

Minutes - Tuesday 22nd October 2024

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

In attendance: Jocelyn Whysall, Lesley Griffin, Tess & Phil Absalom-Gough

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Trevor Roberts, Cllr Rob A Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
None.
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 24th September 2024. Motion proposed Cllr Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr Wendy Cleaver. All approved.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Audit - External Audit concluded with no issues raised.
 - 4.1.2. Grant Applications.
 - Food Festival Received
 - Tanio Bermo - working with Menter Môn to determine format of claims
 - 4.1.3. Debit Card - Upcoming payments identified: Christmas lights for palm trees. Ongoing Tanio Bermo grant materials.
 - 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 |
| ICO Membership (annual) | Direct Debit |

- 4.2. Money received since last meeting - noted.
Food Festival (grant): £2,700
Community Fund: £4,127

History Books: £84
 Gwynedd Council (car park): £8029.41
 Tanio Bermo (cash not yet paid in): £245.90
 History Books (cash not yet paid in): £160

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

| Payee | Item | Invoice # | Amount | Authorisation |
|---------|--|-----------|---------|---------------|
| Various | Tanio Bermo Equipment & Materials (grant funded) | | £220.65 | July Meeting |

4.4. To approve payment of accounts

| Payee | Item | Invoice # | Amount |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Evergreen | Gardening Oct | | £500 |
| Dragon Theatre | Room Hire Sept | 293 | £67 |
| Darren Smith | Caretaking | 2079 | £237.95 |
| Audit Wales | Audit Fee | 011716 | £200 |
| MP Wholesale | Electricity for Tanio Bermo May - Sep | | £308.27 |
| Heather Brown | Co-ordination of Tanio Bermo | 20241001 | £240 |
| Heather Brown | Workshops at Tanio Bermo | 20241002 | £200 |
| Karen Cropper | Social media support Tanio Bermo | 20243 | £400 |

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 | |
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4.6. To receive any requests for financial support

- 4.6.1. Abi James - Bump 2 Baby Group. The Council is very supportive of this project. The group is established and meeting. Clerk to send grant form to them & clarify that we can only pay a group, not an individual.

5. Local Issues

5.1. Asset Transfer

5.1.1. Memorial Park

- Lease: The lease has been signed by Barmouth Town Council. The Lease Surrender Document needs signing, Cllr Jamie Brooks will sign & liaise with the solicitor and other lease holder. Confirmation received from our insurer that Public Liability is covered under the existing policy.
- Gates: Will be replaced before Remembrance.

- Grass cutting is being done regularly. This keeps the site tidier. There are issues with litter on the tennis courts. This area will be tidied before Remembrance Sunday.
 - There are still lots of kids hanging around, but school Astro is closed so that may be why.
 - Change to fencing: This will be progressed after the lease is signed.
- 5.1.2. Astro-turf:
- An Email sent to the headmistress to try to move this forward. This needs to include the asset transfer team.
- 5.2. Sand.
- Mentioned at Harbour Consultancy meeting. Still no progress on getting a meeting. The Prom needs clearing before Santa Dash as the sand currently presents a hazard to runners and prevents wheelchairs, buggies etc from using the Prom. Clerk to write to chief exec to request a meeting with Maritime & YGC to address the short term and long term issues.
- 5.3. Beach Wheelchairs
- The plan is for Barmouth Town Council to buy the wheelchair and donate to Gwynedd Council to manage it. This means Gwynedd will be responsible for maintenance, insurance etc. If demand is proved, Gwynedd Council may provide a second chair.
 - The option to provide a hoist to enable more individuals to benefit from the chair was discussed. As the chair will be managed by Gwynedd Council this will be their responsibility to address.
 - The location of storage of the chair was discussed. Although the Leisure Centre is closer to the lifeboat slipway, it is not open at weekends so would restrict use of the chair. The Harbour Master's Office is also closer to the causeway offering a firm route to the beach closer to the sea.
 - Issues regarding the steepness of slips was discussed. Cllr Rob C Williams to check with Maritime & YGC about requirements and suitability.
 - Draft agreement with Gwynedd Council reviewed. There were no comments or concerns raised.
 - Motion to buy wheelchair once agreement is in place. Proposed by Cllr Jamie Brooks, seconded by Cllr Damian Williams, all agreed.
- 5.4. Speed on Glandwr Straight. No issues raised to Town Councillors. Gwynedd Councillor has received some comments from local residents. Changes can not be made until the inquest has completed. Clerk to respond to Mabon ap Gwynfor. Suggest bushes etc around are maintained cut hard back.
6. Projects
- 6.1. CCTV
- The WiFi should be completed by Thurs/Fri to allow remote viewing of footage.
 - The rust marks on the cameras are from the screw holes not from screws.
- 6.2. Tanio Bermo
- Workshops funded by the Circular Economy Fund are up and running.
 - Bermo Basics start on Monday evenings after half-term.
 - An anniversary celebration has been set for Tuesday 29th with a "Make Something" workshop in the morning and open day from 2:00 - 6:30pm. Posters have been put out and information sent to the Cambrian, local councils, MP & MS and the other Ffiws groups.

- One Voice Wales Cost of Living team are coming on Thursday 24th October to do a case study on the activities going on.

7. Events

- 7.1. Remembrance Sunday: 10th November, Church Service @ 10:45, Cenotaph @ 12:00. The poppies have been put up, the statues are due to go out.
- 7.2. Christmas: Late Night Shopping 5th Dec, Santa Dash 14th Dec, Tractor Run 15th Dec
 - TEN gone in, road closure in, Lloyds coaches know. RJ Electrics will talk to Geraint about the trees. Santa is booked, the room booked for the grotto, the presents have been ordered. The shop window competition will be held. Batala and the bell ringers are sorted. Help will be needed with the road closure on the night. Cllr Katie Price has put together a poster of all the things happening in December. So far 72 tractors have registered for the tractor run.
- 7.3. Bermo Fest 2025
 - Police debrief meeting planned for 15th November.
- 7.4. Food/Craft/Kite Festivals 2025
 - Food & Craft - nothing needed until January.
 - Kite Festival: It is not permitted to provide money to individuals, the Council will continue to provide toilets subject to the craft fair location. The organisers should continue to work with maritime to manage fencing. The Council will support advertising & social media. As a group the organisers can apply to the council for specific funding e.g. insurance. Gwynedd Council have funds to support events. Kite Festival can raise money with bucket collection. Tess & Phil will approach North Kite Flyers to run it.

8. Reports

- 8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report
 - There have been changes in responsibility at Gwynedd Council following recent resignations.
- 8.2. Chairman's report
 - No update.
- 8.3. Clerk's report
 - The new web site is being worked on.
 - One Voice Wales have been publishing a lot of standard policies and guidance notes which make it easier to manage Council business but need a lot of reading and reviewing.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 9.1. Harbour Consultative Meeting: Cllr Rob C Williams gave an update on the years activities showing an increase in the number of moorings and visitors.
- 9.2. Dragon, no meeting no update
- 9.3. Town Wifi - no new date yet.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications
 - 10.1.1. None
- 10.2. Other correspondence/letters
 - 10.2.1. Traffic Order with changed parking restrictions circulated - 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 | WC emailed YGC for clarification of street furniture. YGC waiting for response from Streetworks. RT will get clarification from YGC when he meets them. | RT |
| 2309-03 | Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument" | Design of the sign has gone back & forwards between Network Rail & Griffiths. Now have final proof, has been translated and will hopefully be signed off imminently. Lights will go in when the sign is ready. | JB |
| 2312-01 | Write to bus companies about non-connecting buses and other concerns | Not heard further. | HB |
| 2405-02 | Investigate costings for alternative gate into Astro turf at Memorial Park | Waiting for lease. | PH |
| 2405-03 | Follow up with Network rail re litter on the tracks at the station | Report to Network Rail when it's an issue. Closed. | RT |
| 2405-04 | Investigate opportunities for safety improvements on Barmouth bridge | Ongoing | JB |
| 2406-02 | Investigate options for drinking water facilities in Barmouth | RT to chase | RT / HB |
| 2406-03 | Progress making Serpent Benches up | Ends delivered to JB | DW / JB |
| 2407-01 | Shelter at North End of Prom: Jamie Brooks to provide quote | Estimate of £1800 to clear the site. Clerk to send letter to YGC to ask them to demolish it as it is unsafe. | JB |
| 2409-01 | Request meeting with Chief Exec to discuss sand issues as can not get meeting agreed with YGC. | Covered in minutes | |

12. Any other business:

- 12.1. Location for Cae Glas benches during flood prevention project: proposed to ask YGC to place them in Marine Parade Gardens. Also need to notify Griffiths Engineering & YGC of the Tractor Run and ask for lights to be removed for that weekend.

- 12.2. Toilets - damage on PROM etc.
- 12.3. The lane on Panorama Road is badly blocked by trees and abandoned cars. Notify highways.

Meeting closed at 21:10pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 12th November 2024 - Strategy Meeting.
Tuesday 26th November 2024 - Full Council Meeting.**

Signed as a true record:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Hill'.

Date:

26/11/24.