

Minutes - 24th October 2023

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Rob A Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
 - 10.1.2 Cllr Wendy Cleaver, friend of applicant
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 2023. Motion to approve: Proposed Cllr Phil Hill, Seconded Cllr Adam Hills. All agreed.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Audits: Completed, the notice can now be removed from the noticeboard.
 - 4.1.2. Record of Members Interests: the advice from One Voice Wales is that what we currently do is sufficient.
 - 4.1.3. Grant Applications
 - 4.1.3.1. Received SPF grant for the Carnival setup. Cllr Katie Price has completed the claim form with details of the event to return.
 - 4.1.3.2. Application for funding to set up the Heol y Llan site was rejected.
 - 4.1.3.3. Application put in for Tanio Bermo funding from Cronfa Her (Challenge Fund). Clerk met with Menter Môn & other Ffiws projects to look at putting in a joint application..
 - 4.1.3.4. A new fund is available: Gyrmuso Gwynedd. It was agreed to progress putting in an application in the Identity section for a history project combining the project currently being worked on by Cllr Rob C Williams and the memorial to Barmouth Bridge. It would also be possible to progress funding for Tanio Bermo in the Services section. The clerk will talk to Menter Môn to understand next steps..
 - 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

4.2. Money received since last meeting: Noted.
£1000 - Community Fund
£5 - Tanio Bermo

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
Evergreen	Oct Gardening		£560
HAL	October & November Payments		£1270.20
MP Wholesale	Electricity for Tanio Bermo (July, Aug, Sep)		£119.65

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr. Rob C Williams, seconded: Cllr. Damian Williams, 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

4.6.1. Friends of Ysgol y Traeth Christmas Grotto. Motion to give them £500 Proposed Cllr Jamie Brooks, seconded Cllr Trevor Roberts. All agreed. Some concerns were raised that charging for the event may exclude some children.

5. Local Issues

5.1. Railway Issues

Cllr Trevor Roberts gave an update on many of the issues surrounding the railway.

- He has been asked if there are any plans for re-opening Barmouth viaduct? The Council does not know of anything, but would like to be involved if anything is happening.
- Leaning lamppost near the viaduct - they know about it, but it belongs to BT so they can't do anything about it. In the past BT have said they can't get access to it because it is on railtrack land.

- Allotments - the issue has been passed to the property board. There is the possibility of grants to develop the land.
- A survey was done in the summer about train quality - over-crowded etc.
- Wayne's crossing: a survey was done in August for 4 days, most cyclists don't dismount over crossing. This is a safety concern that Network Rail are following up.

5.2. Memorial Park

- 5.2.1. Lease - Cllr Wendy Cleaver has been following up with Gwynedd Council. A discussion was held regarding which parts of the park do we want the lease for. Motion to ask for all of the area of Memorial Park except the playground. Proposed Cllr Wendy Cleaver, seconded Cllr Jamie Brooks, all agreed. Concern was raised about public liability for the playground if that was taken on as well.
- 5.2.2. Gates - a quote for stripping & re-galvanising has been received from the caretaker. Questions were raised about the correct treatment based on the material. Motion to approve up to to £2500 get the work done subject to confirmation about the material of the gates. Proposed Cllr Dylan Roberts, seconded Cllr Damian Williams, all approved.

5.3. Pubwatch

The Police and Pub Landlords are looking to set up Pub Watch and need an independent chair. After discussion the Council were not able to suggest anyone suitable for the role..

5.4. Church Street Closure

Gwynedd Council have been looking into it alternatives for bus transportation and there should be announced this week. RJElectrics has taken down the Christmas lights over the site and will replace them after the work.

5.5. Astro-turf

Before the lease is agreed the Council needs to identify a way to lock up and unlock the site. It was agreed to try to identify an electronic lock first rather than pay someone. It was recognised that this may not be sufficient but could be tried.

5.6. Harlech and Ardudwy Leisure

Another community council meeting to discuss HAL has been held. The councils are drafting a letter requiring a business case from HAL by 15th December so all councils can know their financial commitments before budgets are finalised for 2024/5 and precept requests are submitted.

6. Projects

- 6.1. CCTV - Policies & the necessary paperwork were discussed at the last strategy meeting. The email address for the cctv has been set up. A quote has been received for CCTV signs at £45 each, with a reduction for orders of 10. Alternative quotes were requested, Cllrs Wendy Cleaver & Damian Williams to acquire then.
- 6.2. Tanio Bermo - The opening ceremony has been arranged for 30th October, adverts are on social media, on posters and in the local paper. The Christmas workshops have been arranged for 21st & 28th November, 5th & 12th December. The Welfare support team from Gwynedd will attend the 21st November session. Advertising will be available in time for the opening ceremony.

- 6.3. History Project - Ongoing. The RNLI history information has been collated to add to the website. The Facebook page continues to grow and is going well.

7. Events

- 7.1. Christmas - Late night shopping 7th December
All paperwork in hand. The impact of the Church Street closure by Welsh Water was discussed. If the work is not completed, there will be few lights in that part of town and local businesses will suffer. It was agreed that the choir will move down to St David's after the light switch on to encourage people to that part of town.
- 7.2. Fireworks - need to ensure the toilets are available and open for the evening. Cllr Rob Triggs will follow up.

8. Reports

- 8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report
- Gloddfa Road should be open on 14th November.
 - Cuts expected in Gwynedd Council for next year's budget. The impact on Barmouth is unknown at the moment.
 - Sand - a complaint has been sent to Liz Saville Roberts and Mabon ap Gwynfor from a member of the public. The response has caused some confusion as it doesn't align with the information received from the Maritime department.
 - Pontoon - the crane available in 2 weeks time to remove the pontoon for inspection.
- 8.2. Chairman's report
- All issues covered in the minutes.
- 8.3. Clerk's report
- Complaints Policy - The updated policy was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Motion to approve it, proposed Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr Rob Triggs, all agreed
 - Toilet complaints - several emails have been received this year, they have all been forwarded to Gwynedd Council for attention.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 9.1. Harbour consultancy meeting held. Cllr Rob C Williams gave an update of the recent meeting.
- 9.2. Youth Club: Cllr Rob C Williams gave an update; 39 children are now attending. The Council has not received the invoice for Summer term or budgets for Autumn & Spring.
- 9.3. Barmouth in Bloom are close to disbanding. They are currently paying for some maintenance work that may need to be picked up by the Town Council.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications
- 10.1.1. Ref: C23/0806/00/LL - Viaduct Gardens, Stryd Yr Eglwys, Abermaw, LL42 1EL
No objections.
- 10.1.2. C23/0694/00/LL - Gweithdy Pentrebach Heol Idris, Abermaw, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1HU
Concern about extra traffic and access on a busy corner, on Heol Idris, an estate with children particularly at morning & school time.
- 10.2. Other correspondence/letters

- 1.1.1. 80th Anniversary of D-Day landings 6th June 2024 - Date noted by councillors organising the carnival for 2024.

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Allotments on Railway land	Covered in minutes	TR
2203-03	Pontoon, repair or replace?	Covered in minutes	RT
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	Dropped pavements, identified many places. Review the locations when doing a walk-around to look at illegal parking	TR
2205-06	Improvements needed to "Pitch & Putt" site - new latch on gate, new "no dogs" sign	Phil getting quotes for signs	PH
2210-03	Resolving issues around Skate Park & School astroturf	Astro-turf - covered in minutes	OP
2211-01	Follow-up regarding buses to Council Estate	November Meeting	WC
2301-01	Serpentine Benches - some are broken and need fixing	Caretaker is doing audit of benches so we know who owns which benches	DW
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas	In legal department.	RT
2307-01	Clarification about clearing vegetation on pavements	Closed.	HB / RT
2309-01	Clarification needed from Planning department regarding new Use Classes for Holiday Lets	Email received but no clarity on how C3 and C6 will be implemented. - Closed	HB
2309-02	Site meeting to discuss illegal parking issues	No had reply from Gwynedd Officer.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Barmouth Town Council own the land on Jubilee Road	JB
2309-04	Letter of thanks to be sent to David & Carol Clay	Done - thanks received	HB

12. Any other business

- 12.1. The recent Open Voice Wales Meeting had an interesting presentation on planning policy. Cllr Trevore Roberts will send out the link to the material.
- 12.2. Remembrance, Sunday 12th November service. Large poppies will go up on lampposts, poppies should be in shops by the weekend.
- 12.3. Clerk on holiday from 1st-11th November

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 14th November 2023 - Strategy Meeting
Tuesday 28th November 2023 - Full Council Meeting.**

Signed as a true record:

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Date: 28-11-23