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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON
21st SEPTEMBER 2021
Chair: P Vaughan

46.PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell, B Cook, Mrs J Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts, Rev K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright

47.APOLOGIES **A**pologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S Benbow-Jones & Ms J Parrish

48.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None Received

49.PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
None Received

50.TO APPROVE ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY CHAIR, VICE CHAIR & CLERK SINCE LAST MEETING
None to report. – To remove from future agendas

51.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk apologised for IT difficulties and was unable to share screen, the Clerk read out certain contents from the report to members, including the recent speed checks in the community.
Councillor P Blackwell reported on speeding cars at Bethania Road, the Clerk will pass on the complaint.
The report as follows:

Police Report

Monthly Council Report

17th September 2021

Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge/Plas Madoc

Welcome back, we hope everyone enjoyed a break during August, and to those who were lucky to enjoy some sun overseas, we hope you had a safe trip.

It goes without saying, the summer months have been exceptionally busy and demand has been significantly high across NWP.

We need your help!
In our last report in July, we introduced you to the 'North Wales Community Alert' platform. We are currently going through the process of getting as many members of the community to

sign up to this tool. We have seen the registrations increasing in the area which is very pleasing; however we would like to encourage you to keep spreading the word to help us strengthen this fantastic tool. It is completely free to register and the process takes just a couple of minutes. We have been signing people onto the system during our Police Surgeries and are sending out daily alerts and notifications of community engagements. Registrations can be made via the following link, or please contact your local PCSO and we will register on your behalf - https://www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk/

Monthly Police Surgeries
Our monthly surgeries continue and have been well received. PCSO's held engagements at the following locations:

- Plas Madoc with the 'Munch and Brunch' group – 18th August and 15th September
- George Edwards Hall – 15th September
- Cefn Mawr Library – 15th September. Unfortunately, this was cut short due to an on-going incident concerning a missing person. We apologise if we missed anyone, however we shall be re-scheduling shortly.

We are advertising the surgeries via Facebook, the Community Alert system and we also let Community Councillors know ahead of the date. Please feel free to share on your own platforms to encourage members of the community to join us.

E-Scooters
We are running an operation to mitigate the use of E-Scooters in a public place, and we have now issued several formal warnings to offenders as well as issuing a Section 59 ticket to one rider.

Speed Checks
Officers conducted speed checks in various locations across Wrexham Rural. Out of all the locations where enforcement was carried out, Cae Gwilym Lane in Cefn Mawr had the highest activity. A lot of motorists believed the road to be a 30mph and not 20mph even though the limit was painted on the surface of the road. A motorist was given a fixed penalty notice as his speed was over the threshold.

PCSO's have also carried out roadside speed checks along Cae Gwilym Lane, 39 cars were checked and 3 drivers received a speed warning letter. Top speed recorded was 27mph.

On 9th September, Officers were located on Queen Street, Cefn Mawr for 40 minutes conducting speed enforcement checks. The average speed was approximately 28 – 32 mph in a 30mph zone. One driver was issued a ticket for travelling at 44mph. One speed warning was issued to another driver.

Thank you
We want to express our thanks to the Cefn Community Council for recently purchasing 'Target Hardening' equipment, which is vital to ensuring that our most vulnerable in the community feel safe and reassured.

Crimes
Crime stats and data can be found at: https://www.northwales.police.uk/police-forces/north-wales-police/areas/stats-and-data/stats-and-data/

We had 1 x Arson in Cefn Mawr. This appeared to be deliberate ignition to a tree that overhangs onto a public pathway. Unfortunately, no suspects have been identified and the residents are unsure as to why it has been targeted. Our Arson Reduction Team is aware and safeguarding measures have been advised.

1 x Commercial Burglary in Cefn Mawr. Suspects were interrupted by officers and goods were left at the scene as they fled by vehicle. Currently under investigation.

1 x RTC (damage only) in Cefn Mawr. Vehicle had driven through a resident's fence in the early hours. Suspect dealt with via S172 notice.

1 x RTC Injury, in Cefn Mawr. Vehicle has struck a gate, which has in turn struck a pedestrian causing injury. Currently under investigation.

1 x Burglary in Acrefair. Unknown suspect has entered a garden in the early hours of the morning and taken property listed from an unlocked shed. Crime is undetected.

1 x Interference with Motor Vehicles in Acrefair. Unknown suspect has been trying car doors in the early hours. Crime is undetected.

What can you do to help?

In order to progress matters and take positive action with regards to drug dealing / ASB / Other crime trends etc we need community intelligence to support our targeted patrols, stop searches and warrants. We are grateful for the information we receive so far and continue to develop any matters. Intelligence can also be reported to us anonymously through Crimestoppers.

Questions

If you have any concerns regarding crime figures or incidents in your ward please let us know and we will provide an update ahead of the Council meeting. Please continue to send monthly reminders regarding the Online Meeting and we will endeavour to attend when possible.

Walk around

We would be happy to meet with you to have a walk around the area whenever you are available.

We will continue to post on social media in relation to events and reports on what we have been up to. Please follow us on HGC Wrecsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

Local PCSO contacts

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Jessica.Lloyd@nthwales.pnn.police.uk
Rhys.Yaxley@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

52. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

August/September 2021

7 Referrals from British Red Cross
4 referrals from Social Services
5 Family/Friend referrals
15 Self referrals
6 WCBC referrals
2 Wales & West referrals
13 Other

Good evening to you all. I am pleased to advise that I am back in work having been off for, let's just say, too long. Whilst I was off however, I did not always sit idle. Whenever I was able to manage a little time out and about, I discussed with numerous people what this role entails and what support we were able to offer. My referrals went as far out as Ellesmere and Oswestry as I found people who had family or friends within our community. Based on this, you will see there is a new category now (Other) which shows the data that I am required to submit to WCBC as they say that anyone I speak to is also to be recorded as a 'referral'.

My last report had advised you that the case from last year had been successfully heard in court however, it transpired that the information the police gave me was incorrect and not for this case at all! I attended court to give evidence last month, which was quite unpleasant for all involved, and sadly we did not receive the desired outcome.

52 referrals have been received during this period, and previous referrals have been contacted to check are all ok and whether their needs are still being met. I have met with several referrals who are ex armed forces so signposting and grant searches have been undertaken with these individuals. I now attend the foodbank each week to further support any residents as I can look at the bigger picture as to why food parcels are required and supply the help or signposting required. I have discussed in depth with the foodbank what this service entails, and they are now happy to signpost to me, or at the very least ring me and ask for further advice and possible signposting. This will help us to provide a holistic service rather than just providing the basics and not getting to the root cause. There appears to be an increase in referrals regarding housing issues, with a number of complaints about how these are being handled by WCBC. I am working closely with OT to help provide the correct support for our residents.

New grant funding streams are being made available and I am hoping to secure funding from Screwfix which will encourage more involvement with the Men's Shed. We are looking to hold new short-term information groups around making your will (October is national 'make you will' month), and the menopause. The main priority with most of the referrals is currently around long-lasting effects of Covid on everyday living and the negative impact upon employment. Natalie had a great idea about holding a coffee & chat at the George Edwards Hall which we will be looking to take effect from hopefully October.

Many thanks, Marie-Claire

53. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. A discussion took place to decide the locations of dog bag dispensers – signs will be placed around the rear of GE Hall stating no dog fouling, bins provided. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the locations of the remaining dispensers should be at various locations in 3xAcrefair, one at Ysgol Rhosymedre, two in Cefn. It was agreed that these will be monitored. The Clerk requested that members monitor any that have been placed in their wards. It was also agreed that the dog bag dispensers will be advertised on social media so that residents will be aware of their locations.
2. Members of the public have been in touch with the Community council office with regard to the planters. They have received positive feedback, especially the ones on Llangollen Road, stating the flowers are very much welcomed.
3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020/21 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer advised she had not yet received notification of the conclusion of the Audit. The notification will be reported to next meeting of the Council following its receipt. The Statutory notices have been displayed on the website and at the GE Hall
4. A location and date were to be decided on for the next litter pick. Members agreed that Plas Madoc will be the location and the date - 13th of October, meeting at 10am on Splash car park. The Clerk was requested to advertise on social media platforms
5. Chairman Cllr P Vaughan delivered flowers to Cefn Mawr resident Mrs R Heyward for her 100th birthday. A photograph was taken and displayed on both our Facebook and Twitter pages.

54.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 27th of July 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 27th of July 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

(b) Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 27th of July 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on the 27th of July 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

(c) Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on the 9th of August 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on the 9th of August 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

(d) Minutes of the Christmas Committee Meeting held on the 15th of September 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Christmas Committee Meeting held on the 15th of September 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

55.TO DISCUSS AND CONFIRM DATE FOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The clerk advised that Remembrance Sunday should be held on the nearest Sunday to Armistice Day on the 11th of November. Two dates were discussed, Members all agreed and resolved to hold this years' service on Sunday 14th November. Clerk to make all the necessary arrangements including risk assessments. It was resolved to hold refreshments at the George Edwards Hall after the service.

56.TO CONFIRM RECCOMENDATIONS FROM CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15th OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

The Clerk confirmed that she is has received two quotations for erection and maintenance of Christmas lights on Well Street/Crane Street. She has approached four companies in total, members resolved to suspend standing orders and financial regulations and accept the quotation from MEGA Electrical at a cost of £6520 for 2021. This figure will reduce to £2940 for 2022, all members in agreement. It was reported the statutory paperwork has been forwarded to WCBC, they are in the process of testing the chosen columns to check they are structurally able to withhold any extra weight, also discussion is in progress with Scottish power with regard to the extra energy consumption on the column. A Further discussion took place regarding the cost of lights for the columns, GE Hall bespoke sign and motifs. Members resolved that the motifs, sign, and lights are to be purchased in preparation.

57.TO CONFIRM NO REEMUNERATION HAS BEEN PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The Clerk reported Under Section 151 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, as a relevant authority, the Council must notify the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales of the remuneration received by its members and co-opted members during 2020/21 and arrange for publication of this information within the authority area. This information must be published and provided to the Panel no later than 30 September following the end of the year to which the payments relate.

Resolved, that to comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Council make its formal Declaration for the year ended 31 March 2021 Members also discussed allowances for year 2021/22 and all present agreed to forgo any entitled allowance, as has been the case in past years. To discuss after the elections in May 2022.

58. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 21st SEPTEMBER 2021

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 4&5) \

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes–Hughes, MC Hartshorne 10,102.37

Invoice No

21/051	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for contribution to youth service SLA	5649.70
21/052	BACS	ACS - Invoice for office	94.50
21/052	106292	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2141.03
21/054	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for July/August 21/July (LGA 1972 sect 112)	109.39
21/055	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for play area maintenance	714.00
21/056	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Trefynant maintenance	1106.00
21/057	106293	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	805.00
21/058	106294	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for maintenance	250.80
21/059	106295	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	0.58
21/060	106295	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	15.45
21/061	106296	Flintshire County Council - Invoice for pension added years	237.81
21/062	106297	Jones Lighting - invoice for maintenance	1311.50
21/063	106298	BT - Invoice for office	304.58
21/064	106299	Scottish Power - Invoice for GE Hall	411.13

21/065	BACS	MC Hartshorne - Invoice for expenses May to August	470.00
21/066	BACS	ACS - Invoice for office	94.50
21/067	BACS	C&S Driveways - Invoice for new pathway in Trefynant	3600.00
21/068	106300	Rhys Jones - Invoice for defibrillator cabinets installation	752.42
21/069	106302	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2139.74
21/070	BACS	ACS - Invoice for office Hybrid set up	750.00
21/071	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for play area maintenance	804.00
21/072	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Trefynant maintenance	1106.00
21/073	BACS	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	850.00
21/074	106301	Viking Direct - Invoice for office	80.49
21/075	106303	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	4.12
21/076	106303	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	22.99
21/077	106304	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for GE Hall	159.81

Invoices Received During July/August 21

HMRC Tax & NI (20.07.21)	1045.51
Clwyd Pension Fund (20.07.21)	637.20
HMRC Tax & NI (17.08.21)	1215.03
Clwyd Pension Fund (17.08.21)	652.85
HSBC Charges (27.07.21)	11.90
HSBC Charges (27.08.21)	23.72
WCBC NNDR (mth 7&8)	1204.00
	£38,878.12

Income

HMRC VAT	5,656.32
WCBC Precept	51,330.00
Cefn Albion	330.00
Cefn Albion	165.00

Burial

Peter Williams (Rec 0129)	205.00
Francis Roberts (Rec 0128)	1220.00
Roberts Bros Funeral (Rec 0124)	1110.00

GE Hall

Slimming World (Rec 0125)	405.00
Mr G Langford (Rec 0126)	132.00
Dance Zone (Rec 0127)	230.50

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.07	1.90
Business Money Manager 13.08	1.92
	£60,732.64

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

59. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

1		Ysgol Min Y Ddol - Request for financial assistance – ***The Chair reported he had awarded a grant towards the school project from Chairs purse***

2		Julie Francis WCBC Housing - Acknowledgment of our letter re: Rhosymedre – ***Resolved to be noted***
3		Rospa - Safety Inspection Report for Plas Kynaston – ***The Clerk reported the report has identified four items of medium risk, which, if members wish she will engage a contractor to carry out the repairs. Members resolved and requested the Clerk carry out the necessary actions.***
4		Ms D Potts - email re Volunteering in Trefynant Cemetery – ***The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members – resolved to invite Ms Potts to meet with the Clerk and Chair at Trefynant***
5		Network Rail - Email re: acknowledgement to our letter at Rhosymedre re: Vermin ***– Resolved to be noted***
6		Kate Thomson - Email re: woodland management due to start in next 3-4 weeks – ***The Clerk read the contents of the email – Resolved to ne noted***
7		WCBC - Email re: Youth Club provision – ***The Clerk read the contents of the email; a discussion followed. Members resolved to allow the use of the GE Hall to resume sessions of the Youth Club on a Monday and Wednesday evening, following satisfactory Risk Assessments. The Clerk will remind the Youth Team to provide the youths 'wish list' at the earliest opportunity.***
8		Commonwealth War Graves - Email re: Signage in Trefynant Cemetery – ***Clerk read the contents of the email, resolved to allow CWG to erect a sign at Trefynant***
9		Keep Wales Tidy - Litter pick at Ty Mawr on sat 25th September 10-11am – ***Members made a note of the date and will endeavour to attend***

The Clerk reported she is continuing to forward via email all correspondence received from Ken Skates, AVOW and WCBC when it is first received.

60.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During July/August 2021

P/2021/0771 To retain an existing temporary track as a permanent track
To serve the farm and provide safer access
Chapel Farm, Newbridge Road

In relation to planning application P/2021/0771 No observations or objections were raised

P/2021/0793 Erection of 21 three and four bedroomed dwellings
With associated works
Former Air Products site, Llangollen Road, Acrefair

In relation to planning **application P/2021/0793 No** ***observations or objections were raised***

P/2021/0827 Conservation area consent for demolition of brick wall
Land adj to Cambrian House, Well Street, Cefn Mawr

In relation to planning application P/2021/0827 No observations or objections were raised

P/2021/0848 construction of a new vehicular access to create off road Parking
133 cae Gwilym Lane, Cefn Mawr

In relation to planning application P/2021/0848 No observations or objections were raised

P/2021/0900 Proposed single storey and first floor extension to 1 Coed Richard along with a first floor extension to 2 Coed Richard
1&2 Coed Richard, Acrefair

In relation to planning application P/2021/0900 No observations or objections were raised

61.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS.

61.1 Councillor B Cook advised that officers from WCBC have confirmed they are committed to carry out works to improve the drainage to prevent flooding on land on Bowers Road. He also confirmed that a streetlight is obscured by a tree, column 555 at the back of Acrefair school. The clerk confirmed that she would arrange for this to cut back.

61.2 Cllr D Wright reported he had been notified of a resident disposing of chip oil/fat down public drains causing blockages.

61.3 Cllr D Wright reported that he has a meeting with Sarah Green regarding improvements to Plas Kynaston Football field and will report in the next meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED - that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the next item of business as it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

62. CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC SERVICE OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

The Clerk gave an update to members