

**BARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL – CYNGOR TREF ABERMAW**  
**Council Offices / Swyddfa'r Cyngor**  
**Dragon Theatre / Theatr y Ddraig**  
**Barmouth / Abermaw**  
**Gwynedd LL42**

**Minutes of a meeting of Barmouth Town Council held at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 2021, Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre**

Present: Councillor R. Triggs, Councillor T. Roberts, Councillor K. Price, Councillor P. Hill, Councillor D. Roberts, Councillor A. Hills, Councillor F. Atkins.

In attendance: Councillor G. Williams (GC)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor O. Pritchard. Councillor M. James, Councillor M. Harris, Councillor D. Williams, Councillor R. Williams, Councillor J. Brooks.

**2. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None.

**3. MINUTES**

None received.

**4. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT LISTED  
IN THE AGENDA**

None received.

**5. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- 5.1 Barmouth Viaduct: met with representatives of Network Rail for an update of this Autumn/Winter works schedule. Currently on schedule to complete this phase of work during the published closure dates.
- 5.2 Dragon Theatre AGM: 3 Directors resigned, 3 new Directors appointed to make a Board of 5 Directors. Theatre starting to get bookings again for community room use and small events. Lighting project is scheduled for Autumn. Hosted a successful outdoor theatre event in August – Dr Doolittle with Illyria Theatre Co.
- 5.3 Please note the new email address for the Clerk:  
clerk@barmouthtowncouncil.gov.uk.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Application Ref: C21/0853/00/DT - Pen Y Lan, Llanaber, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1RR

*Erection of a single storey extension to the rear, demolish existing timber decking and erection of a new decking terrace with storage below*  
NO OBJECTIONS.

- 6.2 App Ref: C21/0674/00/DT - Hillcroft, Llanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1YP  
*Erection of two storey extension, enlargement of rear lean to, re-modelling of dormers, raising of terrace level, new side porch*  
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 6.3 App Ref: C21/0672/00/TC - Caerddaniel Caravan Park, Abermaw, LL42 1RR  
*Certificate of Lawful Use for a camp site / park*  
NO OBJECTIONS
- 6.4 New Premises Licence Application - No6 Porkington Terrace, Barmouth LL42 1LX  
NO OBJECTIONS

## **7. FINANCE**

- 7.1 To receive a report from the Finance Sub Committee  
There was no meeting held
- 7.2 To receive monthly finance management reports.  
None received.
- 7.3 To approve payment of accounts:  
7.3.1 Ash Woodwork - £75.00  
7.3.2 Clerk's Salary (May to September inclusive) - £1125.00  
7.3.3 Insurance - £335.00  
Councillors agreed all payments
- 7.4 To receive any requests for Financial Support  
7.4.1 Dragon Theatre – lighting project £7500.00. Approved.

## **8. GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

- 8.1 Ysgol y Traeth: Sian Humphreys is acting Head Teacher, Jemma Stevens is Acting Deputy Head Teacher. School Crossing Patrol role filled.
- 8.2 Cambrian Court Bins: no bins to be placed at the location at this time.
- 8.3 Sex Shop Licensing Policy: policy due to be presented to full Gwynedd Council in October.

- 8.4 Public Toilets: no update.
- 8.5 Jubilee Road: to be resurfaced in November 2021, after the Community Bonfire event.
- 8.6 Glandwr Temporary Traffic Lights: tender for the repair work to the highway to go out soon, waiting for a further update.
- 8.7 Levelling-up Fund: Gwynedd Council have put a bid in for three communities (Bala, Bangor and Barmouth) to receive funding. Projects in Barmouth are prom sea defence, town centre upgrade including toilets and Viaduct access walkway.
- 8.8 Friends of Memorial Park: committee has dissolved. Request to ask for support on Facebook, collect names/email addresses to pass to Craig Papyrnik to be able to reform a committee.
- 8.9 Request made by Councillors present to conduct a speed survey on King Edward Street. Second request made to renew the white lines on the highways in Barmouth as many are faded/worn.

## **9. NOTICE OF AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

- 9.1 One Voice Wales; covered the second/holiday/empty home issues. Invite Mabon ap Gwynfor to attend before the October or November Town Council meeting.
- 9.2 Dragon Theatre : covered in Chairman's report (item 5.2).

## **10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/LETTERS RECEIVED**

- 10.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Noted.
- 10.2 Barmouth Bonfire, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Event approved.
- 10.3 Barmouth Morris Dancers. Noted.
- 10.4 Road closure notice; South Avenue, Barmouth, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Noted.
- 10.5 Tour of Britain cycle event, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Noted.
- 10.6 Barmouth Motocross, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Event approved.
- 10.7 Ged Edwards; electric car charging points. Noted.
- 10.8 Personal Watercraft DFT consultation. Noted.
- 10.9 Gwynedd Council - Footpath maintenance schedule. Noted.

*19:55 – Councillor Adam Hills left the meeting.*

## **11 ASTRO**

11.1 Ysgol y Traeth: gate to be locked as users are walking through school grounds. Propose that a staff member from Ysgol y Traeth opens the gate at the start of the school day. Cllr Adam Hills or Alex Hill to lock the gate at dusk. This ensures the space is available during daylight hours. Councillor Phil Hill to co-ordinate/liaise.

11.2 Memorial Park: discussed in Gwynedd Councillor's report (item 8.8).

## **12. PONTOON**

Waiting for a meeting between Cllr R. Triggs, Cllr G. Williams, Barry Davies and Arthur Jones. Information requested to include the existing lease, grant funding details and assessment by contractor (Solent Marine). Costing required to rectify any existing issues and secure the future of the pontoon.

## **13. LEVELLING UP FUND**

Discussed in Gwynedd Councillor's report (item 8.7).

## **14. CCTV**

Issues with the wifi system. Defer to CCTV group. Cllr P. Hill to schedule a meeting to discuss.

## **15. MARINE PARADE GARDENS & CENOTAPH GARDENS**

15.1 Request to ask Gary Coates to add Marine Parade Gardens and the Cenotaph gardens to the monthly schedule. Cllr P. Hill to speak to Gary. If Gary not able to add to schedule, find alternative contractor for those two areas to be maintained.

15.2 Signage design ready for the Cenotaph Garden information board. Cllr K. Price to send final version to Cllr J. Brooks for the sign to be made.

## **16. DRAGON THEATRE**

Discussed in Chairman's Report (item 5.2).

## **17. BEACH WILD CAMPING**

Need to check confirmation of the legality of wild camping on the beach. Write to Bryn Pritchard, copying to Barry Davies, to confirm. Action required against those who do wild camp if found to be illegal. Excessive litter/waste is being left behind.

## **18. AUDITOR ACTIONS**

18.1 Councillor's allowance – noted.

18.2 Reserves – noted.

18.3 Clerk's contract of employment – noted.

18.4 Financial regulations and standing orders – noted.

All items to be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

**19. CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2021**

Unsure as to how the community Christmas event will take place. Agreed to purchase the gifts for the children to either use at a Santa's grotto or distribute through school, as 2020. Santa has been provisionally booked for the date of Late Night Shopping (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021); full event details to be confirmed.

**20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

20.1 Website: temporarily off line due to upgrade needed. Any improvements, amendments or suggestions to be sent to Cllr O. Pritchard please before Friday 15th October 2021.

20.2 Allotments: Cllr R Triggs to write to the Network Rail Community Representative requesting the use of land for Community Allotments. Exact location to be discussed if the project is feasible.

20.3 Risk assessment: Draft RA received from Alison (Dragon Theatre). Cllr K. Price will send the BTC RA (indoor meetings during COVID) to Alison.

20.4 Rail replacement service issues: it was noted that there have been numerous issues with timetabling and location of drop off/pick up of the rail replacement bus service. Both Network Rail and Transport for Wales are aware of the issues. Complaints to be sent to Hannah McCarthy (NR) or Lowri Joyce (TFW).

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7pm, Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre.**

Signed



..... Chairman