

Minutes - Tuesday 25th February 2025

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

In attendance: Rachel Medicott, Angie Dunkley.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Adam Hills, Cllr Wendy Cleaver, Cllr Owain Pritchard.
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
 - 4.6.4 Cllr Katie Price (funding for Brownies & Guides)
 - 4.6.3, 7.2 Cllr Phil Hill (Wern Mynach & Tanio Bermo lease)
 - 4.4 Cllr Matt Harris & Cllr Rob A Williams & Cllr Damian Williams (BRIG)
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 28th January 2025. Motion proposed Cllr Damian Williams, seconded Cllr Katie Price. 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
No other grants are in the pipeline
 - 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. This was approved in January meeting but hasn't been paid yet.
 - 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: £58.50
 Car parking: £20841.34
 Tanio Bermo: £1058
 History Booklets: £160
 Donation for Christmas Trees & Barmouth in Bloom: £500

- 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	337	£67
Darren Smith	Caretaking	2087	£100
Darren Smith	Tanio Bermo work	2088	£120
BRIG	5 year sponsorship of 4 palm trees		£2000
Gwynedd Council	Fees for wayleave agreement for CCTV on HarbourMasters office		£305
Heather Brown	Co-ordination of Tanio Bermo	250101	£256
Heather Brown	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	250102	£320
Wendy Slater-Ferguson	Workshops at Tanio Bermo		£111.98
Kate Hancock	Workshops at Tanio Bermo	210	£98.75
Wendy Slater-Ferguson	Social Media & Marketing support for Tanio Bermo		£400
Gwynedd Council	Additional power boxes & access equipment for CCTV at Coastguards	008008B008 29470	£990.42
All Councillors	Annual Allowance		£156 each
Adam Hills	Mayor Allowance (3 of 3)		£250

Motion to pay above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Dylan Roberts, seconded: Cllr Phil Hill, 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. Barmouth & Dyffryn United FC Perimeter fencing, £5000 towards total cost of £14,467 + VAT. Motion to provide £5000 towards the cost of the fencing on completion proposed Cllr Phil Hill, seconded Cllr Damian Willaims all approved. clerk to follow up with the football club re provision of a Junior team.

- 4.6.2. Meirionnydd Young Farmers Club. Clerk to reply that funding will be considered for a specific event in Barmouth involving Barmouth residents but not for general funding.
- 4.6.3. Friends of Wern Mynach: Noticeboard & Donations box (£2,590.78), Running costs (£4,100). Motion to pay the full amount proposed by Cllr Matt Harris, seconded Cllr Trevor Roberts, all agreed. The Council is very supportive of the work done at Wern Mynach. Clerk to follow up with information about a Sumup device & QR code for secure donations.
- 4.6.4. Brownie & Guide residential trip, request to help with leaders' costs. Motion to make up the balance of payments having taken into account fundraising and other donations proposed Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded Cllr Phil Hill, all agreed.

5. Election of New Councillor Due to Vacancy

Cllr Katie Price has notified the Council that she will be resigning as a Councillor after the April meeting due to moving house. The Council expressed their gratitude for everything she has done as a Councillor and said what a loss she would be to the Council and the town. The clerk has contacted One Voice Wales for guidance on the process to be followed to fill the vacancy.

(Post meeting follow-up, notice will go on noticeboards & web announcing the vacancy and setting out the process for the public to request an election.)

6. Local Issues

6.1. Asset Transfer

6.1.1. Memorial Park

- Following the quote circulated for the ramp to facilitate the new access gates, work has started and the gates have been ordered.

6.1.2. Astro-turf:

- Details of the access ramp needed have been sent to the headmistress and a response is awaited.

6.2. Sand

- A request has been received from YGC for the first sand meeting. The sand committee said they would respond to it.
- Sand is already blowing onto Black Patch & Marine Parade due to the growth in dune height.

6.3. Beach Wheelchairs

- Awaiting delivery date.

6.4. Cae Glas

- The clerk has passed on the request for a wider road, the email has been acknowledged and the design team are looking into it.
- When the work is completed, Gwynedd Council will formalise arrangements with local businesses over use of the garden.
- Concern was expressed about the Last Haul statue. This has not been moved to a safe place. Clerk to request protection for Last Haul if it is not moved.

6.5. CCTV

- 6.5.1. Motion for the clerk to sign the Wayleave agreement for the installation of equipment on the HarbourMaster's office on behalf of the Council proposed Cllr Phil Hill, Seconded Cllr Dylan Roberts, all agreed.

- 6.5.2. There have been a few issues with the system. The main contact with the installer has left the company. A meeting is being sought with the new contact. This will also formalise the maintenance agreement.
- 6.5.3. Cllr Phil Hill has spoken with the street enforcement team regarding dog fouling. The Council were happy that using the cameras to address this issue is within the scope of the agreed CCTV policy document.

7. Projects

7.1. History Project / History Fest

- History Fest is all set for 27th February. 16 tables of artifacts, photos etc will be on display. The history books will be on sale.
- The FaceBook group has grown in membership again following advertising for History Fest.
- Pieces for Places are now selling the history books.
- As previously agreed, more Welsh books will need to be ordered soon.

7.2. Tanio Bermo

- The workshops are going well, particularly the re-use ones.
- The first Repair cafe is planned for 3rd March, 10-11 volunteers have signed up so far.
- The lease will expire on 1st March, the landlord is willing to extend. Motion to extend the lease for one year proposed by Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Rob A Williams, all agreed.

8. Events

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

- Everything is booked that can be, waiting for licensing. Pre-meeting requested for 4th March. Preliminary SAG meeting 7th April.
- Cllr Rob C Williams & Cllr Damian Williams attended the workshop on managing responsible drinking.
- Carnival - the event team in Gwynedd Council are requesting more information than previously, safety, risk assessment, route, etc.
- Black Rock Blast (100 jet skis) is planned for the same weekend (14th). Suggested they come on 15th instead when Water Fest is on.
- Wet weather insurance: Cllr Katie Price will ask for a quote before the next meeting.

8.2. Food Festival 2025. 6th July

- Closing for applications 31st March. Application for TEN will be made in March.
- The Kite Festival has moved to Aberdyfi.

8.3. Christmas 2025 - 4th December.

- Report from the electrical contractor has been circulated, more details in a few months time.

9. Reports

9.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- An 8.7% increase in Council Tax has been proposed, subject to full Council approval
- Footpath 35 is being worked on.
- Complaints have been made about footpath 33 due to motorbikes, the definitive map shows it can be driven down.

- The state of the A496 from the Royal northwards out of town has been raised with the Highways department and is on the list for repair. Have requested that it is not repaired in the middle of the summer season.

9.2. Chairman's report

- No update.

9.3. Clerk's report

- Gwynedd Council consultation on SPG for second homes & holiday lets. Closes 7th April. - The Clerk will prepare a response for Council Approval.

10. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 10.1. Dragon Theatre update was given before the meeting. The Council will make a proposal to the next Council meeting to provide them with a grant of £5000.
- 10.2. Police pre-season meeting has been rescheduled to 7th March 10am.
- 10.3. Youth Club - Cllr Rob C Williams visited the Youth Club. Numbers fluctuate depending on which activities are offered. He will continue to monitor.
- 10.4. Harbour Consultancy: the next meeting will be in 3 weeks time. Councillors to forward any issues to Cllr Rob Triggd or Cllr Rob C Williams know any issues.

11. Correspondence

11.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications

- 11.1.1. None received.

11.2. Other correspondence/letters

11.2.1. Mobile Sauna in Barmouth

Rachel Medicot briefly outlined her proposals for a mobile sauna in Barmouth, focusing on health & wellbeing for the community. The Town Council is in support of the activity. Cllr Rob Triggs to respond to Gwynedd Maritime Department and the clerk to send a letter of support to Rachel if required.

11.2.2. Recognition of 20 year service for PCSOs. The Town Council is in favour of this and will support the campaign by signing the petition.

11.2.3. Letter of support for seafront cinema. The Town Council is in favour of this event providing it does not adversely impact the Dragon Theatre. Clerk to write a letter of support.

12. Open Actions from previous meetings

Action #	Description	Status	Assignee
2205-05	Disability Access concerns have been raised with drop kerbs	Issues have been discussed with Gwynedd Council. Leave action open to monitor improvements.	HB
2304-01	Follow up with Gwynedd Council about use of Cae Glas & Pavement Licences	Ongoing, Due to the Cae Glas works this will focus on pavement licences.	RT
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	Sign framework in place, the slate sign will be installed this week..	JB

2405-04	Investigate opportunities for safety improvements on Barmouth bridge	Chased for a response, no reply yet.	HB
2406-02	Investigate options for drinking water facilities in Barmouth	No success with getting the existing facilities upgraded - Closed until other options are available	Closed
2406-03	Progress making Serpent Benches up	Ongoing.	DW / JB
2407-01	Shelter at North End of Prom: Jamie Brooks to provide quote	Response received from YGC that the request has been sent to another department	HB
2411-01	Follow up after motocross with letters to organiser and Gwynedd Council	Tom Arnold has been invited to attend the March or April meeting. Waiting to hear back	HB
2412-02	Investigate putting Ty Crwn lights on a timer	Ongoing	MH
2501-01	Request wider road outside Last Inn after Cae Glas work complete	The request has been sent to Griffiths Engineering and is being looked into	Closed
2501-02	Send letter of support for Dentistry School at Bangor	Letter sent and acknowledgement received	Closed

13. Any other business:

- Next month's agenda should include a discussion on Community awards
- A question was raised whether there would be a Civic Service this year. Cllr Owain Pritchard was not present to answer.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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

Signed as a true record:

Date: