

Minutes - Tuesday 25th March 2025

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

In attendance:

The Chair expressed condolences to Cllr Wendy Cleaver on behalf of the Council on the recent passing of her mother.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Rob Triggs
2. Declaration of financial, personal or prejudicial interest
 - Cllr Katie Price 4.5 - Guide trip
 - Cllr Phil Hill 4.6 - Dragon Theatre
 - Cllr Owain Pritchard 7.6 - Churchyard clearance
 - Cllr Owain Pritchard 12.1.3 - Planning Application
3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 25th February 2025. Motion proposed Cllr Damian Williams seconded Cllr Phil Hill. All approved.
4. Finance
 - 4.1. Financial Updates
 - 4.1.1. Motion to request Gwynedd Council provide internal audit services proposed Cllr Owain Pritchard, seconded Cllr Wendy Cleaver, all approved.
 - 4.1.2. Grant Applications.
 - Circular Economy grant for Tanio Bermo continues to be implemented
 - 4.1.3. Debit Card - Upcoming payments identified:
 - 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
Clerk's Pension & NI	Direct Debit

- 4.2. Money received since last meeting - noted.
Community Fund: £732
Contribution towards footpath maintenance: £603.60
Tanio Bermo: £2100
History Booklets: £380

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

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount	Authorisation
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire for Feb	000349	£67	Chair/Vice-chair
Dragon Theatre	Room Hire for History Fest	000357	£60	Chair/Vice-chair
Gwynedd Council	License for Bermo Fest		£100	January Meeting

- 4.4. To approve payment of accounts

Payee	Item	Invoice #	Amount
Evergreen	Gardening - Feb	181	£500
Stonewest Construction	Sand Clearance	Feb25007	£1,410
Stonewest Construction	Ramp access to Astroturf	Feb25012	£2,820
Stonewest Construction	Repairs to inspection covers at Skatepark	Feb25011	£2,490
Dominic Bailey	Tables for Tanio Bermo	167	£550
Trevor Gennard	Jubilee Road & Ty Crwn Gardening	1600	£390
One Voice Wales	Membership		£585
The Crown Estate	Agent fee for Pontoon Licence	61894034	£570
The Crown Estate	Licence fee for Pontoon	61894033	£450
Manon Jones	Fencing changes at Memorial Park	225131	£6,772.80
Dyfed CCTV	Repair to WiFi link	1163	£930
Byw'n Iach	Youth Club Jan - 19th Mar	008008W00 07230J	£841.60
Heather Brown	Tanio Bermo Admin	250301	£320
Heather Brown	Tanio Bermo Workshops	250302	£320
Wendy Slater-Ferguson	Tanio Bermo Social Media		£400
Wendy Slater-Ferguson	Tanio Bermo Workshops		£130
LL DIY	Tanio Bermo Materials	T114	£46.85
The Good Life	Tanio Bermo Workshop	12-2024	£104.29
Kate Hancock	Tanio Bermo Workshop	211	£93.75

Payment of Manon Jones invoice on hold due to outstanding issues on fencing (see agenda point 7.1.1). Motion to pay other above invoices : Proposed: Cllr Trevor Roberts, seconded: Cllr Wendy Cleaver, all agreed.

4.5. Upcoming Expense (for information) - Noted.

Item	Amount	Due
Harbour Pontoon Repairs	£15,000	
Football Club	£5000	
Friends of Wern Mynach Noticeboard & donations box	£2,500	May 2025
Barmouth Girl Guiding - Leaders expenses for overseas trip	Up to £2,500	May 2025

4.6. To receive any requests for financial support

- 4.6.1. Dragon Theatre - Motion to pay £5000 grant to Dragon Theatre proposed Cllr Katie Price, seconded Cllr Trevor Roberts, all agreed.
- 4.6.2. SSAFA Wales Community Council Appeal 2025. Declined - Council Grants are made to specific causes only, not general appeals
- 4.6.3. Marie Curie Cymru Daffodil Appeal. Declined - Council Grants are made to specific causes only, not general appeals

5. Election of New Councillor Due to Vacancy

Confirmation has been received from the Gwynedd Council Election Support Service that no election was requested. Co-option notices will be placed on noticeboards and the website. End date will be April 30th.

6. Community Awards & Civic Service

Cllr Owain Pritchard & Cllr Adam Hills said they will meet to sort a date and format out. A number of names were suggested for the Community Award. Councillors were asked to give this some thought and a decision would be made at the Strategy Meeting on 8th April.

7. Local Issues

7.1. Asset Transfer

7.1.1. Memorial Park

- Following the installation of fencing around Astro Turf, some snagging issues have been identified. Cllr Phil Hill to follow up with the supplier.
- Draft signs have been sent to the clerk for review.

7.1.2. Astro-turf:

- An email has been sent to head, awaiting approval to build the ramp.
- A formal letter from the clerk may be needed to progress this project.

7.2. Sand

- A meeting was held with members from the Maritime department & YGC
 - The accumulation of sand along the prom wall (beach side) has been slower than anticipated, so the clearance will be delayed until after Easter to get more benefit from it. This work will be completed before the late May bank holiday.
 - The causeway & prom will be cleared in the next couple of weeks (this is a one off clearance of the causeway from Gwynedd Council).
 - Bubbling pool - Gwynedd Council are looking to see if the water outlet can be re-routed further up the hill to prevent this dangerous pool

- The long term plan is still unclear.
- At the north end of Prom - the next stage of the flood defence project is to build a digital model of prom to simulate the action of waves & sediment to model the behaviour of sand movement with various designs of flood defences.

7.3. Beach Wheelchairs

- Still awaiting delivery date.
- There is a potential of a loan chair to be available by Easter - this is being followed up by Cllr Rob C Williams..

7.4. Cae Glas

- There is ongoing concern that the gardens will be retained as a public space. This needs to be followed closely with YGC at the end of the project
- Last Haul statue has fencing sound it and Griffiths have notified the Town Council that it will be moved in the week starting 14th April.

7.5. CCTV

- An update was given to the Councillors on the current installation and maintenance contracts for the CCTV system.
- The Clerk will email the supply company detailing remaining issues with the installation and asking for these to be resolved before discussing the maintenance contract.

7.6. Clearing St Mary & St Bodfan's Churchyard

- The old section is very overgrown. It is the responsibility of the church but may be beyond their current capability. Quotes obtained indicate this to be approximately £2500. Motion for the Town Council to pay a local company to clear the area as a one off proposed Cllr Rob C Williams, seconded Cllr Trevor Roberts, all agreed.
- Cllr Owain Pritchard will liaise with the Trustees to maintain the site in the future.

8. Projects

8.1. History Project / History Fest

- The History Fest was a very successful event with positive feedback and requests for it to be held again in the future. The Council thanked Cllr Rob C Williams for his work in arranging it.
- Sale of the booklets is going well and more will be needed soon.

8.2. Tanio Bermo

- There will be a Slow Fashion event in Bangor on 12th April, all Ffiws locations have been invited to be part of it. This fits well with the Circular Economy workshops that have been occurring at Tanio Bermo. Some specific clothing upcycling workshops will be held in May using the resources from the Slow Fashion event.

9. Events

9.1. Bermo Fest 2025: Music 7th & 8th June, Carnival 14th June & Water Fest 15th June

- Cllr Katie Price and Cllr Damian Williams gave an update on the progress of arrangements needed for the event:
 - The licence has been applied for. If granted, it will be a permanent licence for any events. The initial cost was £100, it will be renewable annually at a cost of £70.
 - The stage & acts are provisionally booked.

- TENS has been submitted for Water Fest & Carnival
- The road closures have been submitted & approved.
- SAG meeting is planned for 7th April.
- Requested to borrow LED signs from Gwynedd Council to warn traffic approaching Barmouth of delays.
- Have requested a quote for bad weather insurance.
- Have asked the youth club to paint a mural for the shop window in town to be used with contemporary pictures this year.
- Griffiths have offered to provide fencing for Bermo Fest.

9.2. Food Festival 2025. 6th July

- Cllr Katie Price gave an update on plans:
 - TENS has been submitted,
 - An external company has been approached to provide traffic management.
 - The road closure has been requested & approved.
 - There are 25 stalls to date. The closing date is 31st March.
 - As there is no separate craft fair this year, the food festival will be open to craft stalls as well (outdoor only).

9.3. Christmas 2025 - 4th December.

- Cllr Damian Williams has been approached by a company interested in hosting a Christmas Market in association with the Late Night Shopping event. Provided this does not take trade from local shops the idea was received positively and this will be followed up.

10. Reports

10.1. Gwynedd Councillor's report

- No update

10.2. Chairman's report

- No update

10.3. Clerk's report

- The draft response to Gwynedd Council SPG consultation was circulated. Motion to submit this feedback as the Town Council response was proposed by Cllr Rob A Williams, seconded by Cllr Jamie Brookes, all approved.
- A similar consultation from Eryri National Park has also been received. Clerk to provide similar feedback.
- The new website content is completed in English. This includes the relevant Council information as well as the full text from the History Project and the RNLI History provided by Norma Stockford. The translation is about 50% completed. The translation of the Council part will need to be proof-read. The RNLI History was provided in English only so will be translated at a future time when resources are available. The website will be launched once the translation has been verified.

11. Notice of and reports from representatives on external organisations

- 11.1. RNLI Safety Information - A request has been received to put the water safety information from RNLI on the website. It was agreed to host this on the Town Council website. The RNLI will provide the content in Welsh and English.

- 11.2. Police Briefing - the pre-season briefing was held with a visit from a Go Safe officer. Upcoming events were discussed and the date for the Blue Light Day (3rd August) circulated.
- 11.3. Joint Community Council meeting. The quarterly meeting was held, it is a good opportunity to share experiences and solutions. Other councils have similar issues to Barmouth.
- 11.4. Harbour Consultative. A meeting was held. Cllr Rob C Williams updated the Council regarding harbour activities and finances for the last year.
- 11.5. Barmouth in Bloom - Plants have been ordered for the walls around the Leisure Centre and Jubilee Road.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1. To consider the following planning/licence applications
 - 12.1.1. Rhif Cais/App Ref: C25/0162/00/DT - 45 Heol Y Llan, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1LD - No objection
 - 12.1.2. A.115 byrddau a chadeiriau / S.115 tables and chairs, Toasties Sandwich Shop, St. Anne's Square, Abermaw / Barmouth, LL41 1DF - No objection
 - 12.1.3. Rhif Cais/App Ref: C25/0231/00/DT - 7, Blomfontein Terrace Ffordd Y Parc, Abermaw, Gwynedd, LL42 1PP - No objection.
- 12.2. Other correspondence/letters
None

13. 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	WC has received email from Bryn regarding street furniture & licensing. It is not clear that action will be taken if there is infringement.	RT / WC
2309-03	Need to agree plans for the "Barmouth Bridge monument"	The sign in place, much admired by locals. The lighting will be arranged.	JB
2405-04	Investigate opportunities for safety improvements on Barmouth bridge	Chased for a response, no reply yet.	HB
2406-03	Progress making Serpent Benches up	Ongoing.	DW / JB
2407-01	Shelter at North End of Prom: Jamie Brooks to provide quote	This will be removed as part of the North Prom work, but YGC will inspect it to see if it a safety issue in the meantime.	HB
2411-01	Follow up after motocross with letters to organiser and Gwynedd Council	A meeting between the Motocross organiser, Maritime and the Police has been suggested.	HB

2412-02	Investigate putting Ty Crwn lights on a timer	Ongoing	MH
2502-01	Request safer storage for Last haul statue	Covered in minutes - closed	HB
2502-02	Prepare response to SPG for Article 4	Covered in minutes - closed	HB

14. Information for Councillors
No extra information.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

**Date of next meetings – Tuesday 8th April 2025 - Strategy Meeting
Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Full Council Meeting**

Signed as a true record:



Date:

22/4/25.