

Minutes - Tuesday 28th January 2025

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

In attendance:

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Matthew Harris, Cllr Trevor Roberts
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
None
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 10th December 2024. Motion proposed Cllr Rob Triggs, seconded Cllr Damian Williams. All approved.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. To receive monthly finance management reports
 - 4.1.1. Grant Applications.
Circular Economy grant for Tanio Bermo continues to be implemented SPF Funding has stopped, there are some indications that it may re-open April/May, but this will make it too late for Bermo Fest. Gallagher grant to Tanio Bermo - £1000
 - 4.1.2. Debit Card - Upcoming payments identified:
 - Ongoing Tanio Bermo grant materials.
 - Application fee for TEN for Water Fest & Food Fest will be needed .
Proposed Cllr Katie Price, Seconded Cllr Adam Hills
 - 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
Clerk's Pension & NI	Direct Debit

- 4.2. Money received since last meeting - noted.
 Community Fund: £147 + payments in last few days
 Tanio Bermo: £52
 History Booklets: £230
 Santa Dash: £70 (use of QR code)

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Barmouth Striders	Reimburse Santa Dash Income		£70	Clerk

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening	0168	£500
Jones & Jones	Footpath clearance	7355	£1812
Dyfed CCTV	Repair to damaged equipment on Harbour Masters building	SI-1016	£487.20
Caerddaniel	Materials for Cenotaph gardening		£95.93
Heather Brown	Co-ordination of Tanio Bermo	250101	£240
Heather Brown	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	250102	£240
MP Wholesale	Tanio Bermo Elec Oct - Jan		£434.60
David Brown	Material for Tanio Bermo Railway		£225.47
Cyngor Gwynedd	Christmas Lighting	SI-B0082907	£4434.61
Dyfed CCTV	Installation of cameras by Coastguard	SI-1039	£2796.55
Byw'n Iach	Youth Club Autumn Term	SI-W000693 1J	£2097.00
Bespoke Boats	Work to date on Pontoon		£2800
Adam Hills	Mayor Allowance (2 of 3)		£250

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded: Cllr Rob A Williams, all agreed.

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

Item	Amount	Due
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£15,000	

- 4.6. To receive any requests for financial support
 4.6.1. Generic funding request from Theatre Bara Caws: no response planned as theatre does not work in the Barmouth area and any funding from the Town Council will be directed towards the Dragon Theatre for the benefit of Barmouth residents.

5. Local Issues
 5.1. Pontoon

- Have received an estimate for the work to repair and replace the pontoon in the water approx £15000.
- The crown license has been reviewed by the solicitor and is ready for signing.
- Cllr Rob Triggs is liaising with the contractor to complete the work.
- Motion to finalise the work and return the pontoon to the water to the estimate of £15000 proposed Cllr Dylan Roberts, seconded Cllr Rob A Williams, all agreed.
- Motion to sign the Crown Estate license Proposed Cllr Katie Price seconded Cllr Phil Hill, all agreed.

5.2. Asset Transfer

5.2.1. Memorial Park

- New quotes received to change the entrances to the tennis courts / football pitch following a site meeting to identify the best way forward. The quote £5700 + VAT. A ramp will be needed to facilitate access, Cllr Jamie Brooks will arrange a quote to build this. Motion to accept the quote for gates and proceed with the work proposed by Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr Damian Williams, all agreed.

5.2.2. Astro-turf:

- A meeting was held with the Gwynedd Council Officer to discuss ramped access. Cllr Jamie Brooks to obtain a quote for the work.
- The licence from Gwynedd Council needs to be updated with the current details. Cllr Phil Hill to chase.

5.3. Sand

- A meeting was held with the relevant officers from Gwynedd Council to discuss the management of the sand. They provided a briefing note setting out the current position of Gwynedd Council. Due to funding constraints, the following work will be carried out:
 - Clearing the sump area from the Lifeboat Station slipway to the causeway twice a year. This will act as a reservoir for wind blown sand to gather in to reduce the amount on the prom walkway and road.
 - Monitoring the road more frequently and clearing of sand when it becomes an obstruction on the highway.
 - Liaise with Welsh Water regarding the water flow outlet near the main entrance to the beach with concerns about safety.
 - Increase the signage on the dunes warning people to keep out due to the danger of the wooden fencing.
 - Investigate bio-luminescent paint for the tops of the fencing to make them more obvious in the night to reduce the risk of accidents.
 - Although Gwynedd Council can not afford to hire equipment to clear the causeway more frequently they will use "spare" time when equipment is hired for other work to clear the causeway as often as possible.
 - Barmouth Town Council will clear the causeway as a need is identified. They will liaise with the Maritime department about funding this work.
- The Town council will set up a sand sub-committee to liaise with the Harbour Master & Gwynedd Maritime Department. The sub-committee will be Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Rob Triggs, Cllr Damian Williams, Cllr Dylan Roberts. They will have the power to co-opt appropriate members of the public if desired.

5.4. Beach Wheelchairs

- Cllr Rob C Williams has ordered the beach wheelchair, it should be delivered by the end of February or early March.

- The wheelchair will be advertised in the Town Guide, on the Council Website, on local Facebook pages. Cllr Rob C Williams will also contact the local press.
- Once it is delivered and in use, discuss with the Harbour Master appropriate signage.

5.5. Cae Glas

- Roadworks are ongoing, no new issues raised.
- The wider road (due to pavement being removed for the works) improves traffic flow. Clerk to write to YGC requesting a wider road when the work is completed and the garden & pavement restored.

6. Projects

6.1. History Project / History Fest

- The Dragon Theatre Arts room has been booked for 27th February. The event will be from 12-7pm. The room will be available from 10am for setting up.
- Permission has been given by Hugh Roberts to use photos from the Flickr archive on a rolling reel on PC projector.
- The History booklets will be available for sale.
- The event will be advertised on Facebook, in the Cambrian News and with posters on noticeboards and in the library. Cllr Rob C Williams will ask the Dragon Theatre to put it on their noticeboard.

6.2. Tanio Bermo

- A program of events has been put together for January - March featuring "Circular Economy" / reuse workshops and workshops teaching people how to use the equipment in the space.
- Work is progressing on setting up a Repair Cafe.
- A new person is working on the Social Media side of things, has started an Instagram account alongside the Facebook page and refreshed the images being used to advertise & market the space.

7. Events

7.1. Bermo Fest 2025: Music 6th & 7th June, Carnival 14th June & Water Fest 15th June

- Met with Police, Gwynedd Council licensing, BTC, Community Coordinators on site to discuss location. There is a need to define & fence a "sterile area" with security in place to check bags, zero tolerance on glass. This area will be limited to 1500 people maximum and will include the bar, stage area and toilets.
- Wristbands will be used to control numbers. These will be free and limited to 1500.
- As more than 499 people are expected, the Town Council will need to apply for a premise license, Cllr Katie Price has sent a draft to Gwynedd Council for review.
- The overall costing estimate for 2 days of Bermo Fest is about £20000. There are minimal costs for the Carnival and Water Fest. Last year the Town Council received about £12000 in donations / grants.
- Motion to go ahead with Bermo Fest and for the Town Council to underwrite the costs proposed Cllr Jamie Brooks, seconded Cllr Phil Hill, all agreed.

7.2. Food Festival 2025. 6th July

- Food - 12 stalls booked so far. Planning is ongoing, application for TEN will be made soon.
- A decision was made not to hold the Craft fair this year due to commitments from the Council staff on other events.

- 7.3. Christmas 2025 - 4th December.
- Date fixed for Late Night Shopping.

8. Reports

- 8.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report
- There has been a series of meetings on budget cuts. An 8% increase in Council Tax is anticipated.
 - The sink hole on North Avenue is a collapsed sewer pipe, Welsh Water will need to fix it.
 - There is a meeting with Highways to put 20mph signs and school signs on the prom near the school.

- 8.2. Chairman's report
- Attended the drop in session for the North Prom flood defence works.

- 8.3. Clerk's report
- Consultation on Transport Plan for North Wales - no need to do a Council response.
 - Update received from Highways regarding dropped kerbs. Those that require repair due to damage will be completed, others will wait for planned works in the area.
 - Road closures - received notification of closure of A496 overnight on 18th/19th February. Also planned closures of the level crossing in July, Have written to Gwynedd Council to request no closures of the level crossing on weekends when events are planned on the harbour.

9. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 9.1. Youth Club - There is a survey for youth activities from Gwynedd Council. Cllr Rob C Williams will get update on the Autumn term from Leisure Centre staff for the next meeting.
- 9.2. 21st Feb there will be a pre-season police briefing. There are no police staff based permanently in Barmouth.
- 9.3. Dragon Theatre - The board of directors would like a meeting with the Council to discuss the future of the Theatre. Agreed to invite them to the February Meeting at 6:30pm.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications
- 10.1.1. C25/0027/00/CR - Aber House Stryd Fawr, Abermaw, Barmouth, Gwynedd, LL42 1DS - no objection.
- 10.2. Other correspondence/letters
- 10.2.1. Support request for additional gates on footpaths. More information is needed on where it is.
- 10.2.2. Request for support for creating a dentistry school in Bangor. Clerk to send in a letter of support.

11. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
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2203-01	Allotments	No progress has been possible with Network Rail. Close action.	TR
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised with drop kerbs	See minutes	HB
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	Ongoing.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	The sign has been received, JB arranging a frame for it and lighting.	JB
2405-02	Investigate costings for alternative gate into Astro turf at Memorial Park	Covered in minutes	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 - HB chase	JB
2409-01	Request meeting with Chief Exec to discuss sand issues	Covered in minutes - closed	HB
2410-02	Progress purchase of beach wheelchair	Covered in minutes - closed	RCW
2411-01	Follow up after motocross with letters to organiser and Gwynedd Council	Feedback received from Tom Arnold, invite to March meeting.	HB
2412-01	Check insurance for storm damage to Christmas Lights	£500 excess, no point in claiming. - Closed	HB
2412-02	Investigate putting Ty Crwn lights on a timer	Ongoing - being worked on.	MH
2412-03	Confirm operational details at Cae Glas	Written to YGC / Griffiths. Response received & circulated. - closed	HB

12. Any other business:

- 12.1. CCTV - It is now feasible to have camera at the north end of the Prom. Cllr Phil Hill to get quote from Dyfed CCTV. Remote access up and running will arrange training for operators.
- 12.2. EV chargers - Cllr Rob Triggs reported that they should be operational at the end of February.

Meeting closed at 21:15pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 11th February 2025 - Strategy Meeting
Tuesday 25th February 2025 - Full Council Meeting**

Signed as a true record:

R. C. Williams

Date: 25/2/25