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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 6th JULY 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, Gwenda Davies, Gwawr Thomas, 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 – None

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 1st June 2026 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Gwyn Jones and seconded by Councillor John Evans)

6 MATTERS ARISING

Regarding the forthcoming 100th birthday of former County Councillor Ena Wynne on the 29th July 2026 the Clerk will source a card and bouquet of flowers which will be delivered to her son, John Wynne, prior to her birthday. A celebration event was being held at the Community Hall at Llanelian on the 26th July 2026.

7 FINANCES

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

Ending 20th June 2026

(1) Community Account = £7,932.58 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = NONE

Money Paid Out

= £396.00 (Invoice Zurich Insurance)

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £351.60 (Invoice JDH – Local Audit)

= £109.33 (BT invoice Wi-Fi)

TOTAL – £1,470.10

Community Account = £6,462.48 (Carried Forward)

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

Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = £13.25 (Interest to 4/6/26)

Business Account = £4,147.16 (Carried Forward)

Total = £10,609.64(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.

Invoices received as follows:

1. £70.00 from Hilda Gibbs for planting and maintenance of flowerpots in Betws yn Rhos.
2. £383.22 from Audit Wales for accounts audit.
3. £247.62 from CCBC for installing and removing Christmas lights
4. A total of five invoices from One Voice Wales - £44 each totalling £220- in respect of initial training for Councillors
5. £68.11 from Aston Hughes for Payroll services

It was agreed that the invoices could be paid.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

1. 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.

A letter had been received from Mrs Sue Pinney requesting a grant of £4,000 for repairing the boundary wall of St Michael's Church, Betws yn Rhos. It had been clarified that the request was for the Solar Fund and the matter will be progressed by Councillor Gwyn Jones.

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

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

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

The issue that was mentioned at the previous meeting regarding the name change from the business name the Welsh language - Y Ffarm - to FFarm Country House/Ffarm Hall. The Clerk had addressed this with Benjamin Carr the Planning Officer. It is not part of the planning issue, but Mr Carr would suggest using bilingual signs with the proprietors. Councillor Ifor Lloyd will liaise

with Nia Clwyd, Menter Iaith, who would be able to assist the business regarding the use of the Welsh language.

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

No update on the CCBC Planning website

11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk had forwarded the following documents to Audit Wales for completion of the Audit.

1. Basic Audit Information.
2. Annual return, governance statement and Annual Internal Report.

3. Internal Audit report dated 14/5/26 with updated comments.
4. Internal Audit plan.
5. Balance sheet and bank reconciliation.
6. Annual Report.
7. HSBC Bank statements.

All the requested training for Councillors Glenna Humphrey, Gwawr Thomas and Gethin Owen had been completed and Invoices received.
One of the issues covered in the training was the use of personal email addresses. It was agreed that if there was a need for the Councillors to supply an E mail address that they should use the generic email address for the Clerk – clerc@betwsallanelian.org.uk

12 CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd updated on the public consultation which would commence in the next few months in relation to an application from Betws yn Rhos Sports Association for a Dog Control Public Space Protection Order in respect of the recreation ground at Betws yn Rhos.

As requested by Councillor Lloyd the Clerk had raised a query with Highways as to where does the actual work on the B5381 start from as it is a lengthy road. The Highways Department had provided a map which was shared with the Councillors. The work has in fact been completed.

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

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

The Clerk updated the Grant application for £25,000 submitted to the Pride in Place Fund had been approved. The necessary documents will be forwarded to the Clerk
The application to the Solar Park Community Fund for £24,921.97 will now be awarded.

These grants will cover the full cost of the new equipment and refurbishing the current equipment in the Playground.
The Clerk had been in contact with David Dudley CCBC Playground Inspector, and he will assist with the project moving forward. He did advise that there were several such projects now being managed.

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.
Councillor Gwenda Davies requested that new information stickers be sourced for the Defibrillator Cabinets in Betws village as the current ones are faded. The Clerk with progress.

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.

d. Flower beds/Public Benches, Abergele Road.

Hilda Gibbs has planted bedding plants and there have been several very positive comments received by residents.

e. Toilet Facility at Llanelian.

The Clerk updated that Lanyon Bowdler, Solicitors, at Conwy were progressing with the lease with Conwy County Council. Gemma Wynne (Solicitor) had requested that Conwy Council complete before the end of June. However, she had no response from CCBC and she will continue chasing them up.

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.

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 but 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 had obtained further quotes and the price varied from the price to hand to £800.00. It was agreed that this would not be progressed at this current time.

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

- 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. – **Update received form CCBC that they were assessing the issue.**
- 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 – Update received from CCBC that **this request is not within the responsibility of the Council as the land is privately owned**. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Authority as it was believed that part of the Planning

Applications for the dwellings stipulated that there had to be passing spaces provided in the driveways.

The Clerk had updated ERF with the following issues

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. **No update to date.**
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.

   Update received that this was not a matter for CCBC but an issue for the landowner. Councillor Ifor Lloyd suggested that the Clerk write to the CCBC Tree Officer to establish if there was action that could in fact be taken.

The following issues were raised

There are no longer signs to indicate Dolwen village on the road near the entrance to Heronwater (B5381) prior to the river bridge and a further one on the (B5381) near the Mill coming down the hill into the hamlet. It was requested that they should be re-sited.

There are a culvert and pothole on the B5381 near the junction for Hunters Hamlet Caravan Park which has the potential for causing damage to vehicles.

There is a badly repaired trench on the B5381 at the crossroads commonly known as Garnedd Crossroads. It is believed that this may be works carried out by Welsh Water and the repair to the highway is unsatisfactory.

The Clerk will raise the above issues with ERF

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 of April 2026 which will be 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**.

The Clerk reported that the deadline for articles had been missed for the latest edition but a birthday greeting for Mrs Ena Wynne from the Community Council could be in the following edition. The cost of the greeting was £5, and it was agreed that the Clerk should proceed with placing the greeting in the newspaper.

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: 7th September 2026