

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

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**Minutes of a meeting of Barmouth Town Council held at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 16th
January 2022, Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre**

Present: Councillor T. Roberts, Councillor K. Price, Councillor P. Hill, Councillor M. Harris, Councillor R. Williams, Councillor D. Roberts, Councillor D. Williams, Councillor M. James, Councillor O. Pritchard.

In attendance: Councillor G. Williams (GC).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor R. Triggs, Councillor A. Hills, Councillor F. Atkins, Councillor J. Brooks

2. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL, PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

2.1 Cllr. Matthew Harris (7.3.7)

2.2 Cllr. Damien Williams (7.4.1)

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2021

Approved by Cllr. O. Pritchard, seconded by Cllr. R. Williams.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER MINUTES NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA REPORT

Nothing to report.

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT

5.1 Santa Stroll: attended, the weather was fantastic and well attended. Monies were raised for the Barmouth Guiding Units (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides). Thank you to Barmouth Running Club for the support on the afternoon.

5.2 Attended a meeting with Mabon ap Gwynfor. Some good discussions and we felt that he left the meeting with a better understanding of Barmouth. Meeting notes have been circulated.

- 5.3 The Action Tracker and new item, Clerk's Report, will be a standing Agenda item from the February meeting.

6. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING/LICENCE APPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Planning Application: C22/0019/00/LL: Orange Communications Mast, Royal Hotel, King Edward Street, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1AD

Proposal: Replacement and upgrade 2 antennas, replacement of roof top cabinet and install 1 GPS unit affixed to an existing antenna pole.

NO OBJECTIONS

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 Finance sub-group report

7.1.1 Online banking access has been established, with the RFO (temporarily Cllr. K. Price) plus three Councillors having access. The Financial Regulations have been checked and Online Banking is already included in the Regulations. The Financial Risk Assessment will need checking and updating.

7.1.2 Employment of Clerk covered as separate Agenda Item (15)

- 7.2. To receive monthly finance management reports

The budget sheet was reviewed, and the reports were accepted as correct.

- 7.3. To approve payment of accounts

7.3.1	Gwynedd Council, Invoice 71300K <i>Toilets 2021/2022</i>	£10,000.00	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.2	R. J. Electrics, Invoice 07364	£4228.50	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.3	Heather Brown, second homes report	£50.00	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.4	Mervyn Rowe, signwriting	£470.00	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.5	Harlech Ardudwy Leisure, second payment	£3696.05	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.6	Evergreen, Invoice 188	£500.00	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.7	What's on Barmouth, Invoice 22001	£250.00	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.8	Jones & Jones, Invoice 3860	£1554.00	<i>Approved</i>
7.3.9	Gwynedd Council, Invoice 65957M <i>Toilets 2020/2021</i>	£10,000.00	<i>Further info requested</i>

7.4 To receive any requests for financial support

7.4.1 Barmouth Fireworks: Jubilee Celebration
£8000.00 agreed with the Firework Display company invoicing Barmouth Town Council directly for payment. Insurance held by the Barmouth Community Fireworks Group to be checked if covers this event, if not to check BTC insurance that is already in place. A supplement may be due to add the event on to the existing Policy.

A further £5000.00 was agreed for other Community groups to apply for funding to hold their own events connected with the Jubilee Celebrations.

7.5 Internal Audit Annual Return submitted and returned. Contacted the Wales Audit Office for advice on the next steps.

8. GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REPORT

8.1 Roadworks at Glandwr corner. Work has commenced.

8.2 Eva Amour licensing hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday 2nd February, online meeting. People who submitted a representation to Gwynedd Council have been invited to speak. Barmouth Town Council to be represented by Cllr. P. Hill, plus one other if available.

8.3 Gwynedd Council Depot yard. Planning for housing no longer viable due to the change in flood plain maps (NRW).

8.4 Post Office. An online meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 27th January with a representative from the Post Office, plus Mabon ap Gwynfor. All Councillors welcome to attend.

9. NOTICE OF AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

9.1 Dragon Theatre (KP): day-to-day running being staffed by mainly volunteers. Community room bookings are active.

9.2 Mabon ap Gwynfor (TR, KP, RT, GW): Covered in Chairman's report, plus request more information regarding the tidal power project and an update regarding the sea defence costings/financial support from Welsh Government and Gwynedd Council.

10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/LETTERS

10.1 The Gwynedd Council (closure of the unclassified road known as Water Street, Barmouth) (temporary prohibition of through traffic) order 2021 – 2nd notice
NOTED

- 10.2 The Gwynedd Council (section of public footpath no 23 in the town of Barmouth) (temporary prohibition of use) order 2020 – fourth extension

Disappointed that there will be a further extension and that the work was not carried out during the September to December rail line closure in 2021. Letter to be sent outlining the concern plus suggesting that the work must be completed during the September to December rail line closure in 2022 to avoid further disruption to the rail passengers.

- 10.3 Sam Hollingworth (GC), Annual strimming of rights of way.

Deferred to the February meeting. Councillors wanted more information and the footpaths to be added to be checked with photographs. Clarification to be requested on the criteria for classification of the footpaths (category 1, category 2, category 3, remainder and highways).

- 10.4 Public consultation supplementary planning guidance. NOTED

- 10.5 Gethin Williams. NOTED

- 10.6 T3 bus route stops upgrade (GC)

Response to be sent welcoming the upgrade. Query as to whether the electronic displays will show the information in ‘real-time’. BTC do not have a use for the redundant shelter. Request for it to be removed at the time of the works.

- 10.7 Nefyn Community Council

Noted, responses to be made to the three Consultations.

11. CCTV

Defer to March Finance meeting (1st March). To be presented to the Full Council at the March meeting.

12. Second Homes Consultation

Response completed and submitted.

13. Marine Parade Gardens/Pitch & Putt.

- 13.1 Respond to GC with outline plan for the Pitch & Putt site. Request licences to be updated to reflect new dates. ‘No dogs’ sign needed for the fenced area.

- 13.2 Memorial Park area. Defer to March meeting.

14. Allotments

Waiting for response from Network Rail. Cllr. T. Roberts to report back.

15. Clerk's Employment

Job advert, person specification and job description approved. To be sent for translation then circulated. Applications to be sent to Cllr. R. Triggs, Cllr. T. Roberts, Cllr. M. Harris and Cllr. K. Price for consideration and short-listing. Report back at the full Council meeting in March.

16. Electric Vehicle Charging Points

6 to 8 chargers to be installed by Gwynedd Council, scheduled to be completed by June 2022. Location believed to be in the car park to the rear of Barmouth Leisure Centre. There is concern with the control of parking (over-staying the charging time and therefore 'blocking' the charging space).

17. Pontoon

Cllr. R. Triggs in conversation with Arthur (GC) regarding quotes to inspect existing equipment. To be updated in due course.

18. Town Clock

Bro Ardudwy are aware of the issues with the Town Clock.

19. Barmouth WI

Cllr. R. Triggs and Cllr. T. Roberts to attend an upcoming WI meeting with the topic 'The Role of the Town Council'.

20. GC Depot Land

BTC to write to express an interest in the GC highways yard and GC depot land.

21. Any other business

Harlech Ardudwy Leisure wish to attend a Council meeting. Request to invite them to attend at 6:30pm for the June Council meeting.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

Signed:



Chairman