

Minutes - Tuesday 26th November 2024

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

In attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Damian Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
10.1.1 - Cllr Rob A Williams
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 22nd October 2024. Motion proposed Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Rob C Williams. All approved.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Budget: The draft budget was reviewed. Motion to increase the precept by 4.9% to £69,400 proposed Cllr Phil Hill, seconded Cllr Trevor Roberts, all agreed
 - 4.1.2. Pay agreement for clerk's salary. Motion proposed to increase clerk's salary in line with Nation Pay Agreement and back-date to 1st April 2024 proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr Phil Hill, all agreed.
 - 4.1.3. Motion to approve Direct Debit for payment of Clerk's Pension proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr Dylan Roberts, all agreed.
 - 4.1.4. Grant Applications.
Tanio Bermo grant covered under Tanio Bermo
 - 4.1.5. Debit Card - Upcoming payments identified:
 - Festive Cutouts for photos on Late Night Shopping evening & Fairy Lights for Palm Trees. Proposed Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Rob A Williams, all approved.
 - Ongoing Tanio Bermo grant materials.
 - 4.1.6. 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.
Community Fund: £750.50
Tanio Bermo: £65 (cash)
Tanio Bermo: £4047.60 (Circular Economy Grant)
History Booklets: £340

- 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)		£325.24	July Meeting

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening Nov	00128	£680.15
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire Oct	304	£67
Stonewest Construction	Sand Clearance, clearance of railway bridge footpath	Oct24002	£1,878
Mantell Gwynedd	Payroll services	SI-3937	£280
RJ Electrics	Replacement and additional Christmas Lights	09417	£7,910.52
Heather Brown	Co-ordination of Tanio Bermo	20241101	£240
Heather Brown	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	20241102	£180
Karen Cropper	Social media support Tanio Bermo	20244	£400
Kate Hancock	Tanio Bermo Workshops	209	£112.50
LL DIY	Tanio Bermo Equipment		£34.99
Weigh Out	Santa gifts for late night shopping	074	£596.36

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

Motion to make a donation of £150 to the Royal British Legion following wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday proposed Cllr Adam Hills, seconded Cllr Rob C Williams, All agreed.

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

Item	Amount	Due
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£10,000	

- 4.6. To receive any requests for financial support
- 4.6.1. Air Ambulance Community Council Appeal 2024 - keep as usual donation to local group. Cllr Katie Price to check payment options (bacs if possible).
- 4.6.2. Nightingale House Hospice - Clerk to send form for specific project.

- 4.6.3. SSSART - Trawfynydd Race 2025. Motion to make a grant of £300 proposed Cllr Rob A Williams,, seconded Cllr Jamie Brooks, all approved.

5. Local Issues

5.1. Asset Transfer

5.1.1. Memorial Park

- The lease from Gwynedd Council has been signed!
- Cllr Phil Hill will monitor the use of the tennis courts over the winter months and arrange for the nets to be removed if no-one is using the courts.
- The quotes for new gates into the football and tennis courts will be discussed at the January meeting.
- The newly painted gates have all been fitted and look good.
- The area was cleared and tidied for Remembrance.

5.1.2. Astro-turf:

- Cllr Phil Hill has had a positive meeting with the headmistress.
- He has requested an updated lease from the Gwynedd Council officer.
- A person has been identified to lock up the gates every night and also tidy & put bin out. A pay rate of £150 a month was proposed by Cllr Rob A Williams, seconded Cllr Jamie Brooks all agreed.
- A sign will be needed covering the rules of use and opening hours.
- Will need a proper bin. Cllr Phil Hill getting quotes from Gwynedd and Veolia.
- The entrance from the car park to the astro needs a proper path. Cllr Phil Hill to progress with Gwynedd Council.

5.2. Sand

- The clerk has written to Chair of Gwynedd Council, had acknowledgement but no meeting yet set up. To be chased up.

5.3. Beach Wheelchairs

- Cllr Rob C Williams will be going to Morfa Bychan next Thursday to have a look and hopefully order the beach wheelchair. The agreement is all in place for Barmouth Town Council to buy it and donate to Gwynedd Council.

5.4. Motocross

- There were more issues this year than previously and the Councillors had a discussion about the concerns expressed and whether the benefits of the event outweigh the issues.
- The clerk will write to the organiser to express our concerns.
- The clerk will write to Gwynedd Council to ask for our input on the date. Also to ask for enforcement of camper vans parking restrictions.
- All councillors should get opinions from local businesses.

Cllr Rob C Williams took over the chair.

6. Projects

6.1. CCTV

- The quote for installation near Coastguard station had been previously circulated. Motion to go forward with cameras on the prom instead of Coastguard station proposed Cllr Jamie Brooks, seconded Cllr Rob A Williams, all agreed.

6.2. History Project

- The sale of booklets going well, it is likely a new order will be required before the season starts again at Easter
- The Facebook page is going well, membership is growing more slowly now but still active posts.
- Cllr Rob C Williams made a proposal for a History Fest in February half term. This would be held in the Arts room of the Dragon Theatre. Members of the public would be invited to bring in artefacts, photos etc, there would be support for locals to investigate their family history. A motion to support this and ask Cllr Rob C Williams to progress the plan was proposed by Cllr Phil Hill, seconded Cllr Katie Price, all agreed.

6.3. Tanio Bermo

- A discussion about future plans was held. There is grant funding available for further Circular Economy projects. Some initial ideas were discussed. All councillors to think about possible schemes for further discussion at the January meeting.
- Warm Hub funding has been announced. Tanio Bermo would be a good location to hold some craft, makerspace activities under the Warm Hubs funding. Clerk to look into it.

7. Events

7.1. Christmas: Late Night Shopping 5th Dec, Santa Dash 14th Dec, Tractor Run 15th Dec

- Cllr Katie Price previously sent out a list of things that need doing for Late Night Shopping. Still some roles need filling.

7.2. Bermo Fest 2025

- The post event meeting with the police has been held. There were a number of conditions raised by the police for a future event, including making the event ticketed and putting fencing up to define the event area. An increase in security will be required and checks to ensure no glass is allowed into the control area.
- There was concern from Councillors that making it a ticketed event will change the feel of the event and the original plan.
- The organisers will get costings together before the January meeting and agree if it is viable to hold the event in 2025.

7.3. Food/Craft/Kite Festivals 2025

- Food & Craft - nothing needed until January.
- Kite Festival: A letter has been received regarding the Kite festival. The clerk will reply, offering support towards the costs, including insurance. The Town Council are not in the position to take responsibility for the event.

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- No update

8.2. Chairman's report

- No further update

8.3. Clerk's report

8.3.1. Consultations

- Community Review of Electoral Arrangements - clerk to respond stating that the current arrangements for Barmouth are appropriate and no changes are needed.
- Parking Charges increase from Gwynedd Council. No response needed.
- Covid Enquiry - no response needed.

- A meeting is planned with the Gwynedd Highways department to discuss dropped kerbs and other issues on 27th November.
- Been working through Pension Registration with Mantell Gwynedd

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 9.1. Friends of Wern Mynach - have been awarded the green flag, and named the overall winner for Wales for a volunteer group. The clerk will send them a letter of congratulations.
- 9.2. Dragon Theatre - The Council noted that Alan Vincent has recently passed away. He has made many contributions to Dragon and other local organisations over the years and will be sadly missed.
- 9.3. Dragon Theatre - Need help with the garden, Cllr Jamie Brooks to ask Evergreen to talk to the theatre.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- 10.1.1. C24/0941/00/DT - Gwel Y Don, Llanaber, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1RR - no objection
- 10.1.2. C24/0798/00/LL - The Clock House, Coesfaen, Abermaw, LL42 1TE - no objection
- 10.1.3. C24/0998/00/DT - 7, Blomfontein Terrace Ffordd Y Parc, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1PP - no objection

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

- 10.2.1. Letter of thanks from Royal British Legion - noted
- 10.2.2. Speed on the prom - The clerk to raise it with Gwynedd Council Highways department on the walk around. It has previously been raised with the Community Policing team. They will do some speed awareness activities. A suggestion was made regarding a Pedestrian crossing between the prom and the school.
- 10.2.3. Peace Ambassadors - letter circulated for Councillors to respond to if interested.

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	Clerk meeting with Gwynedd Council Highways 27/11.	TR
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	End of season now, will continue to work with relevant parties	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Signs - progress is being made. Street lighting has been met with, happy to connect up. Will need form signed with Scottish Power.	JB
2312-01	Write to bus companies about non-connecting buses and other concerns	Response received, further issues to be notified to Schools Transport Liaison. - Closed	HB

2405-02	Investigate costings for alternative gate into Astro turf at Memorial Park	Jan meeting.	PH
2405-04	Investigate opportunities for safety improvements on Barmouth bridge	Raised with Gwynedd Council officer, forwarded to Rhys Roberts	HB
2406-02	Investigate options for drinking water facilities in Barmouth	Ongoing	RT / HB
2406-03	Progress making Serpent Benches up	Ongoing	DW / JB
2407-01	Shelter at North End of Prom: Jamie Brooks to provide quote	Letter sent to YGC, no response received	JB
2409-01	Request meeting with Chief Exec to discuss sand issues as can not get meeting agreed with YGC.	Letter sent, no meeting set yet	HB
2410-01	Follow up with Bump 2 Baby Group	Written to them, offered possibility of Town Council buying items & gifting them to the group. They will get in touch when they are ready to progress. - Closed	HB
2410-02	Progress purchase of beach wheelchair	Covered in minutes	RCW

12. Any other business:

- 12.1. The Council were notified that former councillor and mayor Danny Jones has passed away. A short tribute will be posted on the Council Facebook page.
- 12.2. Cae Glas - the work has started. Need to make sure the items to be reused are stored appropriately.
- 12.3. A motion to move the Council Email to GSuite was requested by Cllr Owain Pritchard proposed Cllr Dylan Roberts, seconded Cllr Jamie Brooks, all agreed.

Meeting closed at 21:30pm.

Date of next meetings – Tuesday 10th December 2024 - Full Council Meeting & Christmas Social.

Signed as a true record:



Date:

10/12/24