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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 5th OCTOBER 2026

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

2. PRESENT – Councillors Glena Humphrey, Irwedd Griffiths, Tudur Roberts, Gwenda Davies, , Goronwy R. Williams, , 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 – Councillors Hefin Williams, Gwawr Thomas, and John Evans

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 7th September 2026 were read. Councillor Gwyn Jones explained that the Grant awarded to St Michael's Church was in fact £4.050 and not £4,000 as stated in the minutes. The £4,050 was the sum on the Invoice albeit the request was for £4,000. The minutes will be amended accordingly.

The minutes were thereafter approved and signed. (Proposed by Councillor Gwyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Goronwy Williams)

6 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

7 FINANCES

The monthly Financial Statement was produced for the period ending 20th September 2026.

Ending 20th September 2026

(1) Community Account = £10,761.67 (Brought Forward)

Money Received = £250.00 (Grant repayment)

Money Paid Out

= £400.00 (Clerk's salary)

= £213.17 (Clerk's salary)

= £500.00 (Grant Trofarth Cemetry)

TOTAL –

£1,113,17 - Paid Out

£250.00 - Paid in

Community Account = £9,898.50 (Carried Forward)

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

Money Received = £13.23 (Interest to 3/9/26)

Business Account = £4,160.39 (Carried Forward)

Total = £14,058.89 (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 a BT invoice for £109.33 had been received. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.

The Clerk reported that an Invoice had been received from Cradur.com for £170.00 for the management of the Council website. It was agreed that the invoice could be paid.

The Clerk reported that Mr Ken Baker, Royal British Legion, had been in contact regarding the Wreaths for the two Remembrance Services on the 8th November 2026 at Betws and Llanelian. It was agreed that two wreaths be purchased at a total cost of £54.00. A cheque for that amount was raised.

The Clerk updated that all the information regarding the national salary award had been forwarded to Aston Hughes who will arrange for the recommendations to be implemented.

The Clerk updated that the planned Fun Day at Betws yn Rhos was cancelled due to the flooding of the Sports Pavilion. The Sports Association had reimbursed the £250.00 grant that was awarded to them. The grant of £500.00 to Trofarth Cemetery had been paid.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Received

1. Invitation received from the Chair of Conwy County Council – Trystan Lewis – to the Chairman's Civic Sunday Service at Llannefydd Church on Sunday 18th October 2026 at 2.p.m. Unfortunately, there was nobody available to attend and the Clerk will reply accordingly and wishing the Chair a successful day.
2. E mail received from Mona Offshore Wind Project who expressed a desire to speak with the Councillors. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend the meeting tonight. It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with the representatives and report back to the Community Council.
3. E mail received from Purple Plaques Association expressing their thanks to the Community Council for their assistance in the unveiling of the Purple Plaque for Mary Lloyd Wynne on Thursday 24 September at 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Betws-yn-Rhos. Councilors Ifor Lloyd, Goronwy Williams and the Clerk had attended the ceremony.
4. 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.
5. E mail received from Anna Openshaw the Clerk of Llysafen Community Council with notification of signage being erected by Kingdom Sanctuary Limited in an attempt it seems to claim or represent that land was under their control. There had been no such incidents within the Community. The Clerk to update to Anna Openshaw.
6. The Clerk reported that One Voice Wales had circulated updated models of Standing Orders. The document was examined and with minor amendment of time allowed to address the Community Council set at 15 minutes it was agreed that they would be

adopted, The Clerk to personalise the document for the next meeting when the Standing Orders will be formally accepted.

7. 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 forwarded an e mail to ERF stating that the Community Council support the view of the Betws yn Rhos Sports Association in relation to prohibiting access for dogs under the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2026.
2. Responses and enquiries to CCBC's Planning Department
3. Letters and emails received requiring forwarding to Councillors.

9 GRANTS

Applications to the Community Council.

1. The annual grant of £500.00 to Trofarth Cemetery for grass cutting throughout the year had been paid.
2. The Clerk updated that the planned Fun Day at Betws yn Rhos was cancelled due to the flooding of the Sports Pavilion. The Sports Association had reimbursed the £250.00 grant that was awarded to them.
3. E mail had been sent to Marie Wood, Cerebral Palsy Cymru stating that a donation could not be made at this time as the precept had been settled and finances had been allocated. The were requested to 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.
4. E mail received from Llio Cynfal, Urdd Gobaith Cymru (Conwy Branch) requesting a financial contribution to support their work with children and young people across Conwy. 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.

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: 0/53671 **Applicant: Mr Elgan Jones**

Proposal: Proposed feed, hay and machinery store

Location: Waen, Waen Road, Dolwen, Betws Yn Rhos, LL22 8NY

The documentation was reviewed.

It was noted that the response from the Ramblers Association had concerns regarding the development interfering with a recognised path.

The Councillors had no objection to the application but considered that a condition should be that there is provision for the recognised path to be diverted appropriately and not obstructed without an alternative route.

The Clerk to update the Planning Department.

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

Following discussion at the last meeting the Clerk had requested that the Planning Department obtain detailed plans so that the Councillors can properly review the application with the requisite details. There had been no response from the Planning Department to this request.

Matter being considered by the Planning Department

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

Approved with conditions

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

Approved with conditions

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

The Clerk updated that the appeal submitted following the refusal of planning at Bryn Ffanigl Ganol, Betws yn Rhos had also been refused.

11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS.

The Clerk updated that the Audit Wales report had been received after completion of the Audit.
Based on the audit no matters give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Wales Audit highlighted the apparent lack of a Training Plan. There is in fact a Training Plan which is due for review in January 2027. The plan lists all the training carried out. The Clerk will update Audit Wales with a copy of the Training Plan.

It was noted that the minutes for the March 2026 meeting were approved in April 2026 but have not been published. The April 2026 minutes are now posted on the website.

Audit Wales recommended that the Council reviews its outturn against its budget on a minimum of a quarterly basis.
It was agreed that the Community Council will review this at every Council meeting during the Finance update.

It was agreed that the Notice advertising the completion of the audit should be placed on the website and the notice boards.

The Clerk reported that a return had been sent to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – copied to Audit Wales – declaring that the Councillors had declined any payments for their role.

12 CONWY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS - COUNCILLOR IFOR LLOYD.

Councillor Lloyd updated regarding various County Council matters.

The issue regarding the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2026 will be decided by the CCBC Cabinet in December 2026.

The planned roadshows by Rhun ap Gareth the Chief Executive of CCBC had been delayed due to ill health. There will be posters advertising the roadshows once they are resumed.

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

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

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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.

The Clerk would advise the PTA of Betws yn Rhos School that the grant application had been successful. A reply had been received thanking the Community Council for their efforts.

It was requested that the Clerk write to the Headteacher of Betws School to obtain photographs of the mural and outside classroom so that they can be forwarded to the Solar Park Fund who had provided the grant for the completion of the work.

b. **Defibrillators**

All defibrillators checked on 16th September 2026 and in order. The Clerk had received a reply from Humpherys Signs with details of the defibrillators signage available. This was shared and is not suitable. Councillor Gwenda Davies reported that they should have the signs in their library. The Clerk will make a further request.

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. There will be spring flowers planted.

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) is constantly requesting updates. CCBC have shared documentation but to date not the lease.
The Clerk shared the following information re costing of utilities

1. Electric – January 2026 - £42.52, February 2026 - £38.39, March 2026 - £42.50, April 2026 - £39.46. Most of the cost is in fact Standing Charges.
2. Water – 29/4/2025 – 13/10/2025 - £127.39 – Approximately £256 annually.
3. Confirmed that there is no business rates payable
4. There is no asbestos within the building

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 had been received which stated that they had assessed the toilet blocks which needed refurbishment and 11 public conveniences across the county had been refurbished. There is no further budget available.

Gemma Wynne will chase the lease document.

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. **No update.**
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. eNo further update.

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 had

requested that once the vegetation had been cleared a site visit with one of the Councillors could be arranged. No further update.

- 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 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.**

- 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. No update to date.

- 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. No further update

- There have been two recent road traffic collisions at Garnedd Crossroads on the B5381.

  The Clerk had contacted 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.

  ERF had reported that they did not consider this an issue and a mirror will not be installed.

- Councillor Irwedd Griffiths raised an issue regarding overgrown hedging/trees affecting the passing traffic on Ffordd Galch - unclassified road between Llanelian and the B5113 - near Dolgraian Cottage.

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

Notification had been received that the documents for the precept for 2027/2028 need to be submitted by the 15th January 2027. It was agreed that a preliminary budget be discussed at the next meeting in November – there is no meeting in December - so that the completed precept application can be agreed at the January 2027 meeting.

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.

The Clerk is to meet with the Mona Offshore Project and will report back to the full Council meeting.

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 articles for submission.

17 **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

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

CHAIR…… Glena Humphrey

CLERK…… Mel Jones

DATE: 2nd NOVEMBER 2026