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A meeting of the Barmouth Town Council was held at 7pm on Tuesday 24th January 2023 in Parlwr Mawr, Dragon Theatre, Jubilee Road, Barmouth.

Minutes - 24th January 2023

Present: Cllr Trevor Roberts (Chair), Cllr Jamie Brooks, Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Rob C Williams, Cllr Damian Williams, Heather Brown (clerk)

In Attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Matt Harris, Cllr Rob A Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022
Proposed Cllr. Katie Price, Seconded Cllr. Adam Hills. All agreed.
4. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Gwynedd Council Depot land & allotments	Depot land is not owned by Network Rail. NR say Gwynedd Council own it. There is demand in Barmouth for storage so should keep progressing the ideas. Will notify NR that we want to do something with the land. Will also need to get back to Asset Transfer team in GC. Land for allotments is progressing. Grass cutting has not been done yet. Still being bounced around departments in NR. Arguments about who owns it.	TR

		Wayne's Crossing: NR will reduce the slope on the access to crossing on the seaward side. They are looking at putting lights on the crossing. The viaduct will be closed in Autumn again. 2nd Sep - 24th Nov. Different phases of bus replacements for different sections. Don't yet know if the footpath will be closed or not.	
2203-03	Pontoon, repair or replace?	No progress.	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	Spoken to Chris, he will be starting at the beginning of Febuary. WC will support him with starting up. Closed.	WC/PH/JB
2207-02	Refurbish Noticeboard by First Impressions	In hand, waiting for fine weather.	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. Wider issue covering prom as well as roads. Clerk to follow up.	RT/HB
2209-03	Question on Toilet opening hours	Need to clarify opening hours before the season starts. Look at hiring portaloos for a future year if it is not possible to keep toilets open over Christmas.	HB/KP
2210-02	Update bank signatories & online access permissions		HB
2210-03	Resolving issues around Skate Park & School astroturf	Discussed a way to get public access whilst keeping school secure. The school is asking for permission to change the fencing and will get a quote for the additional fencing.	JB/RCW
2211-01	Follow-up regarding buses to Council Estate	WC to provide outline of requirements, Clerk to write to GC.	WC/HB

5. Finance

5.1. To receive monthly finance management reports

- 5.1.1. Precept
The form was reviewed. A motion to accept was proposed: Cllr. Owain Pritchard, seconded: Cllr. Trevor Roberts. All agreed.
- 5.1.2. Audit Update
No information received.
- 5.1.3. VAT
The VAT return was filled in for 2020/21 & 2021/22. Total £7500.56
- 5.1.4. Regular Payments:

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

5.2. Record of previously agreed payments made since the last meeting - noted

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Heather Brown	Back Pay		£229.36	November Meeting

5.3. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire (Council Meetings & Christmas)	114	£157
Evergreen	Gardening - December	589	£500
Publicity Association	Support for Town Guide		£3000
Clerk	Back Pay part 2 (as agreed at November meeting)		£229.36
Jones & Jones	Footpath Clearance	7050	£1650
Evergreen	Gardening - January	611	£500
Dragon Theatre	Down with the Arts	117	£1000
Gwynedd Council	Payment for power installation on lampposts for CCTV	SI-B0077301	£4491.60

There is a dispute over the Dragon invoice 114 as it is £40 overcharged. Motion to pay all other invoices: proposed Cllr.Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr, Katie Price. All Agreed.

5.4. 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, not received invoices yet	£3000	
Hafan Deg Age Concern	£500	
Youth Club Autumn & Spring	£2179.40	Feb & April 2023

Tom Keys Memorial Bench (shared with GC).	About £300	Soon
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5.5. To receive any requests for financial support

5.5.1. Budgeted donations:

5.5.1.1. Air Ambulance: £500. Proposed Cllr. Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr. Katie Price. All agreed.

5.5.1.2. St John's Floodlights: £400. Proposed Cllr. Trevor Roberts, seconded, Cllr Adam Hills. All Agreed.

5.5.2. What's On Barmouth: £300. Cllr. Trevor Roberts to discuss the ongoing support of "What's on Barmouth" with Matt Harris.

5.5.3. Meirionnydd Young Farmers. As there are no activities in Barmouth the Council do not feel it appropriate to make a contribution.

6. Projects

6.1. CCTV

Further delays have been experienced with getting licence agreements in place at the Police Station for use of the premises. The Council are concerned about the delays in the installation. Follow up with Dyfed CCTV to make significant progress with the camera installation.

6.2. Tanio Bermo

Following discussions at previous meetings, the proposal was put forward to support the "Tanio Bermo" project to the sum of £5000 capital to support the start up (with £5000 coming from Gwynedd Council) and £7,500 - £10,000 running costs p.a. Proposed Cllr. Jamie Brooks, seconded Cllr. Damian Williams. All approved.

The project plans to use property owned by one of the Councillors. It was discussed as to whether this represented a conflict of interest (the Councillor was not present). As the rent being offered is competitive (lower than similar properties in town) it was agreed that there was no conflict of interest.

6.3. History Project

Having looked at Ferryman's office with a local craftsman, it was found that more work is needed than expected to make it useable. Space has been identified in St John's church which is available for free. There is space for 8 pull-up banners and 2 cabinets of artefacts. Cllr. Rob C Williams is talking to locals collecting stories and information. An initial budget of £1500 for banners, display cases and digital photo frames was discussed. Motion to approve the funds and ask Cllr. Rob C Williams to proceed with the project was proposed by Cllr. Trevor Roberts, seconded by Cllr. Dylan Roberts and approved by all.

7. Events

7.1. Drop-In session: 16th February. The poster is ready to be printed and distributed.

Just awaiting confirmation from the Fire Service. Will need to be advertised on Social Media, noticeboards, library and local paper.

7.2. Christmas: Cllr. Katie Price asked the Council if there were any other things that could be added to late night shopping? The general opinion was that the evening was successful as it was and adding too many more events may dilute the benefit to local shops as people go to the events rather than shop.

7.3. Food Festival: 2nd July. Previously the festival has been just food due to the grant conditions on the first festival. As this is fully funded by the Council now, it would be

possible to expand it. There was support for looking at adding a craft fair, potentially in the Leisure Centre. Further investigations will be carried out.

7.4. Coronation: At the moment there are no specific events planned to celebrate the coronation. Add to next month's agenda to decide if anything will be arranged.

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report. No update.

8.2. Chairman's report

- Attended the Santa Dash, that was well supported
- Attended the (youth) Drama Club presentation, and that went well.

8.3. Clerk's report

- Consultation on Licensing of Holiday Accommodation due 17th March, clerk to prepare a response before the next meeting.
- Ty Crwn Gardens. The beds have been cleared, ready for planting. When it has been planted, posts should go out on Social Media & to the paper's thanking the donors for the money to re-plant the area.

9. Local Issues

9.1. New Year's Honours.

Veronica Snow was awarded an MBE. A letter of congratulations will be sent from the Council.

9.2. Some of the serpentine benches are broken. Mark James has a template for the cast. Cllr. Damian Williams & Cllr. Adam Hills are following up.

9.3. Road Closure outside the Old Court House 31/1 - 2/2. No notification has been received from Gwynedd Council. Clerk to follow up.

10. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

10.1. Bro Ardudwy (Cllr. Owain Pritchard). St David's tap - they are aware it's broken! The tap is not owned by St David's. Working with Welsh Water and Gwynedd Council to try to resolve it.

10.2. Coleg Meirion Dwyfor (Cllr. Wendy Cleaver) are doing a course on Canva, TikTok, & Instagram at College, details available on Social Media.

10.3. Dragon Theatre (Cllr. Katie Price): Work has started on the new kitchen. Warm Spaces cafe happens on Monday, Young at Heart films on Fridays.

11. Correspondence

11.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

11.1.1. App Ref: C23/0001/00/DT - Cae Fadog Ffordd Panorama, Abermaw, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1DQ. No objections.

11.2. Other correspondence/letters

11.2.1. YesCymru request for support. No action will be taken.

11.2.2. Proposed Changes to Speed Limits. No comments will be made.

11.2.3. Tom Keys Memorial Bench. Been replaced by Gwynedd. - Noted

11.2.4. Beach Wedding (enquiry earlier this year). Postponed to 2024. The requestor plans a marquee, 50 people, with food, and live music. The Council expressed concern about setting a precedent. They also wished to understand Gwynedd Council's position on the risk assessment for this proposal. Clerk to follow up.

11.2.5. Footpath 23 - now open!

12. Any other business

Mawddach Crescent inquiry. Cllr. Wendy Cleaver will present proof of evidence for Barmouth.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

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

Signed as a true record:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Kelly', is written over a faint, illegible background of text.

Date: 28-2-23