Grant application for £25,000 had been submitted to the Pride in Place Fund but no update had been received. A further application to the Solar Park Community Fund for £24,921.97 had also been submitted. If the grants are awarded it will cover the full cost of the new equipment and refurbishing the current equipment in the Playground.

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 and agreement made for the cost of £810.

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 has sourced new bedding plants.

e. **Toilet Facility at Llanelian.**

The Clerk updated that Lanyon Bowdler, Solicitors, at Conwy were progressing with the lease with Conwy County Council and some amendments had been made. As the Community Council will be responsible for the repair and maintenance of drainage it was recommended that a Water Search be conducted. The cost was £84.00. Everyone agreed to progress. Once the lease is ready to exchange the Chair and Clerk will be able to sign electronically. It was hoped that this would not be too long in being completed. .

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 need to contact Zurich Insurance for an updated price and 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 has contacted Mel Elham to provide a quotation to repaint the two kiosks in Betws yn Rhos and Dolwen. Details awaited.

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.

In relation to the Notice Board near the shop in Betws yn Rhos which had had been damaged. Councillor John Evans will progress the repair and source perspex replacement.

The Clerk had obtained costing for a replacement bench in the playground. The cost for a heavy-duty bench made from recycled plastic is £385.00 plus VAT. Councillor John Evans will obtain a quote from another supplier to compare.

The following road issues were reported, and the Clerk will inform ERF

- B5381 near Nant yr Efail, Betws yn Rhos. The road defect had not yet been attended to
- The unclassified road leading from Dolwen Road, Betws yn Rhos passed Gwyndy Isaf near the entrance to Ty’n Ffynnon (rear of Heronwater) is in a very poor condition with several potholes.
- The unclassified road leading from Tan y Wal, Dolwen to Dawn passed Fron Uchaf is becoming log jammed with large vehicles trying to travel down the road. It is requested that an assessment be carried out to place an ‘Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles’ sign near Tan y Wal.
- Several houses along Ffordd Abergele, Betws yn Rhos – LL22 8AF postcode area – have placed cones/chain fencing at the entrance to their driveways which causes obstruction on the road as all the passing areas for vehicles are blocked off

14 ANNUAL BUDGET / PRECEPT

The precept application for £22,000 with £2,558.25 met from reserves 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**

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 9.05 p.m.

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 1st June 2026