

Minutes - 26th September 2023

Present: Cllr Owain Pritchard (Chair), Cllr Jamie Brooks, Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Rob C Williams, Cllr Damian Williams.
Heather Brown (clerk)

In Attendance: Jocelyn Whysall: Member of the Public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Matt Harris, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Trevor Roberts, Cllr Rob A Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 2023. Motion to approve: Proposed Cllr. Katie Price, Seconded Cllr. Damian Williams. All agreed.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Audits:
External Audit received "unqualified approval". Audit notice will be posted on the Council noticeboard and website.
 - 4.1.2. Record of Members Interests
Need final forms in from a few councillors.
 - 4.1.3. Grant Applications:
A decision on the SPF applications covering the Heol y Llan yard and Carnival support have delayed due to the number of applications received. An application to the Cronfa Her fund for Tanio Bermo has been put in. As many of the Ffiws projects have also put in applications this is being combined into a single application which it is hoped will have more chance of success.
 - 4.1.4. Debit Card
The application has been submitted.
 - 4.1.5. Regular Payments: - Noted

Payment	Payment Method
Clerk's Salary	Standing Order
Clerk's Phone	Direct Debit
Tanio Bermo Rent	Standing Order

WiFi for Tanio Bermo	Direct Debit
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- 4.2. Money received since last meeting: Noted.
£4,550 into Community Fund
£5,012.66 from Mentor Môn for Tanio Bermo
£31,500 Precept
£122.50 from workshops at Tanio Bermo
£246 PACT funding (Tanio Bermo)
£36 from Sum-Up (Bermo Fest)
£863.50 Cash from Carnival (Bermo Fest)

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Mr D Brown	Affinity Licence for Tanio Bermo		£119.99	Chair & Vice-chair
Kevin Williams Ltd	Hire of tractor & harrow	2444	£336.00	Chair & Vice-chair
Gatehouse Print	Hi-vis for Carnival	3692	£384.00	Chair & Vice-chair
Mr D Brown	Start-up materials for Tanio Bermo		£45.88	Chair & Vice-chair
Four Corners Media	Sublimation Ink for Tanio Bermo	8688	£169.13	Chair & Vice-chair
Mr D Brown	Material for Tanio Bermo		£113.61	Chair & Vice-chair
Damian Williams	Walkie-talkies for Carnival		£355.99	Chair & Vice-chair
Mr D Brown	SumUp machine		£46.80	Chair & Vice-chair
Evergreen	August Gardening	464	£580.00	Chair & Vice-chair

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Sept Gardening	488	£500
Darren Smith	Caretaking	2055	£275
LL DIY	Tanio Bermo Materials	76227 & 76474	£76.81
Mantell Gwynedd	Annual Fees for Salary Services	SI-3870	£280
Dyfed CCTV	Stage payment on CCTV installation		£15000

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr. Katie Price, seconded: Cllr. Wendy Cleaver, all agreed.

- 4.5. Upcoming Expense (for information) - Noted.

Item	Amount	Due
History Project	£1250	July 2023?
Tanio Bermo start up - awaiting invoices	£2000	June 2023 onwards
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£10,000	

Dragon Kitchen Refurbishment	£10,000	£5000 budgeted support for 2023, the rest for 2024.
Football Club fencing	£5,000	

- 4.6. To receive any requests for financial support
None Received

5. Local Issues

5.1. Astro-turf

Cllr. Owain Pritchard has been following up with Efan Thomas from Gwynedd Council again. The Gwynedd Council conditions on the licence include locking the premises up from 9pm. We will need to find someone to do this. It was agreed to progress the licence with Gwynedd Council.

5.2. Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure

The next meeting with HAL is 28th September, a further meeting with the community councils is planned for early October. At the last joint community council meeting it was proposed to fund HAL to 31st March 2024. This is being discussed at all community meetings this month.

Motion to make payments to HAL on a monthly basis until 31st March 2024 provided the pool stays open: Proposed Cllr. Rob Triggs, Seconded Cllr. Adam Hills. All approved

Also agreed to pay August & September immediately & wait for October payment until after the next Community Council meeting to understand the commitment from other Councils.

5.3. Maritime Issues

A number of issues around the use of the beach and the prom were discussed including the siting of tables on the prom and the start date for work on the Cae Glas garden flood defences. Cllr. Rob Triggs is following up with these

- 5.4. There was a discussion about what should happen when items are donated to “the people of Barmouth”. What does that imply for the Council for ongoing maintenance and insurance? Often these items are of high sentimental value having been donated in memory of someone. This can put the Council in a difficult position when the item needs repair or replacement to be safe. It was acknowledged that we don’t have a policy in place for this and we probably should.

6. Projects

- 6.1. CCTV - Due to security issues around the CCTV system, an update was given in the closed part of the meeting after members of the public had left.

- 6.2. Tanio Bermo - Now the project is set up and operating an opening event will be planned. This will be after the Mayor returns from holiday. Invitations will be sent to those who have donated time and materials to the set up, local businesses, contacts in Mentor Môn, Dolgellau College, Schools etc. Tanio Bermo has been approached to hold an event with attendance from the Welfare Support team in Gwynedd Council. An afternoon/evening event was suggested that includes some design/craft activities with a Christmas theme. Clerk to contact the Welfare Advocate to discuss suitable dates and formats.

- 6.3. History Project - All the pictures and text for the banners is now at Verdun House for layout and design. The website is ongoing with full versions of text in Welsh and English. A school visit is planned for after October half term. The FB group is still going well.
- 6.4. Barmouth Signage Project - Joint project with Publicity Association. Motion to support and ask BPA to go ahead with getting a full quote, proposed Cllr. Rob Triggs, Seconded Cllr Katie Price, all agreed.
7. Events
- 7.1. Barmouth Carnival
Formal thanks to everyone who did lots of work for the Carnival. A great inclusive event. It was noted that the date for next year needs to be fixed as soon as possible.
- 7.2. Christmas - 7th December
Cllr. Owain Pritchard has booked the Samba Band, and asked the choir. Other planning is being put in place.
- 7.3. Remembrance.
A question was asked as to when do the poppies need to go up on the lamp-posts and the dates of services in the church and at the cenotaph. This will be followed up with the Royal British Legion.
8. Reports
- 8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report
- The consultation into fire cover has been extended.
 - Church Street will be closed from Nov 8th. Issue with double decker buses and rail replacement coaches. Clerk will follow up with Welsh Water to find out what has been planned
 - Pre-planning application for Heol-y-Ilan site sent in.
- 8.2. Chairman's report
- Attended carnival. Otherwise not much Council Business in August.
- 8.3. Clerk's report
- Memorial Park Lease. a question had been raised about how long a lease the Council wants. A 20 year lease was proposed. It was agreed to ask Andre Bright, solicitors to review the lease and ensure the correct provisions were in place.
9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations
- 9.1. Harbour Consultative - next meeting in October
- 9.2. Dragon Theatre - had a good summer. The Drama Club doing well, they held a successful holiday club and have re-started the Wednesday night club. They have received levelling up funding and requested support for setting up an exhibition connected with remembrance. They are putting in a grant application for setting up two gardening groups, one for adults, one for children. They will contact Barmouth in Bloom to ensure they work together. The Councillors were supportive of this project and will send a letter of support to the trustees of the Dragon Theatre.
- 9.3. Barmouth in Bloom - will be having a meeting soon to decide how to move forward as many of the previously active people in the group are no longer able to continue.

- 9.4. Wern Mynach - going well on the whole. Some issues with children on bikes, had a chat with the children involved. It would be a future potential project to put a bike track near the skate board park.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- 10.1.1. Ref: C23/0749/00/TC - Penrallt, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1TB
No objections, but not sure why it's even come in. Clerk will write to the Planning Department to ask why we're getting applications for permitted development.

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

- 10.2.1. Letter received from Bowling Club - noted - Clerk to respond.
10.2.2. Letter received from Dominic Bailey - Friends of Wern Mynach. noted - clerk to respond. Clerk to post news of Community Awards on Facebook and contact Dominic about his "day out" in appreciation of his work with the Friends.

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Allotments on Railway land	Update in October meeting	TR
2203-03	Pontoon, repair or replace?	Has received Heads of Terms Agreement with Gwynedd. This will be sent to the solicitor to check. Confirmation from the Crown Estates that the pontoon can rest on the sea bed for a fee of £450 per year. It was noted that this has not been paid for the last 12 years.	RT
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	Update in October Meeting	TR
2205-06	Improvements needed to "Pitch & Putt" site - new latch on gate, new "no dogs" sign	Ongoing.	JB
2210-03	Resolving issues around Skate Park & School astroturf	Astro-turf - covered in minutes. Caretaker has had a look at the manhole cover but it is a more significant repair than thought.	JB/RCW
2211-01	Follow-up regarding buses to Council Estate	October Meeting	WC
2301-01	Serpentine Benches - some are broken and need fixing	Sandblasted existing sample sent up. Quote received for moulds & ends. Motion to make moulds now and order ends as needed. Proposed Cllr. Jamie Brooks, Seconded Damian Williams all agreed.	DW
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas	Covered in Minutes	RT

2307-01	Clarification about clearing vegetation on pavements	Had a meeting with YGC. The weedkiller previously used has been banned, YGC are looking at an alternative. However as the whole county will need clearing there will be no short term fix.	HB / RT
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12. Any other business

- 12.1. Cllr. Rob Triggs followed up with Gwynedd over illegal parking. He is arranging a site meeting to discuss
- 12.2. Some pieces of Barmouth Bridge have been identified for a long term souvenir / monument in Barmouth. They are being ring-fenced at the works yard. Will need to design some way to present it. A question was asked about whether we should plan any commemoration of the restoration being completed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 12.3. It was noted that former mayor and councillor David Clay was soon to be moving away from Barmouth. It was agreed a letter should be sent to him thanking him for many years of service to the town and wishing him and Carol well in their new home.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 10th October 2023 - Strategy Meeting
Tuesday 24th October 2023 - Full Council Meeting.**

Signed as a true record:



Date: 24/10/2023