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Minutes - Tuesday 10th December 2024

Present: Cllr Adam Hills (chair), Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Phil Hill, Cllr Owain Pritchard, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Rob C Williams, Cllr Rob A Williams, Heather Brown (Clerk).

In attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. Jamie Brooks, Cllr Katie Price, Cllr Trevor Roberts, Cllr Dylan Roberts, Cllr Damian Williams
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 26th November 2024. Motion proposed Cllr Rob C Williams, seconded Cllr Phil Hill. All approved.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Grant Applications.
Circular Economy grant continues to be implemented
 - 4.1.2. Debit Card - Upcoming payments identified:
 - Ongoing Tanio Bermo grant materials.
 - 4.1.3. 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: £4585.15
Tanio Bermo: £120
Circular Economy Grant: £9007.40
History Booklets: £10

4.3. Record of previously agreed payments made since the last meeting - none

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation

4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire Nov	313	£67
Darren Smith	Caretaking	2082	£287.50
Gwynedd Council	20 years lease for Memorial Park	008008D004 8210S	£20
RJ Electrics	Installation of Lights for Christmas	09469	£5,618.32
Trevor Gennard	Jubilee Road & Ty Crwn Gardening	1529	£390
Heather Brown	Co-ordination of Tanio Bermo	241201	£300
Heather Brown	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	241202	£240
Karen Cropper	Social media support Tanio Bermo	20245	£300
Darren Smith	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	2081	£90
Ingrid Smith	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	0006	£170
Wendy Slater	Workshops at Tanio Bermo		£126.43

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Wendy Cleaver, seconded: Cllr Owain Pritchard, all agreed.

4.5. Pre-approval for invoices expected before January meeting

Payee	Item	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening Dec	£500 + Additions
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire Dec	£67
Daryl Edwards	Santa Support	
Wayne Heady	Gardening at the Cenotaph	
RJElectrics	Storm damage to the Christmas lights	

Motion to pay these invoices when they are received proposed Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr Adam Hills, all agreed.

4.6. Upcoming Expense (for information) - Noted.

Item	Amount	Due
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£10,000	

4.7. To receive any requests for financial support

4.7.1. None

5. Local Issues

5.1. Asset Transfer

5.1.1. Memorial Park

- Cllr Phil Hill will arrange for the tennis nets to be removed for the winter months.

- The quotes for new gates into the football and tennis courts will be discussed at the January meeting.

5.1.2. Astro-turf:

- Cllr Phil Hill has met with Gwynedd Council officers and the school deputy head to discuss accessible ramped access to the Astro-turf. He will follow up with plans and get quotes for the work

5.2. Sand

- A meeting was held with officers from Gwynedd Council, several Barmouth Town Councillors and the clerk. Gwynedd Council will now provide feedback to Barmouth Town Council proposing solutions to the issues raised. They have been invited to the January Council meeting to discuss further.
- The first of the 2 annual clearances is due on 13th January 2025, and having seen the amount of sand on the prom, the officer from YGC stated that the road would be cleared before Christmas.

5.3. Beach Wheelchairs

- Cllr Rob C Williams has been to Morfa Bychan to view the wheelchairs there and has requested one for Barmouth.

6. Projects

6.1. History Project

- Cllr Rob C Williams has discussed potential dates with the Dragon Theatre for History Fest.
- New booklets will be needed before then, motion to buy more booklets as needed proposed Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr Adam Hills, all agreed.

6.2. Tanio Bermo

- Bermo Basics workshops have now been completed, some were very popular, others less so, but all were well received by those who attended. A good model to build on for the future.

7. Events

7.1. Christmas:

- Despite the weather the event went well, thanks to all those who were involved.
- A discussion was held regarding the lights, Cllr Matt Harris is following up on these items:
 - The new lights on the prom and car park are good, and more should be added along the prom next year.
 - A budget should be in place for replacement bulbs and displays as they are now several years old.
 - The storm damaged the banner light fitting across the road by the Last Inn, this has been made safe but the fitting needs repair. Clerk to follow up with insurance.
- Next year's event will be 4th December 2025

7.2. Bermo Fest 2025

- The planning group will meet in January to discuss the changes required and make a proposal to the January meeting.

7.3. Food/Craft/Kite Festivals 2025

- Food & Craft - update in January Meeting

8. Reports

8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- The new leader of Gwynedd Council and new cabinet have been announced.

8.2. Chairman's report

- Attended the Late Night Shopping event.

8.3. Clerk's report

- A meeting was held with the Gwynedd Highways department to discuss dropped kerbs and other issues on 27th November. A number of issues were identified and opportunities for improvements noted. To be followed up.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

9.1. Dragon Theatre - Need additional trustees if any of the Councillors would like to be involved.

9.2. Cllr Wendy Cleaver met with Liz Savile-Roberts to discuss the digital switch-over of home phone lines and the impact on local residents. Any councillors who know of local people who are being pressured into switching to a digital line, or paying over the odds (approx £30 a month for phone & broadband) should pass details on to Wendy to help build evidence for a fairer service.

10. Correspondence

10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

10.1.1. C23/0904/00/LL - The Lobster Pond Fishmongers Y Cei, Abermaw, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1HB - no objections

10.2. Other correspondence/letters

10.2.1.

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	See minutes	TR
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	Meeting regarding sand talked about this issue, Maritime officer to respond.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Ongoing	JB
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	Covered in minutes	HB
2410-02	Progress purchase of beach wheelchair	Covered in minutes	RCW
2411-01	Follow up after motocross with letters to organiser and Gwynedd Council	Proposed dates received from Maritime, 18th-19th October 2025. No objections to dates but need to feedback concerns about 2024 event.	HB

12. Any other business:

- 12.1. Pontoon: It appears the pontoon has previously not had a licence from NRW or the Crown Estate. It is important to ensure we have documented evidence of the point when Barmouth Town council take over ownership to avoid retrospective charges.
- 12.2. Motion to put the lights at Tŷ Crwn on a timer rather than on all night was proposed by Cllr Matt Harris, seconded by Cllr Phil Hill, all agreed. Cllr Matt Harris to progress with RJElectris.
- 12.3. Cae Glas works:
- Lloyds coaches have reported that the traffic lights are not in the places agreed and this is causing issues for them. They have been referred to YGC to report the issue.
 - A request was made for more visually attractive fencing (information boards etc) as the works are in a prominent place in town and will be there for 18 months.
 - The clerk will confirm the dates when the compound will be in place in the main car park and the compensation the Council will receive for loss of income.
 - A discussion was held regarding re-using the fencing from the gardens at the school to provide safer access for children. This will be followed up in the January meeting. Councillors should identify other places the railings may be used.

Meeting closed at 20:40pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 14th January 2025 - Strategy Meeting (clerk away).
Tuesday 28th January 2025 - Full Council Meeting**

Signed as a true record:



Date:

28/1/25