

Minutes - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Present: Cllr Adam Hills (Chair), Cllr. Jamie Brooks, Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Dylan 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 Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Trevor Roberts, Cllr Owain Pritchard
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
 - 6.2 Tanio Bermo: Cllr Phil Hill
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 25th June 2024. Motion proposed Cllr Damian Williams seconded Cllr Dylan Roberts. All approved
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Audit - Files submitted to external Auditor by deadline.
 - 4.1.2. VAT return submitted for 2022/23 and 2023/24. Payment of £26,249.93 received today.
 - 4.1.3. Grant Applications.
 - Submitted the claim for Bermo Fest, not yet received. Claim for Food Festival will be submitted when all the invoices have been received.
 - 4.1.4. Debit Card
Upcoming payments on the debit card: Additional keys for the container.
Proposed Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Damian Williams, 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
HP Instant Ink for printer	Debit Card

- 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
Russ Handy	Music for Food Festival	ARU00115	£180	June Meeting
Two Sick Steves	Music for Food Festival	02-2024	£350	June Meeting
St John Ambulance	Attendance at Bermo Fest	0000074634	£246	May Meeting
Dye Sublimation Supplies	Materials for Tanio Bermo		£92.60	Chair / Vice-chair

4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire - June	263	£67
Darren Smith	Caretaking Apr - July	2076	£412.50
JISC Services Limited	Web Domain renewal	JSL_FIV-000002761	£90
Stan Brooks	Clearance of Sand		£120
Stonest West Construction	Bridge Sculpture	Jun24014	£8250
Gwynedd Council	Toilets	008008B0082505W	£10000
Dragon Theatre	Food Festival Demonstrations	276	£1400

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Damian Williams , seconded: Cllr Katie Price, all agreed.

The following invoices are anticipated before the next meeting at the end of September. To avoid delayed payment of these invoices, motion to grant the clerk permission to pay them when received was proposed by Cllr Dylan Roberts, seconded by Cllr Rob Triggs. All agreed.

Payee	Item	Anticipated Amount
Evergreen	Gardening - July & August invoices	Up to £750 per month
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire - July	£67
Kevin Williams	Beach Raking	£300 + VAT
St John Ambulance	Food Festival Cover	£250

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

- 4.6.1. Dragon Theatre - Letter of support and underwriting for repairs to the mosaic. Motion to support proposed Cllr Phil Hill, seconded Cllr Rob A Williams, all agreed. Limit of underwriting to £3000, not 10% of final bill.

5. Local Issues

5.1. Asset Transfer

5.1.1. Memorial Park

- Lease: Information has been received concerning the existing lease from Gwynedd Council, no draft new lease yet. Concern was expressed in Council regarding how long this is taking (over 2 years now) and the ambiguous state of the park in the meantime as the Friends group has disbanded and the Town Council does not have the lease to be able to insure the park, or do work on it. Clerk to send a letter to the head of Gwynedd Council to escalate the matter.
- Gates: Have gone to Caernarfon for repainting. There will be an extra £90 to cover the small gate to the bowling green.
- The "Putting Green" has been cut.

5.1.2. Asto-turf: due to changes in staff at the school there is now no key holder in Barmouth.

5.1.3. Heol y Llan: The yard is being used by Griffiths so not available to us for 12 months (return to this issue when the yard is available again).

- 5.2. Sand. Proposed meeting date with Rhydian 30th or 31st July. Most Councillors are not available. Continue trying to set a mutually convenient date.
- 5.3. Gibraltar Lane waste / rubbish: This has been raised with Gwynedd Council who are working with local residents.
- 5.4. Shelter at North End of Prom: There had been people camping there but they have been moved on. Cllr Jamie Brooks will look into the ownership issues and provide a cost estimate.

6. Projects

6.1. CCTV

- All the signs have been updated.
- The Police have agreed to the BTC CCTV policy & to provide insurance & maintenance for their cameras to be added to our system.
- Direct Debit mandate needed to pay for Data Protection registration. Motion proposed by Cllr Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr Rob C Williams, all agreed. Mandate was signed in the meeting by Cllr Katie Price and Cllr Matt Harris.

6.2. Tanio Bermo

- Received confirmation of grant - approx £25,000 for additional kit, and to pay for 12 hours contract staff for 12 months. Motion for the clerk to buy the new equipment on the debit card over the summer (to be reimbursed from the grant) proposed by Cllr Jamie Brooks, seconded Cllr Adam Hills, all agreed.
- Summer workshops (Wednesdays 10 - 1) starting this week for 6 weeks.
- Evening workshops are being run by local businesses.

6.3. History Project

- Visitors are continuing to visit the exhibition in the church, the FaceBook Group keeps growing. Cllr Rob C Williams tried to get a sign on the wall at the bottom of the hill but did not get permission from the shop owner.
- 100 English booklets received. 26 sold in the first week.
- 25 Welsh booklets ordered.
- Motion to purchase more books if the first batch sell out proposed by Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Damian Williams, all agreed.

7. Events

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

- All done. There was a wet start to the Food festival but the weather improved and there was a good turn out. Final accounts will be presented at the next meeting, but initial review shows an underspend on the £700 in the budget. £3200 is covered by grants from the Arts Fund & SPF, this will be reclaimed.
- There was a request from alcohol sellers that the licence is extended. This has an impact on the time for councillors to be present. To be considered for next year.
- Craft Fair was well supported by stall holders. Still issues with people finding the Leisure Centre so footfall was low.
- Kite Festival - We were approached by the organisers to help organise future events in Barmouth. The feeling in the Council was that this was a good event that we should support (but not lead) in the future.

7.2. Christmas

- Cllr Katie Price will start the paperwork and other plans over the summer. Other Councillors will support specific tasks..
- Cllr Damian Williams is organising tractors with lights from Dolgellau - Barmouth - Porthmadog on Sunday 15th December. They will be in car park for approximately 30 minutes around 6pm.

7.3. Bermo Fest 2025

- The followup meeting with the SAG (Security Advice Group) of Gwynedd Council raised some concerns from the Police who felt they had insufficient resources at the event to manage any incidents. There were no incidents at the event. They requested an alternative location for a future event that would be easier to contain. The team will put together the preferred plan and an alternative to show the pros & cons of different locations.

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- Grass cutting around Memorial Park and Hafan Deg: Gwynedd Council say they haven't done it for 20 years. The Football Club will manage this area and request a donation towards the cost of the diesel for doing it.
- The bin area on the car park: the fencing has been taken away and no parking signs will be going up. This area will be re-painted to show it as no parking.
- Glandwr straights: the weeds on road have had weedkiller applied and will be swept later.
- Cors y Gedol - Gwynedd will re-tarmac the road but that won't solve the water issue.
- EV points update: Chargers will not be live until December due to a combination of issues.

- Water points: Gwynedd Council have previously had grant money for this. The Leisure Centre will change the current water fountain to one that can be used to fill water bottles. The Harbour Master is looking at putting a tap on the side of SS Dora.
- Maritime have put extra flags up about strong currents.

8.2. Chairman's report

- Attended Kite Festival & presented a trophy.

8.3. Clerk's report

- Attended One Voice Wales meeting in Dolgellau.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

9.1. parkrun has started in Barmouth, grant funded. Has been very successful.

9.2. BPA: about half the new signs have been installed, others should follow soon.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

10.1.1. C24/0291/00/LL - Idris View, 1, Aberamffra Terrace, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1TD. No objection.

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

10.2.1. Consultation on Single Transferable Vote for Gwynedd Council. Respond - keep as is.

10.2.2. Update on electric car charging points. Noted

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2203-01	Allotments	No update	TR
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	No change at Cae Glas until flood defence work completed. Need clarity on Bath House tables & additional signage.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Progressing sign & lights	JB
2312-01	Write to bus companies about non-connecting buses and other concerns	Check timetables before September term starts.	HB
2405-01	Follow up with the police re anti-social behaviour at Memorial Park	Ongoing	PH
2405-02	Investigate costings for alternative gate into Astro turf at Memorial Park	Meeting planned for 29th July.	PH
2405-03	Follow up with Network rail re litter on the tracks at the station	No updates. RT to follow up on bins	RT

2405-04	Investigate opportunities for safety improvements on Barmouth bridge	No update	JB
2406-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council refuse regarding bins on Gibraltar Lane	Covered in minutes	RT
2406-02	Investigate options for drinking water facilities in Barmouth	Covered in minutes	RT / HB
2406-03	Progress making Serpent Benches up	DW to deliver the bench ends to JB	DW / JB
2406-04	Purchase Tommy Statues for cenotaph & entrances to town	Ordered, but having issues with bilingual text.	HB

12. Any other business:

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Date of next meetings – No meetings in August

Tuesday 10th September 2024 - Strategy Meeting.

Tuesday 24th September 2024 - Full Council Meeting.

Signed as a true record:



Date:

24/9/24.