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A meeting of the Barmouth Town Council was held at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 in Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre, Jubilee Road, Barmouth.

Minutes

Present: Cllr Trevor Roberts (Chair), Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Matt Harris, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Rob C Williams, Heather Brown (clerk)

In Attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Jamie Brooks, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Rob A Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
 10.4.3, 10.4.4, 10.4.5, 8.1 Cllr Phil Hill
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022
 Proposed Cllr Wendy Cleaver Seconded Cllr Rob Triggs. All agreed.
4. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Gwynedd Council Depot land & allotments	Got contact for property manager. Liaison Meeting held last week. Station doors: have been looked at. Overcrowding in summer, TfW will put extra 2 coaches on in busy times. Footpaths & grass cutting: agreed it needs doing but need to check who owns land. Embankment near Birmingham Garage, will look at when putting fencing on top of embankment. Shuttle trains put on for Harlech - Pwllheli asked why couldn't come to Barmouth? NR are using Marine Parade compound and	TR

		also working on Barmouth Station canopy. Footbridge closed until 10th December. Wayne's Crossing: badly lit, asked to see a risk assessment for it. Trevor will meet with the risk manager at the site to discuss it. Still not clear who owns the depot land behind the garages.	
2203-03	Pontoon, repair or replace?	No progress. Raised at Harbour Consultancy Meeting.	RT
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	Ongoing.	TR
2205-06	Improvements needed to "Pitch & Putt" site - new latch on gate, new "no dogs" sign	In progress.	JB
2205-07	Proposal made to employ a caretaker for the tennis courts / Memorial Park etc	3 people expressed an interest. Interviews held 18/11. Follow up in progress.	WC/PH/J B
2207-02	Refurbish Noticeboard by First Impressions	In hand.	DW
2209-01	Use of pavements by businesses, potentially causing issues with pedestrians & traffic	An inspector is coming round. It is a highways issue not a harbour issue.	RT
2209-03	Question on Toilet opening hours	Ongoing. They were open for Bonfire Night.	RT
2210-01	Draft response for Tourism Levy Consultation	Council agreed to the response as previously circulated.	HB
2210-02	Update bank signatories & online access permissions	Ongoing.	HB
2210-03	Resolving issues around Skate Park & School astroturf	Asked Jamie to look at Skate Park. The School has to make the school site secure, this will remove access to the Astro. Discussion on long term use of Astro - who has access to it, who maintains it. Need to discuss with the full council looking at options and costs. RT to follow up with school on different options.	RT

5. Budget & Precept

Review of budget from 2022-23 and anticipated expenditure for the rest of the fiscal year. No comments or corrections from Councillors.

Review of budget for 2023-24. Following review of the budget and discussion it was proposed to keep the precept at £63,000 for 2023-24 (Same as 2022-23)
 Proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, Seconded Cllr Rob C Williams. All agreed
 There was a discussion on support of Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure support. Concern was expressed by the Council at the lack of costed detail in the Business Plan. Need further information before commitment is made.

6. CCTV

6.1. Progress update

Site meetings have been held with Dyfed CCTV and with Gwynedd WiFi project. A finalised list of lamp-posts has been agreed and installation of access boxes should start next week (GC). Some buildings have been identified for mounting equipment instead of lamp-posts due to weight restrictions.

7. Chairman's report

- Thanks to BTC on behalf of Royal British Legion for efforts on Remembrance Service and poppies on lampposts. Next year there will be a service at the cenotaph on Saturday 11th, then a service in the church on Sunday 12th.
- Monster Rocks presentation was made of paints, varnishes and other materials to support their voluntary work.

8. Clerk's report

8.1. Ffiws Project

Meeting held to identify local people to talk to and get further ideas. It is planned to communicate with the community from January onwards.

8.2. Consultations: draft regulations to extend exceptions to second home premiums.
 No response needed

9. To consider the following planning/licence applications

9.1. None received

10. Finance

10.1. To receive monthly finance management reports

10.1.1. Audit Update

Initial questions have been received from the Auditor and replied to. The official period for inspecting the accounts by members of the public has completed.

10.1.2. Update on Council Budget and spending

Covered under section 5.

10.1.3. Clerk's Payscale Changes

Advice has been received from SLCC on new clerk pay scales backdated to April 2022. Motion to increase the clerk's salary in line with the new scales and to pay back pay from April 2022. The clerk is on salary scale point 17.
 Proposed Cllr Matthew Harris, Seconded Cllr Rob Triggs, all approved.

10.1.4. Regular Payments:

Payment	Payment Method
Clerk's Salary	Standing Order
Clerk's Phone	Direct Debit

10.2. Record of previously agreed payments made since the last meeting

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation

10.3. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire Oct	0070	£67
Rob Triggs	Reimburse costs of Monster Rocks materials		£215.88
Evergreen	October Invoice	547	£500
Gwynedd Council	Youth Club activities in Summer Term	008008W00 03588	£908.70
Côr Meibion Ardudwy	Choir for Late Night Shopping		£250
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath		£150
Dragon Theatre	Room hire for Asset Transfer Meeting	0081	£50
RJElectric			

Motion to pay: Proposed Cllr Matthew Harris, Seconded Cllr Rob C Williams. All agreed.

10.4. Upcoming Expense (for information) - Noted

- 10.4.1. Training for new councillors: £35 per class, 2 classes per councillor
- 10.4.2. Training for Clerk: Full CiCLA: approx £750.
- 10.4.3. Catrin Finch The Story So Far. Performance at Dragon Theatre 12th November £1500 + VAT
- 10.4.4. Dragon Theatre: Underwriting of Spring Comedy Festival
- 10.4.5. "Down with the Arts": £3025.92 (£102 spent)
- 10.4.6. Remaining Jubilee expenses (leisure centre & translation)
- 10.4.7. Hafan Deg Age Concern Club: £500
- 10.4.8. BPA: £3000 support for Town Guide
- 10.4.9. 2nd part of invoice for Christmas Lights: £4500
- 10.4.10. Youth Club Autumn & Spring: £2179.40

10.5. To receive any requests for financial support

- 10.5.1. Barmouth FC: £8,500 for further fencing (total cost £40,000 grant £30,000 remaining £10,000 from Town Council & fundraising). £20,000 towards new changing rooms (Total cost £320,000, grant £300,000 remaining from Town Council).

The request for a grant was received at short notice and feedback had not been received from those councillors not present at the meeting.

It was agreed that we could not commit to providing £8500 for the fencing at short notice.

The Council felt that there was insufficient detail on the plans for the new changing rooms to commit at this time and request further information.

11. Gwynedd councillors report

- Ferry Shed: permission was waiting for the asset planning meeting, it should now go ahead
- Glass bin on car park, meeting with Stephan Jones next week.
- Cambrian Court bins, Land owner refused permission, GC offered bin on pavement by amusements and apparently refused by BTC. Food providers are supposed to provide bins.
- Toilets north end of Prom: The temporary building was put in 15 years ago, there is no money to replace it.
- Sanitary bins in harbour toilets: this is being chased, GC was under the impression that there are covered bins in there.
- Aires site: Limited options as to where to put one as many places in Barmouth are on the flood plain. First draft of report out soon.
- White lines: this will be done when the weather improves, before the season gets busy again.
- Charging points: should be installed by March.
- The Leisure Centre car park is not on Gwynedd Parking permit. The sign on the pay machine has changed.
- Gloddfa Road, Water Street survey on flood risk in heavy rain.
- Bin outside Weigh Out: businesses asked for it to be removed. Cllr Rob Triggs to chase.
- Water running across the road near Ceilwart. Cllr Rob Triggs is following up.

12. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations.

- 12.1. Harbour Consultative (RCW): Discussed pontoon, discussed removing boats that had been abandoned (more on Fairbourne side), discussed giving Beach Patrol first aid training and intervention training. Barry Davies is leaving and will be replaced. It was suggested beach control should be on duty for longer hours in the summer. Ask Barry's replacement to come to a Council meeting to discuss these things.

13. Local Issues

13.1. Buses to Council Estate (WC)

Concern raised at the lack of buses to and from the Council Estate. Cllr Trevor Roberts reported that the previous estate and town bus service ceased because the buses being used were too large for the roads along the estate and residents car parking caused a number of the bus services to be unable to keep to time due to being unable to pass parked vehicles.

A change in drivers working hours also prevented any spare time being left over to enable the normal bus services that were used being given any extra time to provide any extra service serving the estate and park road including the doctors surgery.

A letter will be sent to the Transportation Department Gwynedd Council. Cllr Wendy Cleaver to draft a request for the clerk to send into Gwynedd Council.

13.2. Christmas 2022 (KP)

Concerns were raised that the event has not been widely publicised, need to ensure it is on all relevant FB pages. Councillors to contact Cllr Katie Price directly to support the evening.

14. Other correspondence/letters

- 14.1. Motocross proposed dates 14th & 15th October 2023.

Does not clash with Welsh or English holidays. There are no objections from the Council to the timing of the event. It was acknowledged that the original intent was to hold the event in November, after the school half-terms, however the Welsh half term ends on 5th (Bonfire Night) and the following week is Remembrance and it was not felt acceptable to have the Motocross at that time.

15. Any other business

- December meeting: Refreshments after meeting, invite partners for 8pm.
- Any update on North end Prom reinforcement. Cllr Rob Triggs to chase
- Warm rooms - details are on Gwynedd Webpage, ensure advertised across Barmouth pages.
- Mawddach Crescent footpath enquiry due in February. Add to agenda for January to document Council's position. Need to identify records about what has officially been fed back on this subject.
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Meeting closed at 22:00.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th December 2022 - Full Council Meeting.

Signed as a true record:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written over a faint background of a document page.

13/12/22