

CYNGOR TREF ABERMAW | BARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes - 28th November 2023**

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Rob A Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
  - 10.1.2 Cllr Phil Hill: Planning Application
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2023. Motion to approve: Proposed Cllr Phil Hill, Seconded Cllr Rob Triggs. All agreed.
4. Finance
  - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
    - 4.1.1. Budget

Further discussion was held on the figures in the proposed budget.  
Motion to

      1. accept proposed budget of approx £76000
      2. increase the precept by 5% to £66,150
      3. cover the anticipated £10,000 shortfall between budget & precept from reserves and/or community fund.

Proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, Seconded Cllr Damian Williams. All agreed.
    - 4.1.2. Grant Applications
      - 4.1.2.1. Cais Cronfa Grymuso Gwynedd application submitted for History Project
      - 4.1.2.2. Carnival events fund came in under budget of £1000 so the grant will only pay the lower amount.
      - 4.1.2.3. Circular Economy Funding - hopefully getting some support for Tanio Bermo.
    - 4.1.3. Debit Card

The application has been submitted.
    - 4.1.4. Clerk's Salary

Motion to increase clerk's salary to the levels agreed by the National Pay Agreement and back date to 1st April. Proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr Katie Price. All agreed.
    - 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.  
£58.59 - Tanio Bermo  
£1955 - Community Fund  
£84 - Sum Up machines used on Bonfire Night  
£9760.73 - Car Park money Apr - Jun.

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Prima Group	Materials for Tanio Bermo	173750	£122.65	Clerk
Friends of Ysgol y Traeth	Grant for Christmas Grotto		£500	October Meeting

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Nov Gardening	570	£500
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire (Sep, Oct, Nov)	195	£201
Darren Smith	Caretaking	2060	£125
HAL	December Payments		£635.10
David Brown	Materials for Tanio Bermo (Amazon)		£163.97
Abermaw Quilt & Craft	Sewing kits for Tanio Bermo	003	£144.32
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath		£150
Byw'n Iach	Youth Club - Summer Term	W0005052H	£1249.05
Byw'n Iach	Youth Club - Autumn Term	W0005053H	£2042.25
Barmouth Bonfire Groups	Refund of donations collected on Bonfire Night with Council SumUp machine		£84

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Katie Price, seconded: Cllr Rob Triggs, 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	
BPA signs	£5,000	

- 4.6. To receive any requests for financial support
  - 4.6.1. Radio Ysbyty Gwynedd - decision made not to support.

## 5. Local Issues

### 5.1. Memorial Park

- 5.1.1. Lease - Cllr Wendy Cleaver has been following up with Efan Thomas (GC). He has sent through Heads of Terms. The existing lease with the Bowling Club needs to be seen so this can be honoured. The current Heads of Terms document states no subletting, again need to resolve with Bowling Club. The clerk will send these to Andre Bright for review.
- 5.1.2. Gates - it has been clarified that they can be galvanised. They weigh about 1.5 tons, need to be transported to Oswestry. Caretaker to follow up with local suppliers as well.
- 5.1.3. Nets - Quote received for new nets around football pitch approx £5000 for materials. Cllr Phil Hill to follow up with the caretaker to look at options for a covered netting roof.

### 5.2. Astro-turf

A meeting has been scheduled with the school head on Wednesday to discuss next steps. Public access gate was locked at the weekend so pitch could not be used.

### 5.3. Pontoon

Part of the pontoon has been removed from water for inspection. The parts inspected so far have been cleaned & condition is worse than expected.

### 5.4. Traffic Orders

There was a discussion on the need for any changes requiring a traffic order. The meeting between Cllr Rob Triggs & a Gwynedd Council representative identified many places needing re-lining. There is still no resolution to illegal parking that obstructs the roads, the Clerk will write to police about persistent illegal parking.

## 6. Projects

- 6.1. CCTV - An updated quote has been received to complete the work with all the changes that have been necessary throughout the project. Overall spend is about 5% over initial quote.
- 6.2. Tanio Bermo - The formal opening was a successful event with about 30 people attending, some new volunteers have been found. The Christmas MakerSpace is going well, with a small group of people regularly coming in on Saturdays as well.
- 6.3. History Project - The text has had to be reduced to fit the banner size. Being laid out. There was a suggestion to print some booklets up with the full text for reference. The FaceBook page is still doing well.

## 7. Events

- 7.1. Christmas - Late night shopping 7th December  
Posters are available, and will be put out on Facebook. The tree expected to go up tomorrow. Volunteers are needed for road closures. Buses from Harlech may need to

be escorted down High Street if they are running late (if on time they shouldn't be affected).

- 7.2. Carnival: 7th - 9th June 2024 over D-Day weekend. Cllr Katie Price looking at grant options. A discussion was held about whether Bermo Fest is an independent organisation from the Town Council? This will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 8. Reports

### 8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- Article 4 still being progressed by Gwynedd Council.
- There will be sand clearance on prom next week.
- Attended end of season meeting at the Police Station

### 8.2. Chairman's report

- Opened Tanio Bermo, good turn out
- Attended Remembrance Service at church & Cenotaph. Thanks were given to Owain for all his roles during the day.

### 8.3. Clerk's report

- Consultation on school holiday changes: no need for Council response but it will be shared on Facebook so the community are aware.
- Check for other consultations that may be appropriate for the Council to respond to.

## 9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 9.1. Post season Police Briefing at Police Station. No issues reported at any events held in Barmouth in 2023. Advisory that when evening events are planned, notify British Transport Police to monitor the station for issues. The CCTV has been very useful, the councillors attending saw the quality of the images and were impressed. They are trying to set up Pubwatch but no chair has been identified (needs to be independent from the pub landlords). PACT funding is still available to be applied for.
- 9.2. Barmouth in Bloom has closed its bank account and disbanded. There is a need to find someone to coordinate the planting of boxes and Talbot Square.
- 9.3. BPA signage project: Met with Sign Creations to walk around town to get a quote for the work.

## 10. Correspondence

### 10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- 10.1.1. C23/0905/00/DT - Wenallt, Hendre Coed Uchaf, Llanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1AJ. no objections
- 10.1.2. C23/0921/00/LL - Hendre Mynach Caravan Park, Llanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1YR. no objections
- 10.1.3. C23/0935/00/LL - Gerddi Mynach, Llanaber Road, Barmouth, LL42 1RN. no objections

### 10.2. Other correspondence/letters

- 1.1.1. None received

## 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	Quotes received from 3 companies, agreed to accept the quote from Sign Creation.	PH
2211-01	Follow-up regarding buses to Council Estate	Bus timetable changed, no feedback received from meeting held.	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 & Pavement Licences	Issue is in Gwynedd Council's legal department.	RT
2309-02	Site meeting to discuss illegal parking issues	Covered in minutes.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Sketch plan from Cllr Jamie Brooks of pieces available. 7m x 3m concrete base needed. Approx cost is £9000. Need to ask Gwynedd if we can take power from the lamppost. Include budget for display board too.	JB

12. Any other business

- 12.1. It was suggested we may want to get some of the soldier silhouettes for Remembrance next year. They are £175 each. Three were suggested, one by each Welcome to Barmouth sign & one at the war memorial. To be addressed Autumn 2024 before the next Remembrance event.

**Meeting closed at 9:05pm.**

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Full Council Meeting**

**Signed as a true record:**



**Date:**

12/12/2023