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BETWS YN RHOS AND LLANELIAN YN RHOS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, LLANELIAN AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 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, D Gwyn Jones, Gethin Owen, County Councillor Ifor G. Lloyd and Hefin Williams, County Councillor Ifor G. LloydClerk Mel Jones

Observer – Mr John Wynne

3. APOLOGIES – Councillor 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 6th July 2026 were read. The minutes were approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Goronwy Williams and seconded by Councillor John Evans)

6 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

7 FINANCES

The monthly Financial Statements were produced for the periods ending 20th July 2026 and 20th August 2026.

Ending 20th July 2026

(1) Community Account = £6.462.48 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £339.20 (VAT refund)

Money Paid Out

= £205.80 (HMRC Clerk Salary)

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £65.50 (Invoice Aston Hughes Payroll)

= £70.00 (Invoice Hilda Gibbs gardens)

= £247.62 (Invoice CCBC – Xmas lights)

= £44.00 (One Voice Wales -Training)

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= £383.22 (Invoice Audit Wales)

= £44.00 (One Voice Wales -Training)

= £109.33 (Invoice BT WiFi)

= £205.80 (HMRC Clerk Salary)

TOTAL –

£2,120.44 - Paid Out

£339.20 - Paid in

Community Account = £4,681.24 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,147.16 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = NIL

Business Account = £4,147.16 (Carried Forward)

Total = £8,828.40 (Carried Forward)

Ending 20th August 2026

(1) Community Account = £4,681.24 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £7,333.00 (CCBC – Precept)

Money Paid Out

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £5.00 (Invoice Y Gadlas -Article)

= £18.27 (Invoice Aston Hughes – deficit)

= £44.00 (One Voice Wales -Training)

= £50.00 (Clerk -flowers Ena Wynne)

= £207.00 (One Voice Wales – Annual Subscription)

= £109.33 (Invoice BT WiFi)

= £205.80 (HMRC Clerk Salary)

TOTAL –

£1,252.57 - Paid Out

£7,333.00 - Paid in

Community Account = £10,761.67 (Carried Forward)

(2) Business Account = £4,147.16 (Brought Forward)
Money Paid Out = NIL

Money Received = NIL

Business Account = £4,147.16 (Carried Forward)

Total = £14,908.83 (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.

The Invoices below which had been paid during the recess period were authorised.

1. £18.27 - Aston Hughes deficit in standing order
2. £50.00 – Reimbursement for the Clerk for flowers purchased for Ena Wynne's 100 birthday
3. £44.00 – One Voice Wales -training session for Glena Humphrey
4. £5.00 – Y Gadlas – birthday wishes Ena Wynne
5. £207.00 One Voice Wales – Annual Subscription

The Clerk reported that information had been received on the 24th August 2026 from the National Association of Local Councils regarding the 2026 – 2027 National Salary awards. A copy had been forwarded to the Chair as per the recommendation by the Auditor.
The new pay scale for the Clerk – SCP 17- to be backdated to the 1st April 2026 is increased from £16.08 per hour to £16.61 per hour.

It was unanimously agreed to implement the pay award and that it will be backdated to the 1st April 2026.
The Clerk will inform Astin Hughes the Payroll agent and ensure that the E mails are copied to the Chair as per the Auditors recommendation.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Received

1. Card received from Mrs Ena Wynne and family thanking the Community Council for the 100th birthday card and bouquet of flowers.
2. E mail received from Purple Plaques Association inviting members to the unveiling of the Purple Plaque for Mary Lloyd Wynne on Thursday 24 September at 12noon.at St Michael's Church, Betws-yn-Rhos. Councilors Ifor Lloyd, John Evans, Goronwy Williams and the Clerk will attend.
3. E mail received from the Sports Association regarding the Public Consultation for the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2026. They were concerned that members of the public were bringing dogs to the bowling green and the sports pitch. The Sports Association were asking for support from the Community Council to ensure that rules were in place to prevent this happening. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Gwenda Davies that the Community Council should support the Sports Association. This was seconded by Councillor Irwedd Griffiths. The Councillors unanimously voted in favour. The Clerk to write to ERF with the Council decision.

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.

9 **GRANTS**

Applications to the Community Council.

1. Letter received from Mrs Ann Vaughan requesting the annual grant of £500.00 to Trofarth Cemetery for grass cutting throughout the year. It was unanimously agreed to award the grant. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Sue Pinney to arrange payment.
2. E mail received from Marie Wood, Cerebral Palsy Cymru requesting a donation towards their work during 2026 – 2027 in providing vital therapy and specialist care to children across Wales. Following discussion, it was decided that a donation could not be made at this time as the precept had been settled and finances had been allocated. The Clerk was requested to write to the Organisation requesting that they apply for assistance at the beginning of the year and the matter could be discussed and if the Council were minded supporting a donation it could be included in the precept.
3. The Clerk update that the planned Fun Day at Betws yn Rhos had been cancelled due to the flooding of the Sports Pavillion. A grant of £250.00 had been awarded and due to the cancellation, this will now be repaid to the Community Council.
4. Councillor Gwyn Jones updated that the Solar Park Fund had authorised a grant for £4,000 for repairing the boundary wall of St Michael's Church, Betws yn Rhos.

Applications by the Community Council

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

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

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/53589 **Applicant: Mr J Fetherstonhaugh**

Proposal: Erection of Ancillary Timber Glamping Buildings, use of l and for complimentary camping and associated works.

Location: Bryn Neuadd, Hapus Yurt, Croes Engan Road, Trofarth, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8BT

The planning application documents were examined.

It was noted that the response from neighbours were vehemently opposed to the application.

However, the Councillors felt that they could not make an informed decision as they felt that the application lacked sufficient details regarding the extent of the development and what it would mean for the access to the site on what are narrow country lanes.

The Clerk to request that the Planning Department obtain detailed plans so that the Councillors can properly review the application with the requisite details.

NEW APPLICATION

Reference: 0/53579 Applicant: J D P Williams & CO

Proposal: Retrospective application for proposed stables and associated buildings to support an 8 Stable Full Livery Yard

Location: Bryn Elian Farm, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NR

The planning application documents were examined
There was concern expressed by the Councillors that this was a retrospective planning permission and in essence the project has been completed prior to any planning application or authority being granted.

This would seem to be an increasing trend, and the Councillors were requesting that a review of such applications be carried out and that perhaps an increase in the cost of retrospective applications should be considered to try and prevent this happening.

However, the Councillors did not object to the application and are happy to leave the decision to the Planning Authority**.**

The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

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

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**

THE APPEAL HAS BEEN DISMISSED

11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk has forwarded the requisite documents to Audit Wales for completion of the Audit. No update received

12 CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd updated regarding various County Council matters.

Councillor Lloyd requested that any blocked culverts which may well become apparent following the lengthy dry spell should be reported immediately to CCBC or to himself.

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 has liaised with David Dudley CCBC Playground Inspector who will now source three estimates for the work. It will be then for the Community Council to choose the supplier. This will be progressed as soon as possible

On the 23rd July 2026 Councillor Glena Humphrey had met the local MP Claire Hughes at the Playground and updated the MP on the plans and other issues affecting the Community.

It was agreed that the Clerk would advise the PTA of Betws yn Rhos School that the grant application had been successful.

b. **Defibrillators**

All defibrillators checked on 14th June 2026 and in order.
Regarding the request by Councillor Gwenda Davies that new information stickers be sourced for the Defibrillator Cabinets the Clerk had e mailed Tomos Hughes on the 4th August 2026 requesting information on suppliers. There had been no reply. The Clerk to approach Humpherys Signs for a quotation.
The Clerk updated that information had been received from 'The Circuit' that on 25th August 2026 Wales Ambulance had advised a caller about the defibrillator at the Village Hall, Betws yn Rhos. The Clerk had checked the defibrillator on the 27th August 2026. It had obviously been removed and replaced in the cabinet but had not been utilised. The defibrillator was now back online.

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. The Clerk and Gemma Wynne are constantly requesting updates, but the matter is not progressing. The Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction about the delay by CCBC. The Clerk will ask Gemma Wynne to contact the Legal Department at CCBC again.

It was apparent that CCBC had refurbished several public toilets prior to handing over to local Community Councils. Gemma Wynne had written to CCBC requesting that the toilet block – particularly the roof light, guttering and fascias – be refurbished. A reply is awaited.

Gemma Wynne had advised that fitting time locks and solar panels would be allowed in the lease conditions and that it would have to be agreed with CCBC before the work was commenced.

Councillor Gwyn Jones had sourced an estimate from Strobe Security Solutions, Old Colwyn for fitting power supply unit, back up battery, maglock, keypad for out of hours entry, break glass exit button, time lock, fuse spur and door closer on the toilet doors. The estimate was £982 plus VAT for each doorway.
Once the lease is completed a decision will need to be made as to how many of the three doors will be utilised.

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. Mel Elham had been reminded that the quote was awaited. 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.

Update received on 4th August 2026 from ERF that the matter had been forwarded to the relevant department for action

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

- The unclassified road leading from Ty'n 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 Ty'n y Wal.

  Update received 7th August 2026 from CCBC that vegetation clearance work is to be carried out and once completed a further review would be carried out whether the installation of 'Unsuitable for HGV' signage would be appropriate, It was pointed out that such signs are only advisory and do not legally prohibit access. The Clerk to request that once the vegetation had been cleared a site visit with one of the Councillors could be arranged.

- 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 had written to the Planning Authority on 7th July 2026 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. No reply received to date.

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 Clerk had written to the Tree Officer as requested. A reply was received on 4th August 2026 explaining that the highway inspector would be satisfied that the branch was not an objective danger to the highway and clears the highway by the required 5.2metres. No further action to 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.

Update received on 21st August 2026 from ERF that an officer will visit the site when next in the area to make a full assessment of the situation.

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.

Update received on 5th August 2026 from ERF that the matter had been forwarded to the relevant department for action

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 had received a call from ERF to say that the matter would be investigated.

Councillor Irwedd Griffiths highlighted There have been two recent road traffic collisions at Garnedd Crossroads on the B5381.

The Clerk to contact ERF to request that due to the poor visibility at the give way junctions of the crossroads that a mirror be installed which road users could utilise to afford safe entry onto the B5381

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 was made on the 17th of April 2026 and the 14th August 2026 with one payment on 11th December 2026 to be received.

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 birthday greeting for Mrs Ena Wynne from the Community Council was in the latest edition.

17 **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 5th OCTOBER 2026