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**Minutes of a meeting of Barmouth Town Council held at 7.00p.m. on Tuesday 22nd
March 2022, Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre**

Present: Cllr. Rob Triggs, Cllr. Trevor Roberts, Cllr Jamie Brooks, Cllr. Phil Hill, Cllr. Matthew Harris, Cllr. Dylan Roberts, Cllr. Katie Price

In attendance: Rob Williams

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr. Rob Williams, Cllr. Damian Williams, Cllr. Owain Pritchard, Cllr. Adam Hills, Cllr. Faith Atkins, Cllr. Mark James
2. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL, PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST
Cllr. Jamie Brooks, Item 14.1.
3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as correct. Proposer: Cllr. Phil Hill, seconder Cllr. Dylan Roberts.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY MINUTES NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA REPORT
 - 4.1 Letter, Deb & Greg Courtney (Item 10.1, December 2021)
Cllr. Harris to meet on site.
 - 4.2 Talbot Square Works (Item 19, February 2022)
Cllr. Brooks to look at options/contractor to complete the works.
 - 4.3 Motocross Weekend (Item 4.2, February 2022)
Meeting between Cllr. Harris and Gwynedd Council postponed, to be rescheduled.
 - 4.4 St. John's Floodlights (Item 8.1.1, February 2022)
Request that Cllr. Pritchard checks that the lights are in operation.
 - 4.5 Sex Establishment Licence Hearing (Item 11.4, February 2022)
The result of the hearing was confirmed that the licence for Eva Amour was not granted.

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Attended the public meeting for Harlech & Ardudwy Leisure, CCTV meeting and the Harbour Consultative Committee meeting. All are items on this Agenda.

6. CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION TRACKER

Clerk's Job Role re-advertised. Recruitment window now closed.
Online banking procedure written
Promote Barmouth Food Festival
Attended Jubilee Week planning meeting
Attended Dragon Theatre committee meeting
Priced defib cabinet and fixings/fitting (Tomos Hughes, WAST)
Audit Wales: Annual Return
Spar/Post Office letter (issues with queuing and PO counter opening times)

Gwynedd Council

Contacted Peter Roberts/Tomos Slattery (CCTV/street lights)
Housing Needs Assessment meeting, with Grwp Cynefin
Eva Amour sex shop licence hearing
Maritime: relocation of beach post marker
Asset Transfer/Management meeting, with Rhian Elin George and Lowri Roberts (rescheduled)
Waste complaint: St. George's Lane

Action Tracker: the only outstanding items are the Friends of Memorial Park insurance payment to be confirmed and the 'NO DOGS' signs to be put in place at the 'pitch & putt' site

7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING/LICENCE APPLICATIONS

7.1 C22/0152/00/DT: Hillcroft, Llanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1YP
Proposal: Formation of drive and parking area.
NO OBJECTIONS

8. FINANCE

8.1 Finance sub-group report
The Wales Audit actions to be completed have been received and will be responded to. Draft to be available for the Finance Meeting (Tuesday 5th April)

8.2 To receive monthly finance management reports
Annual budget sheet checked to date.

8.3. To approve payment of accounts

8.3.1	Evergreen Feb Invoice 227	£500.00	APPROVED
8.3.2	Dragon Theatre Invoice 923 & 937	£67.00	APPROVED
8.3.3	One Voice Wales	£489.00	APPROVED

8.3.4	Councillor's Allowances	£150.00	APPROVED
8.3.5	Laptop & Microsoft Office Package	£729.00	APPROVED
8.3.6	Geiriau Gwyn Invoice 2096	£1078.10	APPROVED

8.4 To receive any requests for financial support

8.4.1	Friends of Wern Mynach	£1962.00	APPROVED
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9. GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REPORT

None received.

10. NOTICE OF AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 10.1 Harbour Consultative Committee (RT)
Dredging report was discussed and the sea defence project (GC). It was notified that the Harbourmaster (Bergitte Evans) will be finishing in her role at the end of March. It was highlighted that she has worked very hard at improving Barmouth Harbour and beach area. Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
- 10.2 Dragon Theatre (KP)
Working well towards a forward plan of events, shows, etc. Community groups are using the Arts Room and Parlwr Mawr regularly.
- 10.3 Harlech Ardudwy Leisure (KP/RT)
Disappointed that there were no attendees at the public open meeting.
- 10.4 Wern Mynach (PH)
New chairperson has been elected for the group (Dave Phillips). BTC are continuing to support the group, and a request was made to ensure that the BTC logo is present on any published material, signage, etc that we have contributed to.

11. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/LETTERS

- 11.1 Pres Rwsia (GC) NOTED
- 11.2 Wal Cynnal – Islywn A493 NOTED
- 11.3 Ffiws
Meeting to be arranged with representatives in the Town who were contacted by the Ffiws project lead for GC.
- 11.4 Second Homes Council Tax Premium NOTED
Response prepared and sent
- 11.5 Footpath 40, Public Inquiry NOTED

- 11.6 Barmouth Publicity Association
Councillors invited to the AGM: Thursday 7th April, 7:30pm at the Min y Mor.
- 11.7 NWP Merioneth Area Contacts NOTED
Clerk to email contact to request the updating of the NWP website to include local contacts for officers.
- 11.8 Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Definition of Domestic Property) (Wales) Order 2022 NOTED
Request has been made for Heather Brown to assist with preparing a response.
- 11.9 GB Ultra Marathon NOTED
Councillors happy with the proposed event date.
- 11.10 Benthg Cymru, Wales' Library of Things NOTED
Suggested that this project may work alongside the Ffiws project (item 11.3).
- 11.11 Proposed Parking Restrictions - Ardal Meirionnydd Area (8) - 2022 (Abermaw) NOTED
Councillors in agreement with the proposal, but to ensure that the parking restrictions include the dropped kerb area at the bottom of the footbridge on Marine Road.

12. CCTV

Two quotes received from Dyfed Telecom (in addition to the quote already received from CCTV Services). A request was made to Dyfed Telecom to extend the validity time of the quote to cover the April meeting date. The quotes are to be discussed at the Finance Meeting (Tuesday 5th April) with a recommendation made at the Full Council meeting in April.

13. MARINE PARADE GARDENS/PITCH & PUTT

Waiting for licences to be received from GC.

14. MEMORIAL PARK

- 14.1 Gwynedd Council has contacted BTC to offer the leases to BTC. In addition, Will Huntley has expressed an interest in taking the lease of the area. BTC to write to Will in support of his proposal and to write to GC to confirm that consideration is being given to take the leases, subject to questions regarding maintenance of the Bowling Club Hut and Bowling Club Green.
- 14.2 Tennis nets need replacing. Cllr Hill and Cllr Brooks to look for replacements asap.

15. GC DEPOT LAND

Waiting for further information regarding a lease between GC and Network Rail.

16. GIBRALTAR LANE SIGNAGE & FOOTPATH ACCESS

16.1 Gibraltar Lane: request that Cllr D. Williams investigates sourcing a new sign. Also, request that Dai (contractor who re-painted the signs last year) finishes the sign at the Marine Road end of North Avenue. The lettering needs completing.

16.2 Footpath Access: deferred.

17. PONTOON

Two options: repair to involve a cost of circa. £8,000.00. Or keep the walkway (horizontal section), manufacture a new slope (slightly shorter), with new decking. This would not include the fingers, circa. £25,000.00. Full report due in the next week.

Gwynedd Council would manage the pontoon on a day-to-day basis, BTC would insure and pay for maintenance of the pontoon.

18. TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS

Defer.

19. SEA DEFENCES

Cost to Gwynedd Council is in the region of £3 million. Project is ongoing.

20. JUBILEE WEEK

Plans are going ahead for events in Barmouth over the Jubilee Weekend (half term week May/June). Includes RNLI Boathouse Rocks, MYC Dinghy Racing, shows/events at the Dragon Theatre, Bro Ardudwy afternoon tea, Civic Service at St. John's Church, live music in Talbot Square, etc.

21. AMBULANCE SERVICE

Defer.

22. ELECTION MAY 2022

Nominations papers issued to all existing Councillors. Notice of Election placed in Barmouth Library and on the noticeboards in Barmouth. The deadline for submission of the Nomination Papers is 4pm on Tuesday 5th April 2022. The papers can be returned by hand to the Dolgellau Council Offices, Caernarfon Council Offices or by email to nominations@gwynedd.llyw.cymru.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 23.1 Allotments: Cllr. T. Roberts is attending a meeting with Network Rail in April to discuss the options surrounding land leases/transfers.
- 23.2 Insurance Renewal: Cllr. Harris is happy to meet with the insurance provider to discuss the renewal.
- 23.3 Mayor's/Council's Award: to be an Agenda item for April. Discussion needed for the nomination of individual(s) who are deserving of the recognition.
- 23.4 Clerk's Role: Employment sub-group (MH, RT, JB) to meet on Friday 25th March to discuss the applications.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th April 2022.

Signed:



Chairman