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Minutes of the meeting of the Barmouth Town Council held following the AGM on Tuesday 17th May 2022 in Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre, Jubilee Road, Barmouth.

Heather Brown
Town Clerk

Minutes

Present: Cllr Rob Triggs (GC), Cllr Trevor Roberts (Chair), Cllr Jamie Brooks, Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Matt Harris, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Rob A Williams, Cllr Rob C Williams, Heather Brown (clerk)

In Attendance:

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Dylan Roberts
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
8.5.4 Cllr Rob C Williams
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26h April 2022
Proposed Cllr Rob Triggs, Seconded Cllr Rob A Williams.
4. To consider any matters arising from the April minutes not listed on the agenda report

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2112-01	Letter from Deb & Greg Courtney re memorial garden	Still waiting for letter.	MH
2202-01	Ensure pedestrian access through car park at Moto Cross weekend	Meeting with GCC planned but not yet held - followed up by clerk.	MH
2202-02	Verify St John's floodlights are working before paying contribution	One unit has failed, another needs attention. The church is looking into it and will come back to BTC	OP
2203-01	Gwynedd Council Depot land	No progress, include in meeting regarding allotments (June)	TR
2203-02	Gibraltar Lane sign is missing.	The meeting agreed to go ahead with ordering the sign, proposed Cllr Jamie Brooks, seconded Cllr Katie Price.	DW

2203-03	Pontoon, repair or replace?	Awaiting information from GCC. Raise at next Harbour Meeting.	RT
2203-04	Allotments	Meeting planned with Network Rail to investigate options. Planned for June	TR
2204-01	Creativity Space project request for funding	KP & RT to meet with Sharon Betts Friday 20th May.	KP / RT
2204-02	Request for funding by Friends of Wern Mynach for wood from bridge works	Closed. Money will go to Football Club. Need to give the money to Wern to pass to Griffiths.	
2204-03	Location of double yellow-lines and no parking areas	Need walk around town to identify further issues – after the election	

Item 16 from April Minutes, Barmouth Community Award, one selected by mayor, one by Council. Council nomination to be decided at June meeting.

5. Chairman's report

- Meeting held with GC footpath representative. GC responsible for surface, BTC responsible for cutting.
- Met youth officer from GC to start discussions on Youth Clubs. Follow up Friday 29th.

6. Clerk's report

- Learning the job, setting up PC, Google Drive etc.
- Contacted One Voice Wales for advise & training
- Meeting with GC footpath representative.

7. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- 7.1. [C22/0303/00/DT](#), Carreg Wen, 3 Tyn Y Coed Buildings, High Street, LL42 1HY
Construction of 2 dormer windows one to front slope and one to rear slope of roof.
No objections.

8. Finance

8.1. To receive a report from the Finance sub group

- 8.1.1. CCTV. Cllr Phil Hill met with Dyfed CCTV, very impressed with the equipment on offer and the company. They are available to start in July. Next steps - arrange meeting to walk around with Dyfed CCTV to finalise the design. Maintenance contract options: 2yr, 3yr, 5yr. Meeting agreed 5 yrs maintenance. Action Cllr Phil Hill to progress project as fast as possible. Proposed Cllr Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr Katie Price. All approved.

8.2. To receive monthly finance management reports

No comments.

8.3. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Approved?
Evergreen	April Invoice	Invoice # 285	£500	Yes
Katie Price	Jubilee Prizes	Reimbursement	£240	Yes
Barmouth Printers	Jubilee Posters	Invoice 11157	£35	Yes
Major Owen	Grass cutting equipment (approved at April meeting)	144108	£8634.60	Yes
Wildside Encounters	Jubilee		£290.00	Yes

Proposed Cllr Jamie Brooks, Seconded Cllr Rob A Williams. All approved

8.4. Upcoming Expense (for information)

- 8.4.1. Training for new councillors: £35 per class, 2 classes per councillor: noted.
- 8.4.2. Training for Clerk: £120 + VAT for Introduction to Local Council Administration: noted.
- 8.4.3. Clerk Phone & Sim (PAYG): noted.
- 8.4.4. Sign for Gibraltar Lane: estimate £275 + VAT, to be confirmed once size & design is finalised. Approved: Cllr Damian Williams to get a quote & order the sign.

8.5. To receive any requests for financial support

- 8.5.1. From April Meeting: Increased cost of tennis nets: £827.41 was £569.97. The quote was missing a 15% discount, now: £777.91. Agreed. Cllr Phil Hill will go ahead and order.
- 8.5.2. From April Meeting: Creativity Space (Sharon Betts) : £3025.92. On hold until Cllr Rob Triggs & Cllr Katie Price have met with Sharon.
- 8.5.3. From April Meeting: Friends of Wern Mynach: £1000.00. Agreed to pay money to the Friends of Wern Mynach.
- 8.5.4. RNLI – signage on the harbour for lifejacket lockers on the harbour. Project in association with RNLI, Gwynedd Council, Meirioneth Yacht Club: £206.00. Approved.
- 8.5.5. Additional bunting for Jubilee: Approved. - Cllr Damian Williams and Cllr Katie Price to purchase. Funded from previously agreed Jubilee Budget.
- 8.5.6. Hire of Sports Hall for Martial Arts “Have a Go” at Jubilee: £110.80. Approved, Funded from previously agreed Jubilee Budget.

9. Gwynedd councillors report

No report yet. First weeks have involved induction meetings.

10. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 10.1. Dragon Theatre, Cllr Katie Price: More events have been added to the diary. Good engagement from the new volunteers. Request for the Council to underwrite a comedy festival in September. Agreed by Council.
- 10.2. Multi-agency meeting, Cllr Katie Price: North Wales Police, PSCO, GC, North Wales Fire & Rescue, youth services, problem solver from North Wales police, British Transport Police and, other local councillors met last week to discuss anti-social behaviour issues in Barmouth. Next meeting on 27th May.

11. Other correspondence/letters

- 11.1. Local Places for Nature – 2022 Applications. - pass on to Friends of Wern Mynach. Matt Davies
- 11.2. Dragon Theatre – date of AGM & general support: noted.

- 11.3. Dragon Theatre Application Community Support Fund – requesting a letter of support from BTC. Letter written and signed by chair.
- 11.4. Asbestos Survey. Response needed by 23rd May - no response needed as BTC does not own any buildings.
- 11.5. Deckchair concession – for information. Noted
- 11.6. Email from Jocelyn Whysall. Concerns noted.
- 11.7. Letters of thanks from Barmouth Brownies/Guides and also from Bowling Club. Noted

12. Pedestrian crossings – parking issues

Response from Gwynedd Council:

I refer to your enquiry regarding placing barriers outside the spar in Barmouth.

Although we fully understand that some vehicles are clearly breaking the rules by parking on the Zig Zag, I don't believe that placing additional barriers would benefit the area.

To address this issue, I will ensure that our traffic wardens are made aware of the issue so that this section of road received adequate enforcement.

Raise this as an issue with police at next meeting.

13. Local issues raised recently

- 13.1. There's a leak in Talbot Square reported by the Dolphin Fish Bar. He says that both Welsh Water and GC have been out and both say that 'it's not their problem'. Can we report this as well?

Reported by Cllr Damian Williams to Welsh Water. They are investigating. The pointing in brickwork is poor and the square is looking shabby. It would be expensive to fix and needs a new surface. The square is owned by Gwynedd Council. Cllr Rob Triggs to take up with GC.

- 13.2. Narrow pavement outside Riva. Hayley said that GC have been to see her and there's a possibility of having the pavement raised (like outside Viking Fishing shop). GC said that they will be asking TC for their thoughts/support.

Wait to hear from GC. Cllr Rob Triggs to follow up.

- 13.3. Aber House: the right hand kerb/street gutter at the start of the one-way system never gets swept by the road-sweeper as the vehicle sticks to the left hand side of the road. A two-way road would mean the other side gets done on the way back, but this doesn't happen on the one-way bit. The grit, sand, leaves etc then get washed down the (new) storm drains that have been put in place outside Aber House, which then get blocked.

Cllr Rob Triggs to follow up with GC.

- 13.4. Disability access: concerns have been raised by locals about access for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

GC are supposed to review drop kerbs, access etc when they renew pavements. There is a local group Meirionnydd Access Group which champions access for all. Cllr Rob Triggs will talk with the group about access.

14. Audit Wales.

No further questions received. Thanks to Katie Price for all her work in responding to the Audit questions.

15. LICENCES: Marine Parade Garden & 'Pitch & Putt' site

The licences have been received. They are temporary until 31st July, this is the first stage towards getting a long term lease. The Council approved Cllr Katie Price to sign on their behalf. There is a need "no dogs" sign and a better latch on the gate of the "Pitch & Putt" site. Cllr Jamie Brookes to arrange.

16. Any other business

Tennis Courts: Cllr Jamie Brooks suggested the council should look at employing a caretaker to keep the area tidy, liaise with users etc. This role could extend to cover more hours and other areas as other projects develop. Cllr Jamie Brooks to bring a proposal to the June Meeting.

Harlech Swimming Pool - questions were raised what the precept we pay to Harlech Swimming Pool was being used for as the pool is currently closed so not providing facilities to locals. It was agreed that more information is needed before agreeing to pay further precepts.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28th June 2022

It was agreed that representatives from the Police & Youth club should be invited to the next meeting at 6.30pm to discuss ASB and youth work.

Note: Photographs will be taken at the next meeting to mark the appointment of the new councillors and mayor.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Brooks', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

28-6-22