

**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 on zoom due to COVID19  
restrictions at 7.00p.m. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Present: Councillor K. Price. Councillor T. Triggs. Councillor P. Hill. Councillor T. Roberts. Councillor M. Harris. Councillor M. James. Councillor D. Roberts. Councillor J. Brooks. Councillor F. Atkins. Councillor R. Williams. Councillor D. Williams. Councillor A. Hills.

In attendance: Sue Phillips (Clerk)  
Councillor G. Williams (GC)  
Heather Brown

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor O. Pritchard

**11. COUNCIL TAX INCREASE SECOND/HOLIDAY HOMES**

Presentation by Heather Brown

Moved to allow Heather Brown to give presentation for discussion by Councillors.

11.1 One third of Councillors across Community/Parish councils declared an interest so couldn't take part in discussions.

11.2 It was felt that this was a rushed policy – need to build on tourism

11.3 All the councillors thanked Heather for an unbiased and easy to understand presentation

11.4 All councillors approved the presentation and payment for the work carried out by Heather Brown.

11.5 Will need to be translated into welsh and then will be sent out to all Community/Parish council once cabinet ministers have received a copy

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

2.1 Councillor M. Harris – item 7.3.4

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - approved

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

- 4.1 Item 4.2 on the minutes – Gwynedd Council Public Toilets – no letter received – Councillor G. Williams will speak to Steffan Jones
- 4.2 Item 9.3 on minutes – Snowdonia Aerospace Danger Zone  
Councillor k. price completed the survey
- 4.3 Item 9.4 on the minutes – Cenotaph – meaning of plants information – waiting for translation from Kew Gardens.
- 4.4 Item 9.5 on the minutes – tennis courts – funds no longer available

## **5. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- 5.1 Chairman Councillor K. Price thanked staff at surgery and Councillor G. Williams after convincing health board to pay for vaccination clinics. Suggestion made that a gazebo or similar shelter could be erected for patients waiting outside in the cold and wet weather.

## **6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 **C20/1081/LL**  
Location - Old Lifeboat Station site, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1NF  
Proposal - Redevelopment of Old Lifeboat Station to provide 1 holiday let unit and retaining existing boathouse and slipway  
NO OBJECTIONS
- 6.2 **C21/0039/00/LL**  
Not on agenda  
Location - 2 Marine Parade, Barmouth, LL42 1AA  
Proposal - Conversion of existing building from 2 residential maisonettes to 4 residential flats  
NO OBJECTIONS

## **7. FINANCE**

- 7.1 To receive a report from the Finance Sub Committee
  - 7.1.1 Finance reports – Queries regarding entries on parking premium – will review and correct if needed. Other reports recommend accepting – Councillors accepted reports
  - 7.1.2 Invoices – What’s on Barmouth annual advertisements  
Recommend payment of this invoice
  - 7.1.3 Gwynedd Council Consultation Empty/Second homes council tax increase - 2 aspects – is it the right time – Councillor K. Price has written a letter on behalf of BTC – all councillors approved. Spoke to Heather Brown will write a full report on the situation with empty/second homes in Barmouth. Agenda January 2021 council meeting

- 7.1.4 VAT return – will update at January council meeting  
Vat return completed
- 7.1.5 Signs that need updating/painting – 8 signs need doing – photos sent to councillors – councillor d. Williams has received 2 quotes  
Councillors agreed with his recommendation  
Councillor d. Williams will take the lead on the project
- 7.1.6 Radio Ysbty Gwynedd  
Not recommended by Councillors
- 7.1.7 Shelter Promenade – Agenda January 2021

7.2 To receive monthly finance management reports.

7.2.1 Queries regarding entries on parking premium report – will review and correct if needed. Other reports recommend accepting.

7.3 To approve payment of accounts:

7.3.1 Clerks Salary December 2020 - £225.00

7.3.2 Invoice Jones and Jones Annual footpath clearance – £1536.00

7.3.3 Evergreen Monthly Maintenance November - £500

7.3.4 What's on Barmouth Annual Advertising - £200

Not on agenda

7.3.5 Myn y Mor Room Hire - £110

Councillors agreed all payments

7.4 To receive any requests for Financial Support

7.4.1 Dawns i Bawb - councillors don't recommend at this time

7.4.2 Urdd National Eistedfodd – noted wait for next letter

## **8. GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

8.1 Parking Tickets – Gwynedd Council have agreed to refund tickets given to cars parked on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 where the cones had been previously

8.2 Recent flooding - reporting to flood group – will be have a walk round this week.

8.3 Glandwr Traffic Lights – crack on highway is about 2ft wide – drawing up other plans.



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

- 9.1 Dragon Theatre meeting with Councillor G. Williams  
Two staff still on furlough – Allison is on sick leave  
flooding under control – still planning to revamp the kitchen. Under COV-19 regulations the Theatre can only seat 40 people. They have been given a large grant but haven't been able to use it – hoping there will be some flexibility  
Dragon Theatre is still looking for directors/members  
There are slates missing from the roof – will notify Alan Vincent
- 9.2 One Voice Wales – meeting on line next week – National Trust will be giving a presentation

**10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/LETTERS RECEIVED**

- 10.1 Lark Davies Residential Parking Scheme – refer to Gwynedd Council and Parking sub group
- 10.2 HM Land Registry Survey of Community and Town Councils in Wales  
Councillor K. Price looked at it
- 10.3 Nefyn Council re Council Tax Second Homes - noted
- 10.4 Maker Centre and Repair Cafe – Councillor P. Hill will find more information

**11 COUNCIL TAX INCREASE SECOND/HOLIDAY HOMES**

- 11.1 Heather Brown presentation moved to enable Councillors to discuss

**12. SHELTER – PROMENADE**

- 12.1 Owner of the shelter wants it left alone until Network Rail finish all their work – remove from future agendas

**13. REFURBISHMENT OF SIGNS**

- 13.1 see under finance

**14. EVENTS 2021/2022**

- 14.1 Hugh Edwin Jones has said no new events will be approved before the end of march 2021 – they will notify Barmouth Town Council of any requests for new events
- 14.2 10k Run – still in the diary
- 14.3 Tribal Clash 2022 – council support still there in principle. Respond to Barry Davies and copy Andrew Barker


14.4 Bonfire/Fireworks – still provisionally booked but fundraising difficult at present. Barmouth Town Council still support the event

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

15.1 Electric Car Points – 8 in GC budget – Councillor G. Williams will check details. Network rail has offered land by football pitch to football club – could charge points go there

15.2 Chemist – Pharmacist on sick leave – locum will be in place for 8 weeks

Date of next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Signed .....  ..... Chairman