

## **Minutes - 12th December 2023**

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

Members of the Public: David Brown, Chairman of Barmouth Publicity Association

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Adam Hills
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
  - 4.6.2 Jamie Brooks
  - 10.2.1 Phil Hill
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023. Motion to approve: Proposed Cllr Katie Price, Seconded Cllr Rob C Williams. All agreed.
4. Finance
  - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
    - 4.1.1. Grant Applications
      - 4.1.1.1. Cais Cronfa Grymuso Gwynedd application rejected as project already in progress.
      - 4.1.1.2. Events fund is now open. Cllr Katie Price will look into submitting an application for Bermo Fest & the Food Festival.
    - 4.1.2. Debit Card  
The application has been submitted.
    - 4.1.3. 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

- 4.2. Money received since last meeting: None
- 4.3. Record of previously agreed payments made since the last meeting - none

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation

#### 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
HAL	January Payment		£635.10
LL DIY	Tanio Bermo Material	77060	£20.49
Jones & Jones	Footpath Clearance	7179	£1710
Dyfed CCTV	Final Payment from first quote	SI-194	£5,588.20
Owain Pritchard	Mayors allowance (2 of 3)		£250
Katie Price	Batteries for Christmas lights		£17.82
Owain Pritchard	Reimburse for Christmas items		£367.99
Audit Wales	2022/23 Audit	ARINV/0098 94	£200

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Damian Williams, seconded: Cllr Trevor Roberts, all agreed. Payment to HAL will be made at the end of December.

#### 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	
Football Club fencing	£5,000	
BPA signs	£5,000	

#### 4.6. To receive any requests for financial support

- 4.6.1. Welsh Air Ambulance - £500 agreed as per budget
- 4.6.2. Dragon Kitchen refurbishment payment - The Theatre has now completed the work and received the invoice from the supplier. Agreed to transfer the previously approved grant of £10,000.

### 5. Local Issues

#### 5.1. Memorial Park

- Cllr Phil Hill has spoken with the Caretaker, he is going to mark up all the benches so we know where they are, and who owns them.
- The draft Heads of Terms has been sent to Andre Bright.
- Cllr Wendy Cleaver is trying to arrange a meeting with the Gwynedd Council officer but, not yet fixed a mutually convenient time.

#### 5.2. Astro-turf

- Cllr Owain Pritchard recently had a productive meeting with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.
- Clerk to work with Cllr Owain Pritchard to put together a more formal proposal of a way forward.

#### 5.3. Pontoon

Planning to lift the last sections out within the next week.

6. Projects
  - 6.1. Barmouth Publicity Association Street Signs  
Quote received from Sign Creation for 11 signs around town, £9,844 including installation. The assets would be the Town Council's upon completion of the project. Following discussion a motion was put forward that the Publicity Association would pay a deposit of £5,000 and the Town Council would pay the balance at completion of the project, proposed Cllr Wendy Cleaver, seconded Cllr Damian Williams. All agreed.
  - 6.2. CCTV - Last phase hopefully starting in the next few weeks.
  - 6.3. Tanio Bermo - MakerSace has been going well. AM Joyce Watson visited recently.
  - 6.4. History Project - Two banners are completed from a layout point of view. The last pages of the website are being finalised. The FaceBook page is still going well.
7. Events
  - 7.1. Christmas - Late night shopping 7th December. All went well, Thanks from Councillors to Cllr Owain Pritcahrd. A member of the public expressed an interest in helping in the future. Sub-committees can have non-council members.
  - 7.2. Carnival: 7th - 9th June 2024 over D-Day weekend. Bermo Fest to initially be a Town Council event. If it grows in the future then that can be re-examined. Funds will be held in the Town Council Bank Account but ring fenced for Bermo Fest.
8. Reports
  - 8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report
    - No update
  - 8.2. Chairman's report
    - Arranged and attended late night shopping. A well attended event.
    - Attended the Network Rail bridge opening event.
  - 8.3. Clerk's report
    - Open Consultations:
      - Council Tax reform, closing date 6th February 2024
      - Road Safety Strategy, closing date 31st January 2024
      - Gwynedd Council: Social Service Communication, closing date 22nd December 2023All consultations have been posted on the Council Facebook page, it was agreed that no response was needed from the Town Council on these.
    - Met with SNPA Community Engagement reps.
9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations
  - 9.1. Dragon Theatre meeting - lots on over Christmas, some very successful events. Received grant for story-telling project.
10. Correspondence
  - 10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications
    - 10.1.1. C23/0946/00/LL - Glan William Stryd Fawr, Abermaw, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1DS - no objections
    - 10.1.2. C23/0904/00/LL - The Lobster Pond Fishmongers, The Lobster Pond Fishmongers Y Cei, Abermaw, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1HB - no objections
  - 10.2. Other correspondence/letters
    - 1.1.1. Letter from Alun re. Football Club Fencing - noted.
11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Gwynedd Council Depot land & allotments	Delayed to January. Highways yard, pre-planning application put in but lots of questions came back.	TR
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	Will take some photos & progress in the new year.	TR
2205-06	Improvements needed to "Pitch & Putt" site - new latch on gate, new "no dogs" sign	Ordered.	PH
2211-01	Follow-up regarding buses to Council Estate	Changes to bus timetables have caused other issues (see AoB) so this will not be progressed at this time. Closed.	WC
2301-01	Serpentine Benches - some are broken and need fixing	Caretaker is doing audit of benches so we know who owns which benches. Moulds have been made. To be discussed at January meeting.	DW
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	Issue is in Gwynedd Council's legal department.	RT
2309-02	Site meeting to discuss illegal parking issues	Letter written by Clerk to Police raising the issue	HB
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Shot-blasting estimate more than expected. £7500 for this alone. Looking at a second quote.	JB

## 12. Any other business

- 12.1. Buses: Gwynedd Council run the buses from Barmouth going North and TfW arrange from Barmouth - Wrexham. Changes to bus timetables are not co-ordinated, leaving very tight connection times in Barmouth. There are also issues with overcrowding on the college buses. Clerk to write letter to TfW and Gwynedd Council to raise issues and copy MS and MP.
- 12.2. Storage of Council Items - Phil has tennis nets, posts etc at his warehouse. Poppies, bunting, gazebo, DVR, cameras, etc. Garage available on Craig Fach. Discuss at January meeting.

**Meeting closed at 8:30pm.**

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 9th January 2024 - Strategy Meeting.  
Tuesday 23rd January 2024 - Full Council Meeting.**

**Signed as a true record:**

**Date:**

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