

Minutes - Tuesday 28th May 2024

Present: Cllr Adam Hills (Chair), Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Rob A Williams, Cllr Rob C Williams, Heather Brown (Clerk)

In attendance: Jocelyn Whysall

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. Jamie Brooks, Cllr Trevor Roberts
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
 - 10.1.1 Cllr Phil Hill - application for licence.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024. Motion to approve: Proposed Cllr Rob Triggs, Seconded Cllr. Owain Pritchard All agreed.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Audit - the information has been sent to the internal Auditor. Key dates for external audit: Annual Return approved by 30th June, Audit notice displayed 16th June, public inspection period 1st July - 26th July. Information submitted to the external auditor by 5th July.
 - 4.1.2. Grant Applications
 - Community Arts fund granted £500 for Bermo Fest.
 - Two more funds open, Cllr Katie Price will fill in application forms next week.
 - 4.1.3. Debit Card
Upcoming payments on the debit card:
 - See food festival.
 - 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 - noted.
 Precept: £33,075
 Bermo Fest Donations: £1080
 Community Fund: £1,155
 Food Festival Stall Holder Fees: £210

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
G & J Maintenance Ltd	Shotblasting, painting bridge sections	11341	£11,732.16	January Meeting
Amazon	Display Board for History Project		£29.99	History Project Approved Budget
Trophy Store	Trophies for Bermo Fest		£55.35	Chair, Vice-chair
Wix	Translation support for Welsh on Tanio Bermo website		£5.40	Clerk

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening - April	Inv 682	£500
Evergreen	Gardening - May	Inv 716	£500
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire	238	£67
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire	251	£67
Darren Smith	Caretaking		
James Hallam Ltd	Insurance	533385243	£5816.45
James Hallam Ltd	Pontoon Insurance	533386081	£863.80
James Hallam Ltd	Personal Accident Insurance	533416716	£458.99
Four Corners Media	Banners for History Project	8852	£924
Cambrian Clearance	Chairs for Tanio Bermo	1003	£35
One Voice Wales	Training Classes	7820	£78
MP Wholesale	Tanio Bermo Electricity		£130.33
Dyfed CCTV	Final Invoice for CCTV	SI-726	£11,373.06
T G Gardening	Planting at the Tŷ Crwn	1322	£875
ASG Audio Visual	Stage Hire for Bermo Fest	2100	£8340

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Damian Williams, seconded: Cllr Dylan Roberts, all agreed.

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

Item	Amount	Due
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£10,000	
Publicity Association Signage Project	£5,000	Mid 2024
Memorial Park Gates	£1,000	Summer 2024

- 4.6. To receive any requests for financial support
- 4.6.1. Fireworks Insurance £694.20. Motion to make a grant to the Bonfire & Fireworks Group to cover their insurance costs proposed Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Wendy Cleaver, all agreed.

5. Local Issues

5.1. Memorial Park

- 5.1.1. Lease: Cllr Wendy Cleaver has chased the Gwynedd Council Officer again, not heard anything.
- 5.1.2. Gates: Plan to get them over to Caernarfon in June.
- 5.1.3. Insurance: The insurance is still in the name of Friends of Memorial Park as the lease has not been set up with Gwynedd Council. This was flagged up to Gwynedd Council last year and the issue has still not been resolved. Clerk to contact Gwynedd Council about the insurance.
- 5.1.4. Grass cutting - the grass has been cut on Putting Green by Evergreen, but not cut behind tennis courts near Hafan Deg. This is the responsibility of Gwynedd Council. Cllr Phil Hill to email the Gwynedd Council Officer to follow up.
- 5.1.5. Anti-social behaviour. There has been some aggravation from gangs of youths being aggressive, causing noise issues, and littering. The police have been called and they have dispersed the groups. Access to the Astro-turf is through the tennis courts leading to additional damage to the courts. Cllr Phil Hill to look into costings for a separate entrance to the Astro so the tennis courts can be locked. The clerk will contact the police to raise our concerns, and request that the previously used red card / yellow card system is reinstated.

5.2. Astro-turf: Not heard anything from Gwynedd Council Officer. The installation of new fencing is starting this week at the school.

5.3. Pontoon: Still waiting for the floats to be made, the site has been tidied up. Re-galvanising has been done. There is no impact on Water Fest and there is space for stalls for the Food Festival.

5.4. Railway Issues:

- 5.4.1. There is a lot of litter on the rails around the station. Clerk to ask Cllr Trevor Roberts to follow up with Network Rail.
- 5.4.2. Cllr Wendy Cleaver has received a complaint regarding motocross bikes on the bridge. There was an altercation between motocross bikes & cycles. Previously issues have been noted between cyclists & pedestrians. Cllr Trevor Roberts to liaise with Network Rail regarding their risk assessment for the path and also to investigate better signage & a potential speed limit.
- 5.4.3. The sand on the far side of the bridge is encroaching dangerously across the path. Clerk to write to Arthog council to ask them if they can get the path cleared.

5.5. Sand:

The Councillors are not satisfied with previous discussions with Gwynedd Council and YGC regarding the management of sand in Barmouth. There was a face-to-face meeting at the beach in December 2022 and this was followed up by an email report of future work. The current issues include:

- Clearing of the sand to the wave wall between the Causeway and the Lifeboat station. In the December 2022 report it had been agreed that this would be

done twice a year. The clearance this year has only been for half the distance and half the depth.

- The growth of the dunes on the beach. Previously it had been agreed that the dunes would not extend beyond the posts placed to mark the dune ends. One of these posts was subsequently moved by approximately 8 metres and now the posts have been partially covered by the spreading dunes.
- Clearance of the causeway. Previously YGC have stated that they will no longer clear the causeway. We have not received this notification in writing or with any justification. The build up of sand on the causeway has prevented access for wheelchairs, push chairs and emergency vehicles to the point. Barmouth Town Council have cleared this at their own expense to maintain safe access and to reduce the risk of accidents but an agreement on this is needed.
- The dunes north of Beach Road now overtop the prom wall increasing the risk of sand on the prom and highway and also blocking the drainage holes from the prom.

Numerous emails have been exchanged with various departments in Gwynedd Council and YGC with varying degrees of success. It was agreed that the relevant officers should be invited to the June meeting to discuss the issues face to face.

Whilst progressing the issues with Gwynedd Council it was agreed to seek quotes for clearing the causeway to enable access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. The Council are in agreement that this is a critical access path as the growth of sand in other parts of the beach exclude locals and visitors with mobility issues from accessing the seashore.

6. Projects

6.1. CCTV

The final invoice has been received for all work to date. Training will be arranged for the approved people to be able to access and manage the system.

6.2. Tanio Bermo

A meeting was held with the representatives from Menter Môn responsible for managing the Circular Economy grants. Two applications were discussed:

- Bermo Basics - a series of workshops to introduce people to the skills needed to mend and re-use household items.
- Tanio Bermo 2.0 - a combined revenue and capital grant to add some additional equipment in to Tanio Bermo and also define some roles to increase the number of hours the project can open and increase the visibility of the project to increase volunteers and users.

The council was happy that both grants should be submitted..

6.3. History Project

- The History Project was formally opened at the Civic Service in May. Good feedback has been received from many people. Congratulations to all involved with the project, particularly Cllr Rob C Williams who co-ordinated and led it.
- The booklets have been well received with requests to make them available for sale. Motion to purchase 100 copies in English (£418) and 25 copies in Welsh (£165) was proposed by Cllr Rob A Williams, seconded Cllr Owain

Pritchard and agreed by all. These will be ordered on the debit card when arrangements for selling them and shipping have been sorted out.

- The Web site is temporarily hosted by BPA. There will be a school talk next Tuesday.

7. Events

7.1. Bermo Fest 7th - 9th June 2024.

- All in order. It is important to ensure the road closures are properly managed. There has been a good response from local businesses to donations. The bollards in the car park have been removed to allow access through the car park.
- SAG meeting held, one PCSO will be on duty on Saturday, other police officers will be initially deployed in Barmouth, but they may be called away if there is an incident elsewhere. Security has been booked for Saturday 5pm - 12pm.
- There was a discussion on adverse weather insurance - Cllr Katie Price to request a quote.
- The invoice for medical cover has not been received yet, the council gave approval to pay this invoice when received.

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

- A grant has been awarded that will cover the purchase of tables & chairs - the cost is around £1000. A motion was proposed to purchase these on the debit card and reclaim the costs from the grant. Proposed Cllr Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr Dylan Roberts, all agreed.
- Posters have been designed and will be ordered on the debit card, proposed Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr Phil Hill, all agreed.
- The invoice for medical cover has not been received yet, the council gave approval to pay this invoice when received.
- Applications coming in for both the Food Festival & the Craft Fair. Still space for more stalls in both events.

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- Supporting local residents on issues raised. Following up with Article 4 - this has passed scrutiny committee, the next stage is for it to go to cabinet.
- Another local Councillor attended a meeting with TFW regarding the changes to the train timetable. It is unlikely that there will be any change.
- The North end of the prom has been cleared.
- Attended Ardudwy Ardal Ni meeting in Harlech.

8.2. Ex-Chairman's report

- Attended the plaque unveiling on the bridge by Network Rail.
- The Civic Service was held and well received.
- Attended joint councillors meeting in Llanbedr. This is considered to be a good forum for keeping communication open between the community Councils.

8.3. Clerk's report

- Attended Ardal Ni Meeting in Harlech.
- Contacted Oasis Nursery regarding their plans to plant bulbs and other plants at Tŷ Crwn. Due to the large number of rabbits in this area, it probably would not be effective.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 9.1. Youth Club: Following the meeting with Council in March a member of staff is now present in sessions. The figures on the invoices were checked and have been confirmed as being correct. The numbers using the club are much lower in the summer. The winter sessions are very popular.
- 9.2. The Dragon Theatre AGM will be held on Monday 10th June 6pm. Councillors all very welcome.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- 10.1.1. Premises Licence Application: Popty'r Bermo, Victoria Buildings, Jubilee Road, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1ET. No objections.
- 10.1.2. C24/0395/00/LL - Bloc 1 Heol Llywelyn, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1LF. No objections.
- 10.1.3. C23/0197/00/CR - Ffermyd Llywyndu, Llanaber, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1RR. No objections.

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

- 10.2.1. Water flow on the Rock: Clerk & Cllr Rob Triggs to follow up.
- 10.2.2. Gwynedd Council Vinyls Project: Information will be forwarded to the Food Bank and also share on Social Media.
- 10.2.3. Request for letter of support from Dragon Theatre for grant application: Approved.

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	Planning needed. RT looking into it. Ongoing. Notice has been given on some of the garages which may be demolished.	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"	Monument completed, work on information plaque. Looks amazing. The Council expressed thanks to Cllr Jamie Brooks for his work.	JB
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	Code added to bridge and already in use. Closed.	
2401-04	Storage of Council Items - identify possible location for container & check costs	Container in place. An inventory will be kept of items stored in it.	
2404-01	Write to Ken Skates et al. regarding train timetable changes	Letter sent, automated response received. Copied to Liz Saville-Roberts, Mabon ap Gwynfor and Dyfrig Siencyn. Responses received acknowledgement from all. Closed	
2404-02	Follow up with Hugh Roberts regarding information about Mawddach Crescent Footpath	Done. No further action planned. Closed.	

12. Any other business:

- 12.1. School Swimming Lessons in Bala: the lesson cost is less, the coach cost is the same but journey time is longer.
- 12.2. Tŷ Crwn flower beds have been planted up. Cllr Damian Williams to ask Trevor to keep the area weeded & hoed.
- 12.3. PCSO Paula to be invited to attend the July meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 11th June 2024 - Strategy Meeting.
Tuesday 25th June 2024 - Full Council Meeting.**

Signed as a true record:



Date:

25/6/24