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A meeting of the Barmouth Town Council was held at 7pm on Tuesday 28th February 2023 in Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre, Jubilee Road, Barmouth.

Minutes - 28th February 2023

Present: Cllr Trevor Roberts (Chair), Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Rob C Williams, Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Matt Harris, Cllr Rob A Williams, Heather Brown (clerk)

In Attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Jamie Brooks
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
Cllr. Matt Harris: 4.5.1

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2023
Proposed Cllr. Owain Pritchard, Seconded Cllr. Katie Price. All agreed.

4. Finance

4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports

4.1.1. Audit Update

After chasing the Audit report, a few more questions were raised. Answers were sent in, but no response has been received.

4.1.2. VAT

No response received from HMRC.

4.1.3. Spending of reserves (Toll House).

The funds received from the Toll House on the viaduct have been ring-fenced for several years with the plan to eventually be able to take over the Toll House and develop into a project to support Barmouth. It was discussed as to whether it was appropriate to cap this reserve and make the remaining money available for community projects. This may reduce the capability for future asset transfer projects but as none were currently identified it was felt that the money should be used on current projects. Motion to cap the reserves at £100,000, proposed Cllr. Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr. Damian Williams, all agreed.

4.1.4. Regular Payments: - Noted

Payment	Payment Method
Clerk's Salary	Standing Order

Clerk's Phone	Direct Debit
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- 4.1.5. Approval of Council members expenses in line with the Remuneration Panel of Wales Annual Report. The report states: "Members of Community and Town Councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home. And councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables."

Motion to pay Councillors for extra household expenses of £156 but no additional £52 on consumables. Proposed Cllr. Matt Harris, Seconded Cllr. Owain Pritchard, passed unanimously.

- 4.1.6. Income received since last meeting: £603.60 contribution from Gwynedd Council towards footpath maintenance.

4.2. Record of previously agreed payments made since the last meeting - none made

4.3. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire (Council Meetings & Christmas)	114	£117.00
Mervyn Rowe	Updating Mayoral & Clerk's Boards		£88.00
M P Wholesale	Refreshments		£76.74
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire (Jan)	120	£67.00
Cambrian Clearance	Display Cabinets for History Project		£250.00
Gwynedd Council	Street Lighting (Christmas)	008008B007 7422W	£1358.38
Gwynedd Council	Youth Club 9th Nov - 29th March (19 Sessions)	008008W00 03991V	£2179.40
Four Corners Media Ltd	Tanio Bermo Leaflets	8598	£31.34
Evergreen	February Gardening	629	£500
One Voice Wales	Annual Membership		£526

Motion to pay above invoices: Proposed: Cllr. Rob Triggs Seconded Cllr. Damian Williams, all approved.

4.4. Upcoming Expense (for information) - Noted

Item	Amount	Due
Training for Clerk	£750	Spring 2023
Dragon Theatre - Catrin Finch	£1500 max	Feb 2023
Dragon Theatre underwriting Comedy Festival	unknown	April 2023
"Down with the Arts". Committed to support, paid £1102 so far	£1898	
Hafan Deg Age Concern	£500	
Tom Keys Memorial Bench (shared with GC).	About £300	Soon
History Project	£1250	Mar 2023?
Tanio Bermo start up	£5000	March 2023 onwards

4.5. To receive any requests for financial support

- 4.5.1. What's On Barmouth: £300. Motion to pay proposed by Cllr. Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr. Damian Williams.
- 4.5.2. Ysgol Ardudwy: Multi-purpose pitch. No motion to support was proposed.
- 4.5.3. Hugh Roberts - Flickr Membership: £59.99. Motion to pay: Propose Cllr. Katie Price, seconded Cllr. Wendy Cleaver, all agreed. The Council also recorded its gratitude and appreciation to Hugh for his work on the Flickr site.
- 4.5.4. Theatr Bara Caws - request for support. No motion to support was proposed. A reply will be sent offering potential future support if they are organising any events in Barmouth.
- 4.5.5. Dragon Theatre - drainage works: £4411.20. Motion to pay for the work, proposed Cllr. Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr. Matt Harris, all agreed.
- 4.5.6. Dragon Theatre - kitchen refurbishment: £10,000. It was agreed to ask the Dragon Theatre for further financial details and to look at options to support in ways other than a straight grant.
- 4.5.7. Cymdeithas Gymraeg Y Bermo: Support requested. Motion to give them £300 for their St David's Day event. Proposed Cllr. Wendy Cleaver, seconded Cllr. Rob C Williams, all agreed.
- 4.5.8. Scott Moncrief: Gwynedd County U15 trip to the Netherlands. No motion to support was proposed. A reply will be sent asking if any there are any players from Barmouth on the team and to discuss again if there are.

5. Projects

5.1. CCTV

The first new cameras are up and running, plans are in place for the next stage of installation.

5.1.1. Licence to install at Police Station

A draft licence has been received from the North Wales Police Solicitors. This has been reviewed and some errors flagged up and sent back to the Police. Motion for the clerk to sign the updated licence on behalf of council was proposed by Cllr. Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr. Dylan Roberts, all agreed.

5.2. Tanio Bermo

Several meetings have been held with Gwynedd Council, Mentor Môn, Business Wales and local shop owners. There has been a very positive response to the plans and offers of help and support received.

5.2.1. Motion to allow the clerk to sign the lease on the shop on behalf of the Council proposed Cllr. Matt Harris, seconded Cllr. Katie Price, all agreed.

5.2.2. Motion to set up a Standing Order for the rent proposed Cllr. Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr. Damian Williams, all agreed.

5.2.3. Motion to allow the clerk to purchase equipment up to the previously committed budget of £5000 from Town Council and £5000 from Gwynedd Council (this will be reimbursed on proof of purchase) proposed Cllr. Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr. Damian Williams, all agreed.

5.3. History Project

The project will have 8 banners, 5 of these have been drafted. They are being translated and fact checked. Two display units have been bought. The project is going well.

6. Events

6.1. Coronation Event

The Temporary Event Notice has been submitted. It has been approved on condition that music ends at 9pm. The road closure in place until 12pm and the Council felt that 9pm was too early to finish. It was suggested that a later finish time is requested (until 11pm). Motion proposed by Cllr. Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr. Rob A Williams, all agreed. There was a suggestion that a curtain sided trailer is used, parked on the prom facing the beach. Cllr. Damian Williams to find out about costs. The event will be advertised via Facebook & posters around town.

6.2. Food Festival

This is scheduled for 2nd July. There is an option for Craft fair at the same time. The Leisure Centre will charge £40 an hour. Motion to book the Leisure Centre for Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd for a Craft Fair, proposed Cllr. Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr. Rob A Williams, all agreed.

6.3. Christmas

There are 10 sets of lamppost wrap-around lights in storage. As the lampposts on the prom have now been replaced these may be able to be used this year.

7. Reports

7.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

Nothing critical has come up. The repair to the wall outside the garden opposite The Last Inn is planned to start in the Autumn.

An engineer is looking at the floods down from Gloddfa Road impacting Cors y Gedol.

The Prom street lights have been replaced.

Tacluso Tim doing a good job. Clerk to write to them saying thank you.

7.2. Chairman's report

Thanks to Cllr. Wendy Cleaver for representing the Town Council at the Mawddach Crescent Inquiry.

7.3. Clerk's report

7.3.1. Consultation on Licencing of Holiday Accommodation - The draft was approved for submitting to the Welsh Government: motion proposed Cllr. Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr. Rob Triggs, all agreed.

8. Local Issues

8.1. Mawddach Crescent Inquiry

People from Mawddach Crescent employed a barrister, which led to lengthy cross-examination and has resulted in the inquiry going on for another week.

8.2. Gloddfa Road Closure

The insurance company is engaged and looking at work options to repair the wall. The closure will be maintained until the site is safe.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

Bro Ardudwy: The service to welcome the new vicar will be on 22nd March 7pm at St John's.

Harbour Users Group: Will meet on 28th March - any issues should be forwarded to Cllr. Rob C Williams. There is a move to include representatives from cafes etc on the Harbour.

Pub watch: A meeting between police & publicans has been held. The Town Council did not feel it needed to have official representation on the group but will keep in touch as the new CCTV system is rolled out.

Ysgol y Traeth: The school would be interested in using their car park & field as parking provided money goes back into the school. No action needed from the Council but idea noted.

Football Club: Are holding a meeting with the Welsh FA regarding reworking the plans for new changing rooms etc.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- App Ref: C23/0121/00/LL - Maes Parcio Promenâd Abermaw, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1NF

The Council were generally supportive of the idea but concerned that the Main Car Park is not the best location. Points raised include:

- Need a way to turn off electricity & water to discourage longer stays.
- Need to understand how it will be managed.
- Suggest use North Prom Car park.
- Concern about removal of spaces from the main car park. Already short of parking.
- Sand problem on main car park.
- How to stop them parking on Marine Parade.
- 39 spaces not 19 plus motor cycling spaces.
- If someone parks in service bay then blocks it
- Recycling bins tend to be mixed
- How will they enforce no BBQs etc.
- Putting an Aires in will not stop them parking on the prom.
- Windbreak to stop sand blowing into service point won't work.
- Tal Y Don licence variation to include live & recorded music.

No objections.

- App Ref: C23/0157/00/CR - Beudy, Ffermdy Llwyndu, Llanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1RR

No objections.

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

10.2.1. Defibrillator Census

Cllr Adam Hills is looking at this.

10.2.2. Report from Down with the Arts - noted

10.2.3. Report from Wern Mynach - noted

10.2.4. Training Needs Survey. To be discussed at a later meeting

10.2.5. Planning Aid Wales/One Voice Wales Online Event 22nd March 2023 - noted

10.2.6. Prohibition of Overnight Waiting for Motor Caravans. - noted. Concern that other laybys may also need restriction orders on them as well.

10.2.7. Knickerbockers Outside Seating. No objections provided they keep within the boundaries & retain access for disability.

10.2.8. BPA Thank you & invitation to AGM on 2nd March - noted.

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Gwynedd Council Depot land & allotments	No update	TR
2203-03	Pontoon, repair or replace?	Meeting last Monday. GC agree that they should manage it. BTC will own it and have Public Liability Insurance. Boats using it must be insured. Restriction	RT

		on commercial vessels not being left unattended.	
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	Identified places for drop curves.	TR
2205-06	Improvements needed to "Pitch & Putt" site - new latch on gate, new "no dogs" sign	No update	JB
2207-02	Refurbish Noticeboard by First Impressions	This work is now planned as the weather has improved.	DW
2209-01	Use of pavements by businesses, potentially causing issues with pedestrians & traffic	Application has been received for tables outside Knicerbockers. It is understood that Steetworks are now following up on all outdoor seating licences.	RT/HB
2209-03	Question on Toilet opening hours	Winter open around 7am, closed 6pm, Summer open around 7am, closed 8pm.	HB/KP
2210-02	Update bank signatories & online access permissions	KP now online need mandate change for signatories needs new mandate so leave as is. - Closed.	HB
2210-03	Resolving issues around Skate Park & School astroturf	Waiting for more information on fencing.	JB/RCW
2211-01	Follow-up regarding buses to Council Estate	Strategy Meeting agenda.	WC/HB
2301-01	Serpentine Benches - some are broken and need fixing	Ongoing	AH/DW
2301-02	Follow up with GC Maritime department re. wedding on beach	Responded & GC Maritime replied to enquirer. Closed.	HB

12. Any other business - none

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th March 2023 - Strategy Meeting
Tuesday 28th March 2023 - Full Council Meeting.**

Signed as a true record:

Date: