

Minutes - Tuesday 25th June 2024

Present: Cllr Adam Hills (Chair), Cllr. Jamie Brooks, Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Trevor Roberts, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Rob A Williams, Cllr Rob C Williams, Heather Brown (Clerk)

In attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Owain Pritchard
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest - None
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 28th May 2024.
 - 3.1. AGM. Proposed: Cllr Katie Price, Seconded: Cllr Rob Triggs. All agreed.
 - 3.2. Normal Meeting. Proposed: Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Seconded Cllr Rob A Williams. All agreed.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Audit - Received report from Internal Auditor - no comments or concerns raised. Motion to approve Annual Return proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr Jamie Brooks, all agreed.
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.
 - Cllr Katie Price has submitted the monitoring forms for SPF & Arts Fund grants for Bermo Fest..
 - 4.1.3. Debit Card
Upcoming payments on the debit card: - covered under Food Festival
 - 4.1.4. Regular Payments:
The payments were reviewed and a motion to continue paying these by the methods mentioned was proposed by Cllr Dylan Roberts, seconded by Cllr Wendy Cleaver. All agreed.

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
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- 4.2. Money received since last meeting - noted.
 Bermo Fest: £5336.98
 Community Fund: £2425
 Food Festival Stall Holder Fees: £605
 Tanio Bermo: £188.60

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Vistaprint	Posters for Food & Craft Festival	02184393 71	£189.82	April Meeting
SP Principal Furniture	Tables & Chairs for Food Festival		£1757.40	April Meeting
Amazon	Paper for Food Festival		£8.18	April Meeting
Amazon	Filament for 3D Printer		£29.43	March Meeting
The Lost Voltz	Music for Bermo Fest	008-0111	£600	Chair / Vice-chair

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening - June	752	£500
Ashley Hill	Community Awards		£150
Brooke Stevens Band	Music for Bermo Fest	0111	£300
Barry Lim	Music for Bermo Fest		£300
Session	Music for Bermo Fest	#00080624	£350
T G Gardening	Jubilee Road Gardening	1353	£240
King's Nursery	Plants for Jubilee Road	3137	£839.40
Stonewest Construction Ltd	Sand Clearance	JUN24003	£2400
Ashley Hill	Vinyls to update CCTV signs		£34.92
Phil Hill	Tanio Bermo Elec		£54.66

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Damian Williams, seconded: Cllr Katie Price, 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
Bridge Monument	£10,000	Summer 2024

4.6. To receive any requests for financial support - None

5. Local Issues

5.1. Memorial Park

- Lease - The draft Heads of Terms has been received, and sent to Andre Bright to review. Gwynedd Council still don't think the old lease has been released. Continue to work with previous lease holders to resolve the issue.
- A meeting is planned to discuss moving the gate to the Astro-turf so it doesn't go via tennis courts.

5.2. School Astro-turf: No update.

5.3. Pontoon: Work is delayed as the harbour is very busy during the summer months.

5.4. Railway Issues:

- Timetable - TfW have confirmed delaying some of the proposed timetable changes but Network Rail has not updated it's plans. To be continued....
- Safety issues with motorised vehicles on the viaduct: previously there were signs limiting to 5mph. The signs are now missing. Motion to put signs up alerting people to the safety issues proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr Rob A Williams, all approved. Cllr Jamie Brooks to follow up.
- Rubbish around the station: this is exacerbated by the lack of bins by the shops and take-aways by the station. The previous bins had been removed as they were on private land and owned by Gwynedd Council. Cllr Rob Triggs to discuss solutions with Gwynedd.
- Allotment discussions on hold due to pre-election period.
- The footpath down to toll bridge is Gwynedd Council's responsibility, however the Toll Bridge sign says money will be used to maintain it. Motion to arrange for the path to be cleared: proposed Cllr Rob A Williams, seconded Cllr Rob C Williams, all agreed. Cllr Jamie Brooks to follow up. The drain at the top of the path is blocked so water is diverted onto the path resulting in a puddle. Cllr Rob Triggs to follow up with Gwynedd council.

5.5. Sand:

- The causeway has been cleared. The meeting agreed that it would be more efficient to keep it clear regularly and Cllr Jamie Brooks agreed to look into it.
- It was agreed to invite the Gwynedd Council officers responsible to the Strategy meeting on 9th July, and if they are not available for that date to fix an alternative. It is better to meet as a whole Council instead of a smaller group.
- The clerk sent photos to Gwynedd Council showing where the sand had not been cleared as stated.

5.6. Gibraltar Lane waste / rubbish:

- The problem is people who don't own the bins putting rubbish in them so they are overloaded. Cllr Rob Triggs to ask Gwynedd Council for them to be emptied more regularly. Potentially adding it to the daily pick up.

- 5.7. Bridge Monument - Network Rail & Griffiths have promised funding for the sign which is being designed. Lighting is to be installed.

6. Projects

6.1. CCTV

- The Police would like to add 4 cameras on the police station and add them to our system. This needs to be formally requested and the Police would need to adopt the Town Council's CCTV Policy and Protocols.
- The final PTZ on the Coastguard station is awaiting approval from Coastguard.
- The Gwarchod Bermo signs are being updated with new contact details.

6.2. Tanio Bermo

- Made keepsake for Ysgol y Traeth leavers.
- Two grant applications submitted:
 - Bermo Basics - a series of workshops to introduce people to the skills needed to mend and re-use household items. - Granted
 - Tanio Bermo 2.0 - a combined revenue and capital grant to add some additional equipment 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. - Positive response, need to update the application and re-submit.

6.3. History Project

- 100 English booklets ordered.
- The Welsh booklet is being re-proof read.
- Cllr Rob C Willimas to investigate putting a sign at the bottom of the hill directing people to the Museum.
- Cllr Rob C Williams has done a school talk.

7. Events

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

- Cllr Damian Williams thanked everyone who helped.
- A debrief was held & improvements for another event noted.
- Feedback from the police raised some minor points but nothing major.
- Initial plans for next year intend to split the event over two weekends. Music Friday & Saturday, Carnival & Water Fest following weekend.
- Finances - The event broke even without £5000 budgeted from the Town Council. Agreement that an expanded weekend next year would need a larger budget. This will be built into the budget in November.
- Thanks from all the councillors to Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Rob C Williams & Cllr Katie Price for their hard work organising a very successful event.

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

- The tables & chairs were delivered and are in the container.
- 25 food stalls, 28 craft stalls. Layout plans for the food festival will be completed this week.
- Some posters are in place, others to go out. Social Media advertising to continue.
- Advance notice of invoices
 - Russ Handy - £180

- Two Sick Steves - £350

Motion to pay these as soon as the event has been held: proposed Cllr Damian Williams, seconded Cllr Rob C Williams, all agreed.

7.3. Christmas - nothing needed to be planned yet.

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- Pre-election period has reduced activity.
- The harbour roadworks are for test drilling around harbour prior to the flood alleviation work.
- Chased up grass cutting around Ty Crwn, around Welcome to Barmouth signs, behind tennis courts. Has asked for schedule of maintenance.

8.2. Chairman's report

- The Mayor was working over the carnival so the Mayor's wife attended the carnival and awarded the prizes for the best entries.
- Started. 10k, ran 10k, awarded prizes for 10k.
- Attended Dragon Theatre AGM

8.3. Clerk's report

- Covered in minutes

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

9.1. Dragon Theatre: AGM held, they still need to increase the number of people attending. A good programme has been put together for the summer.

9.2. One Voice Wales meeting - Cllr Trevor Roberts attended. Updated from Llais - Llais is the national, independent body set up by the Welsh Government to give the people of Wales a stronger voice in their health and social care services.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications - None received

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

10.2.1. Tfw email regarding train timetable changes. - Covered in Railway Report

10.2.2. Drinking water in Barmouth - Agreed that it would be good to have these facilities in Barmouth. There are national schemes that can help: <https://www.refill.org.uk/>. Options discussed included: checking with Gwynedd Council if they have any schemes, asking Co-op or Spar, Byw'n lach, Lifeboat, Tfw if they would be involved. Action: Cllr Rob Triggs & Clerk.

10.2.3. BPA letter regarding Water Safety. It was reported that the Harbour Master/Gwynedd Council is looking at Geolocation tags on entrance to beach that will ping people's phones as they go past. It was agreed that the lead should come from Gwynedd Council and the Town Council would support as necessary.

10.2.4. 20mph limit review letter from Ken Skates. The Council agreed to request the removal of the speed limit in Bontddu.

10.2.5. Traffic Order to make "no overnight parking for motor caravans" permanent. No comment.

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Allotments	Property Dept. to respond after the election	TR
2203-01 a	Heol y Llan Depot	The land will be used by Griffiths over the winter, to be addressed next Spring. Close action and transfer to Asset Transfer discussions.	RT
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised. GCC are supposed to review dropped kerbs when they renew pavements	Need to progress, collate list of places needing drop curbs and formally request from Gwynedd.	TR
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	No change at Cae Glas until work completed. Need clarity on Bath House tables & additional signage.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	See earlier reports.	JB
2312-01	Write to bus companies about non-connecting buses and other concerns	Check timetables before September term starts.	HB
2401-02	Write to Maritime expressing concern about H&S of fencing in dunes & bubble pool	See sand report. No further update.	HB
2405-01	Follow up with the police re anti-social behaviour at Memorial Park	It has not been possible to speak to the police about this yet.	PH
2405-02	Investigate costings for alternative gate into Astro turf at Memorial Park	Covered in Memorial Park	PH
2405-03	Follow up with Network rail re litter on the tracks at the station	Covered in minutes	TR
2405-04	Investigate opportunities for safety improvements on Barmouth bridge	Covered in minutes	TR
2405-05	Follow up with Arthog clerk to get sand cleared on far side of bridge	Land is the responsibility of Gwynedd Council, the sand was cleared. Closed	HB
2405-06	Clear sand from causeway	Done - Closed	JB
2405-07	Follow up with Gwynedd Council regarding water flow on the Rock	Written in, received response that it was looked into at the time and GC checked that the water wasn't coming from the house above. - Closed	RT / HB

12. Any other business:

- 12.1. Serpent benches - 10 ends in storage, need to get them made up. Cllr Damian Williams will deliver 2 to Cllr Jamie Brooks to get a price for making up the benches.

- 12.2. Soldier silhouettes for Remembrance, suggestion of one at each "Welcome to Barmouth" sign & a pair at the cenotaph. The approx cost will be £1000, proposed by Cllr Phil Hill, seconded by Cllr Damian Williams, all agreed with the proviso that any text is bilingual. Cllr Rob C Williams to progress.
- 12.3. Concern was raised over the state of the walls at the north end of the prom. No restoration work will be done on these as major flood alleviation work is planned for next year.
- 12.4. The shelter at the north end of prom is in poor conditions, previous investigations show it is not owned by Gwynedd or the adjacent land owner. To be discussed in the July meeting.
- 12.5. Cllr Wendy Cleaver has received an email from ITV about Public Transport issues in Wales. If anyone has issues with transport please pass the details on to her.

Meeting closed at 9:35pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 9th July 2024 - Strategy Meeting.
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - Full Council Meeting. PCSO Paula attending at 6.30pm**

Signed as a true record:



Date:

23/7/24