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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 1st JUNE 2026

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

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

3. APOLOGIES – Councillors Gwenda Davies and Gwawr Thomas

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 11th May 2026 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor Hefin Williams)

6 MATTERS ARISING

Regarding the forthcoming 100th birthday of former County Councillor Ena Wynne in June 2026. Councillor Irwedd Griffiths had been in contact with Mrs Wynne's son, John, and all the necessary details has been passed onto the Clerk. Furthermore, it has been clarified that the birthday is the 29th July 2026.

7 FINANCES

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

Ending 20th May 2026

(1) Community Account = £9,332.48 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £188.00 (Llanfair Community Council share of training costs)

Money Paid Out

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £212.97 (Clerk's salary)

= £250.00 (Grant – Betws Fun Day)

= £252.00 (Invoice Defib pads)

= £109.33 (BT invoice WiFi)

= £158.00 (Invoice SLCC membership)

= £205.60 (HMRC – Clerk's salary)

TOTAL – £1,587.90

Community Account = £7,932.58 (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 = £12,066.49 (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 £109.33 had been received. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.

SLCC membership of £158.00 has been paid.

The Clerk reported that albeit authorisation had been given to purchase pads in all 5 defibrillators which were expiring on the 15/6/2026 for £810.00 inclusive of VAT. The Clerk had found details of the company used by Tomos Hughes (Welsh Ambulance) -Defib Store Ltd – and the same pads had been purchased for a total of £252.00 which had been paid.

Invoice received for £351.60 from JDH Business Services for Internal Audit. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

1. Launch of the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge. The pledge which was signed by the Chair at the last meeting has been e mailed to One Voice Wales who have confirmed receipt

and maintain a register of all Community Councils signed up to the pledge.

2. 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. E mail sent to Ian Wreglesworth (Conwy Beekeepers Association) updating that the Council had agreed to publicising the invasive species called the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet. The information is on the website and will be placed on the Betws yn Rhos notice board once repaired.

2. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department

3. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

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9 **GRANTS**

Applications to the Community Council.

None recieved

Applications by the Community Council

CVSC are now assisting the Community Council to resource suitable grants for various projects within the community.

Pride in Place grant application submitted – detailed under Betws yn Rhos Playground.

10. PLANNING

http://www.conwy.gov.uk/planningexplorer

NEW APPLICATION

Reference 0/52418 and 0/53417 Applicant Mr and Mrs Macbeth

Proposal: Installation of 2no. new windows to (side) south-eastern elevation, creation of 2no family bedroom suites, 2no new ensuites and internal alterations to provide access from landing into new bedroom (Listed Building Consent)

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

The planning documents were viewed and there were no objections to the application

However, the Councillors were cognizant that it is Listed Building consent and felt that the expertise lay with the Planning Department and that they were content to leave the final decision with the Planning Department.

One issue that was mentioned was the name change from the previous business name the Welsh language - Y Ffarm - to FFarm Country House/Ffarm Hall. The village is a Welsh speaking area, and the Clerk was asked to query if an approach could be made made to the proprietors to provide bilingual signage for the property.
The Clerk will update the Planning Department.

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 Annual Return document for the year ended 31/3/2026 was discussed. JDH Business Services had completed the Internal Audit on the 14th May 2026. The completed document was discussed. There was unanimous agreement that the document was accurate and it was agreed that the Council's approval and certification could be signed by the Chair and the Clerk. The document was duly signed.
The internal audit report was reviewed, and the two Action Plans were discussed

1. ***The Chair should be copied into the email from the clerk notifying the annual officer pay rise information to the payroll agent***.

   It was agreed that the Chair will be copied into emails from the Clerk to the payroll agent.

2. ***The council should review general reserves during the budget setting process with reference to sector guidance and ensure adequate levels are maintained from year to year. Whilst general reserves have increased to £6,890 with £2,558 of reserves being used to finance the 2026/27 budget, this leaves a reserve of £4,332 which represents 18% of the budgeted expenditure for 2026/27.***
   Sector guidance is that councils should aim for a general reserve level of between 25% and 100% of the precept or net operating expenditure. The Practitioners Guide also notes this recommended level of reserves

The Council should consider whether funds should be ear-marked for any future expenditure relating to assets that have been transferred such as the public toilets.

The guidance was noted and this will be taken into consideration when the next precept application is submitted in 2027. The Council did have concerns that the precept would be increased to merely use as reserves.
The Council will earmark funds if there is to be any future expenditure relating to assets. None are planned for the forthcoming year.

It was agreed that the Clerk could forward the necessary documents to Audit Wales for completion of the Basic Audit.

The Clerk has circulated training dates for Module 1 and Module 2 to the newly appointed Councillors. The Clerk had requested training dates for Councillors Glenna Humphrey, Gwawr Thomas and Gethin Owen.

12 CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd discussed and shared the Highways Resurfacing Capital Programme for 26/27 and the roads to be resurfaced in the Community Council area were noted. The report clarifies how each application has been prioritised.
One of the planned surface dressing routes is the B5381 to the County Boundary at Moelfre The Clerk was asked to raise a query with Highways as to where does the actual work on the B5381 start from as it is a lengthy road.

13 **MAINTENANCE OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.**

a. **Playground at Betws yn Rhos/Llanelian**

The Clerk updated that in relation to the Grant application for £25,000 submitted to the Pride in Place Fund the following documents had been requested

1. Community Council Standing Orders
2. Details of the match funding grant body – Solar Park Community Fund.

The Clerk had forwarded the information and requested an update as to timescales.

The application to the Solar Park Community Fund for £24,921.97 will only be awarded once the Pride in Place grant is in place.

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 14th June 2026 and in order.
The pads in all five defibrillators which expired on the 15th June 2026 had been replaced. The replacement pads will expire on the 4th April 2028.

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. The Water Search has been conducted and there is no issue with the report. Gemma Wynne (Solicitor) had requested that Conwy Council complete before the end of June.

Updated details had been shared with Zurich Insurance, and the initial quote of £613.90 is likely to be more expensive. (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 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 it was reported that it has been tidied up.

In relation to the Notice Board near the shop in Betws yn Rhos which had had been damaged. Councillor John Evans updated that Perspex replacement was relatively expensive buyt cheaper than a new notice board. He would progress with the repair.

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. The Clerk will obtain quotes from other suppliers to compare for the next meeting.

The following road issues were reported to ERF by the Clerk and updates received as indicated:

- B5381 near Nant yr Efail, Betws yn Rhos. The road defect had not yet been attended to - **No action necessary at this time but will continue to monitor the location as part of routine inspections**
- 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 – **No action necessary at this time but will continue to monitor the location as part of routine inspections**

- 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. – **No update received**
- 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 – **This request is not within the responsibility of the Council as the land is privately owned**.

The following additional issues require reporting to ERF. The Clerk will forward an E mail.

1. The suitability of Groes Road leading from Old Colwyn to Llanelian to cater for long and heavy vehicles. There have been several incidents where such vehicles have been jammed near Fron Farm. Would it be possible to assess the road to establish if signage advising that it was unsuitable for long/heavy vehicles could be erected
2. There is a large tree branch described as dangerously over hanging the unclassified road between Plas yn Betws, Betws yn Rhos LL22 8AU and Pen Y Geulan, Betws yn Rhos. It is growing from the Plas yn Betws side of the road.

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 was 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 8.45 p.m.

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 6th July 2026