# BANGOR ON DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**17th June 2025 (AT 19.30hrs)**

Present:

Cllr Amyes

Cllr M Glanville

Cllr R Glanville

Cllr J Grice

Cllr S Morrison

Cllr S Sharp

Cllr D Vogwell

Cllr I Williams

Katrina Chalk – Clerk

Joyce Jones – Presbyterian Church

Glyn Hughes – Presbyterian Church

Alex Keyes – Senior Caseworker to Andrew Ranger MP

The Chair requested agenda items 227 25/26 f. g. and h. were discussed at the beginning of the meeting as Alex Keyes, from Andrew Ranger’s Office, had to leave before a certain time.

222.25/26 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies: PCSO Davies

223.25/26 To receive any questions or comments from the public attending the meeting – none present.

224.25/26 To disclose personal and pecuniary interests on items of business discussed during the meeting – no interests raised.

225.25/26 Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20th May 2025

**Resolved:** Minutes from the Full Council Meeting were approved

**Proposed by Cllr Sharp and Seconded by Cllr Vogwell - All in favour**

226.25/26 Members NOTED actions (outstanding or completed) from the minutes of the previous meeting

1. No enquiries have been received regarding the two Co-option vacancies
2. Wooden bench reported to WCBC – the bench has been removed.
3. Maintenance of the flower bed by the Church – not actioned
4. Members noted the signed Grass Maintenance Contract had been returned.

**Action:** Clerk will ask for convenient dates to meet again to discuss how the grass cuttings are spread.

**Action:** Clerk to request a couple of additional cuts of the grass in front of the war memorial.

1. Response from TWM

**Action:** Clerk to follow up on the email from TWM.

1. Response from Insurance company regarding Asset Register

**Action: The Asset Register will be reviewed in July/August**

1. Repair of the fencing in Friars Field and repair/replacement of wooden troughs.

**Deferred**

1. Request for new streetlight on Overton Road – WCBC have advised there is no budget for new lights only one to maintain the current inventory
2. The four streetlights on Abbeygate Walk have now been installed

**Action: Cllr R Glanville will leave a trailer on Abbeygate Walk for the lamppost to loaded onto.**

1. Members noted the July Full Council meeting would be held at the primary school.

227.25/26 To receive reports / issues from

1. Members APPROVED the AGAR for 2024/2025.

**Proposed by Cllr M Glanville and Seconded by Cllr Vogwell - All in favour**

**Resolution: The AGAR for 2024/25 was approved**

The Governance section was agreed and Members APPROVED the AGAR. The document was signed by the Chair and RFO. All the required documentation will be scanned and uploaded onto the External Audit portal before the end of the month. The Audit Notice will be displayed on the noticeboard and uploaded to the website.

The Clerk thanked Cllr M Glanville for going through the documents required for the Full Audit.

1. Members NOTED One Voice Wales Minutes
2. Members to APPROVE the following policies
* Equality and Diversity
* Press and Media Policy

**Proposed by Cllr Vogwell and Seconded by Cllr M Glanville- All in favour**

**Resolution: Members Approved the two policies**

1. Members to DISCUSS and AGREE Abbeygate Walk – sale of lamp post – Members to approve figure to be requested from resident for one of the Heritage lamp posts.

**Resolution:** Members agreed to request £50 for the Heritage lamp post. The one being advertised on FB will be uploaded onto eBay with a starting price of £200.

1. Feedback from the Big Day Out on 14th June

The afternoon was very successful and well attended and achieved all expectations. The Community Council stall raised £22 for ‘name the teddy’. The Sprots Field Committee passed on their thanks to BODCC for attending.

**Action:** Clerk to deposit money into BODCC account.

1. Members to discuss the closure of the outreach Post Office this month and possible alternatives

Alex Keyes outlined recent communications with the Post Office External Affairs **(EA)** department and the ongoing recruitment process being carried out to find a new Sub Postmaster to run an Outreach Post Office in Bangor on Dee. EA would also support and train any volunteer/s who are interested in running the Outreach PO. This could be in a local business such as a public house or they may consider to continue to use the Presbyterian Church.

Joyce Jones advised the meeting the Church had dedicated internet connection and electric sockets already installed. Glyn Jones added that during the period the Outreach Office was open (1 hour per week) there was a steady flow of customers.

**Action:** Alex Keyes will follow up with EA to ascertain if they have received any positive interest in the position.

Joyce Jones will enquire at the Threapwood Outreach Post Office whether the Sub Postmaster would consider covering Bangor on Dee too.

1. Members to CONSIDER and APPROVE to hold a consultation with residents as to whether a weight limit should be placed on vehicles crossing the bridge or if it should be closed to traffic all together.

A lengthy discussion took place considered the viability of holding a consultation with residents as to whether they supported some form of restriction on the bridge, this could be weight/height/width. Alex Keyes confirmed Andrew Ranger’s Office would be willing to support the Community Council in this consultation, including preparation of the papers, setting up an online survey/QR code and attending drops in and/or door to door engagement with residents

**Action:** Alex Keyes will ask CADW for the recommended weight limits for the bridge.

**Resolution:** Members agreed to carry out the consultation process working alongside Andrew Ranger’s Office. It was agreed that a preliminary agreement must be reached with Wrexham Council to ensure the outcome of the consultation is implemented by them.

1. Members NOTED the main points from joint meeting to discuss the clearing of the debris by the bridge.

**Action:** Andrew Ranger’s Office will work alongside County Councillor Williams to endeavour to ascertain who, if anyone, owns the land by the river to the east side of the bridge (before and after the bridge).

Once the debris has been cleared (scheduled for the end of July), CADW will carry out an assessment of the condition of the structure.

1. Community Agents -Creating Spaces – new group set up by our Community Agents for people with Dementia/memory loss and their loved ones. Members of the Council were invited to attend the group meetings.

**Action: Clerk to check the times and dates**

1. Village Hall Management Committee - Meeting Report

The boiler is going to be replaced.

4G Access priority for emergency services

**Action:** Alex Keyes will follow this enquiry up with the Home Office.

1. Friars Field

The Plant Stall and Craft stall were a great success at the Big Day Out. The two stalls made £450. This will be deposited into the BODCC account.

**Action:** Clerk to deposit money received from the Plant/Craft Stall

The Chair thanked all the volunteers involved with Friars Field for all their hard work.

1. Members NOTED the minutes from Wrexham and Flintshire Area Meeting
2. Members to APPROVE Biodiversity Policy – Deferred to July.

**Action:** Members to respond to draft Policy by 24th June.

1. Members to APPROVED Clerk’s leave request and time off in lieu 12 additional hours to cover Internal and External Audit requirements (Full Audit).
2. New noticeboard posts– Do Members support having some stones around each leg to prevent them being damaged whilst the grass is cut/strimmed?

**Action:** Cllr R Glanville will add some membrane round the legs and add a layer of stone to protect them from being damaged.

Members NOTED the old noticeboard has been removed and the wall repainted.

228.25/26 Flood Warden Report

1. Flood Report – No report
2. Members NOTED the notes from meeting with the Flood Wardens

229.25/26 PCSO Report – emailed to Members

1. Crime Stats – Violence and Sexual Offences – 5

Anti-Social Behaviour – 2

**Action**: Clerk to contact PCSO Davies to enquire about online crime map disparity

1. Feedback from walkabout

Members advised the walkabout was positive and informative.

1. Members NOTED correspondence from North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Andy Dunbobbin.
2. Members NOTED Independent Review of CCTV in North Wales Terms of Reference.

230.25/26 To receive report from County Councillor R Williams to include:

* 1. Follow up on the information County Councillor Williams gave previously regarding monies from the sale of Local Authority Farms being shared with communities within the Wards
1. Clarification of ownership/responsibility of the riverbank by St Dunawds Church and on the other side of the bridge (east side).

**Action:** Cllr Williams to contact Andrew Ranger’s Office to request they ask the Chief Executive WCBC for further clarification on ownership

1. Collisions on the A525 – Update from the review being conducted by the Chief Constable.

Members agreed Cllr Williams had all the information required to request WCBC review the speed limit along this stretch of road and if WCBC’s decision is not to evaluate the information provided, further prompting would be ineffective.

231.25/26 To receive any planning applications/decisions - no applications received

232.25/26 To receive any correspondence

• Welsh Government - Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales

• Rainbow Foundation – Summer Events enquiry

• OVW Training Dates for June and July – including free training modules

• OVW – Cost of Living Crisis Project

• Report from Inspector Lederie

• Ambition North Wales and the North Wales Growth Deal newsletter

• Mayor’s Civic Visit to St Giles Church – Sunday, 6 July 2025 – invitation for two representatives to attend.

• Andrew Ranger’s Office forwarded information regarding the Access Broadband Cymru Grant Scheme for premises – this was forwarded to BODVHMC

• Emergency Services Coverage Operational Location - Bangor-On-Dee Village Hall – forwarded to BODVHMC

• OVW - Representatives to attend Meetings – dates will be forwarded to members.

233.25/26 To receive details of income and payment of accounts

Payments to be approved by Full Council

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| InvRef | Invoice/Payment reference | Description | Total |
| 21 | BODCC | Clerk’s Wages and expenses (LGA 1972 s151) – May 2025 | £ 513.04 |
| 22 | Scottish Power | Unmetered supply – streetlights – 108083311 – 1st May to 1st June  | £ 173.18 |
| 23 | Scribe | Monthly Accounts Subscriptions D/D | £ 27.60 |
| 24 | HSBC | Bank Charges D/D | £ 5.00 |
| 25 | Little Red Tractor | April Village Grass Cutting - 3555 | £ 919.00 |
| 26 | Andy Valentine | Removal of old noticeboard from the wall of the Middle Shop and repainting the area | £ 60.00 |
| 27 | BODVHMC | Hire of Village Hall form Council meetings April to June 2025 | £ 36.00 |

**Resolution** : **Proposed by Cllr Grice and Seconded by Cllr Williams– all in favour**

234.25/26 To receive any financial statements year to date – end of May 2025

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| Account | Expenditure during May 2025 | Income to end of May 2025 | Total in Accounts |
| Account 1 | £ 2,913.44 |  | £ 4,289.55 |
| Account 2 |  |  | £16,936.57 |
| Totals |  |  | **£21,226.12** |

Members noted financial statements, Earmarked Reserves and approved Bank Statement May 2025

235.25/26 To receive any agenda items for the Full Council Meeting (GM) and confirm date **(Tuesday 15th July 2025) –** Items for inclusion on the next Full Council Agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by 4th July 2025. This meeting will be held in Ysgol Sant Dunawd.

**Meeting closed at 21.30 hrs**