

Minutes - Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Present: Cllrs Owain Pritchard, Rob Triggs, Trevor Roberts, Rob C Williams, Dylan Roberts, Rob A Williams, Katie Price, Wendy Cleaver, Matthew Harris and Damian Williams

1. Apologies for absence: Heather Brown (clerk), Cllrs Jamie Brooks, Adam Hills and Phil Hill
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2024. Motion to approve: Proposed Cllr Damian Williams, Seconded Cllr Wendy Cleaver. All agreed.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Year end accounts (2023/2024) accepted and approved.
 - 4.1.2. Grant Applications
 - SPF for Food Festival - amount awarded £2,700.00
 - SPF for Bermo Fest - amount awarded £1,800.00
 - Community Arts - applied for £500 for Food Festival & Bermo Fest.
 - 4.1.3. Debit Card
Upcoming payments on the debit card:
 - None
 - 4.1.4. 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
HP Instant Ink for printer	Debit Card

- 4.2. Money received since last meeting
 - 4.2.1. £2,300.00 Cyngor Gwynedd - Youth Club Funding
 - 4.2.2. £1,000.00 Community Fund
 - 4.2.3. £1,500.00 Community Fund

- 4.2.4. £60.00 Tanio Bermo
- 4.2.5. £200.00 Bermo Fest donation

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Amazon	Youth Club items		£1,970.47	Full Council: item 9.1 on 26.03.2024

4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening	651	£500.00
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire	000231	£67.00
Byw'n Iach	Leisure Centre Jan-Mar Youth Club	008008W00 05804J	£1361.50
James Hallam	Pontoon Insurance	19580857	£863.80
Stonewest	Pontoon lift	APR24003	£1020.00
IT Williams	Container	121667	£3,468.00

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded: Cllr Rob Williams, all agreed.

4.5. Upcoming Expense (for information) - Noted.

Item	Amount	Due
History Project	£1250	Autumn 2023
Tanio Bermo start up - awaiting invoices	£2000	July 2023 onwards
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£10,000	
Publicity Association Signage Project	£5,000	Early 2024

4.6. To receive any requests for financial support

- 4.6.1. Ysgol y Traeth: Owain to make contact with Ms. Humphreys to request more information, including to request a copy of the letter written to Ysgol y Traeth from HAL. Potential option for the future to be discussed further: if there's any additional cost to facilitate travel to an alternative swimming lesson provider, BTC are happy to discuss options of financial support.

5. Local Issues

5.1. Memorial Park

- 5.1.1. Lease: no further update. Will get an update for the May meeting.
- 5.1.2. Gates: removed, work in progress.

5.2. Astro-turf: no further update. Will get an update for the May meeting.

5.3. Pontoon: waiting for parts. Work is progressing well.

5.4. Railway Issues

5.4.1. TfW consultation - reduction in rail service. Consultation ends Monday 13th May 2024, must register online to submit any comments or feedback. Reduction in service does not seem to be based on low passenger numbers. Timetables will be amended to cut the first and last trains, along with alterations to some services through the Winter months. First and last trains are used by many local people for employment. BTC to raise the concerns with Liz Saville Roberts and Mabon ap Gwynfor, as well as respond to the consultation. Consultation to be shared on social media. Clerk to write to the First Minister and Ken Skates (copy LSR, MaG and Gwynedd Council) to request an extension to the consultation period. It was agreed that 32 days is not long enough for the consultation to be live for.

5.5 Gibraltar Lane waste/rubbish - signs already in place. RT to contact GC Waste & Recycling and keep WC informed of any progress.

5.6 Mawddach Crescent Path - complaint received from Hugh Roberts. Background info - public footpath to the front of Mawddach Crescent wasn't authorised after a public inquiry (2023). Mr. Roberts isn't looking to overturn the decision but is unhappy with the way Gwynedd Council handled the distribution of information throughout the inquiry. When the Clerk returns, our records will be reviewed.

5.7 Marine Parade Gardens - flags. Confirmed that there are flags in the HM office. Request that GC Maritime replace the old flags.

5.8 Christmas Lights - Matthew met with RJ Electrics and Tomos Slattery (GC) and has produced a report showing existing Christmas Lights and a proposal for additional Christmas Lights for 2024. Estimated cost of the additions will be £3,838.10 (plus VAT). Approved to progress now ready for Winter 2024.

Maintenance also required:

Replacement lights for large Christmas Tree £4,564.00 plus VAT

Column display repairs £740.00 plus VAT

Approved by all present.

Matthew to confirm to RJ Electrics.

5.9 Highways - maintenance of highway (King Edward Street). Email to GC Highways raising concerns about the repeated repairs to the same area. Marine Parade has an issue surrounding a manhole (pot holes/cracks). Report to GC Highways. Remind any residents who raise issues with us that they can also report problems on the highway on Gwynedd Council's website.

6. Projects

6.1. CCTV

The majority of cameras are in place, still some snagging issues. Request a full progress report for the May meeting. (Phil Hill).

6.2. Tanio Bermo

Workshops/meetings happening, developing into a community space available for people to use as needed.

6.3. History Project

Will be officially open at the Civic Service. Information booklet produced, will be available in St. John's Church. Website being developed. Primary school sessions planned.

7. Events

7.1. Bermo Fest

SAG meeting scheduled with Gwynedd Council and other public bodies (NWP, Fire Service, etc) for May. Paperwork and permissions all in place; just waiting for the BTC insurance certificate to cover the dates of the event. Volunteers are working hard in the community raising money and producing displays; including the window of the old draper's shop on the High Street. Donations are starting to come in from local businesses - thank you. Final update will be given at the May meeting.

7.2. Food Festival - 7th July 2024, Craft Fair 6th & 7th July

Applications for the Food Festival are in the process of being collated and the Craft Fair stall holders will be contacted in May. Paperwork and permissions all in place; waiting for BTC insurance certificate.

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

8.1.1. Attended the Jobs Fair at Dragon Theatre - small number of attendees but a worthwhile session. Requested for slightly earlier in the year for 2025.

8.1.2. Sand has built up near the recycling centre in the main car park. Request that sand is cleared to show the parking spaces clearly. Also the path from the car park through to Bronaber Terrace.

8.2. Chairman's report

8.2.1. Mayor's award and Community award recipients confirmed.

8.2.2. Civic Service - Sunday 12th May, 11:30am at St. John's Church. To include a Church service, opening of the History Project, celebration for the 50th Anniversary of BTC and presentation of the Mayor's/Community Awards. Invite local community groups and former Mayor's (or families of). Spreadsheet to be produced to collate invitees. Formal letter to be written.

8.3. Clerk's report

8.3.1. Risk & Asset Registers - formally accepted by those present.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

9.1. Dragon Theatre - progressing well. Lots of events planned.

9.2. BRIG - Dolphin statue undergoing maintenance.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

10.1.1. C24/0246/00/LL - Aukland House, 17 Rhodfa'r Môr, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1NA: No objections

10.1.2. C24/0248/00/DT - 2a Marine Parade, Barmouth, LL42 1NA: No objections

- 10.1.3. C24/0238/00/DT - Sŵn Y Môr, Llanaber, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1AJ: No objections
- 10.1.4. New Premises Licence Application: Ffynnon, 2 The Arches, King Edward Street, Barmouth, LL40 1AD: No objections.

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

- 10.2.1. Graham Gray - campervans. Respond: Barmouth was considered - no suitable places.

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Allotments	Property Dept. to respond by the end of June.	TR
2203-01 a	Heol y Llan Depot	Investigate planning for a bike track. Ongoing.	RT
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	No update	TR
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	Ongoing with Gwynedd legal department. No charges for 2024 for table licences.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Confirmed can take power from the streetlight - confirm to GC when ready for that stage of the work. Work on the structure is in progress, nearly complete.	JB / MH
2312-01	Write to bus companies about non-connecting buses and other concerns	In progress.	HB
2401-02	Write to Maritime expressing concern about H&S of fencing in dunes & bubble pool	See sand report. No further update.	HB
2401-03	Develop a new sign for the Bridge with QR codes for payment	Ongoing	HB / JB
2401-04	Storage of Council Items - identify possible location for container & check costs	Quote 1 - Clogau Motors 20'x8' £2,595 plus VAT/delivery. Total - £3,702.00 Quote 2 - IT Williams 20'x8' £3,468.00 (including VAT, delivery & lock). Delivery 3-4 weeks. Location - Wern Mynach/Football Club area. Permission granted. Area needs some minor preparation	JB / DW

		(hardcore/levelling). Request green container. Agreed to go with Quote 2. Invoice to be paid.	
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12. Any other business: none.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 14th May 2024 - Strategy Meeting.
Tuesday 28th May 2024 - AGM & Full Council Meeting.**

Signed as a true record:



Date: 28/5/24.