

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON 28th March 2023

Chair: P Vaughan

142. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, P Blackwell, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs J Jones, Mrs S Matthews, D Metcalfe, Mrs S Mills, Mrs P Roberts, D Shaw, Mrs K Tiltman.

B Twigg, Mrs I Twigg, D Wright and Mrs G Wright attended via Zoom.

143.APOLOGIES Councillor George Wood

144. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs S Matthews declared an interest on agenda item 6(6) (Clerks report) and item 14 – WCBC Planning committee member.

Councillor D Metcalfe declared an interest on agenda item 12(5) - Correspondence.

Councillor P Vaughan declared an interest on agenda item 12(5) – Correspondence

Councillor S Benbow-Jones declared an interest on agenda item 12(5) – Correspondence – WCBC Standards Committee member.

145.PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None received.

146.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDANCE

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2023

Ward: Cefn/Plas Madoc

Author: PCSO Lara Shiers

• Crimes/Incidents of note (The information provided falls within Data Protection and Sharing policies. Information of domestic related offences including sexual offences will not be shared. Only matters that are relevant to the Community)

The review of the data between the period of 18/02/23 - 21/03/23 and report on the following incidents of note:

CEFN MAWR:

Incident Number of Summary of Investigation incidents	
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ASB	7	1. Reports of youths setting fire to woodland and
АЗВ	,	playing loud music. No youths or fire present upon
		Police arrival.
		2. Reports of off-road bike rider in the street causing
		ASB. Words of advice provided.
		3. Reports of youths acting in an ASB at the bus stop.
		Negative sighing upon Police patrols.
		4. Reports of 'YouTubers' inside a local store. No
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		damage or no items stolen.
		5. Report of youths throwing snowballs at property.
		No damage caused
		6. Report of youths throwing eggs at vehicles
		7. Report of youths throwing eggs at vehicles. Vehicle
		and foot patrols conducted, youths not located.
Common Assault	4	Report of an assault between two parties over
	-	parking issues. Investigation on-going.
		 Report of an assault. Mental Health is a factor.
		Investigation on-going
		3. Domestic related assault. Housing aware and
		involved. Investigation on-going.
		Domestic related assault. Investigation on-going
Criminal Damage	5.	Report of damage being caused to an unoccupied
		property already in a poor state. Owner confirmed
		that there was no new damage.
		2. Report of a glass being smashed outside a business
		premise.
		3. Report of a vehicle being damage. Suspects named;
		investigation on-going.
		Unidentified youths caused damage to a vehicle by
		throwing stones/snowballs
		5. Linked to number 3 – further report of vehicle tyres
		being damaged.
Dangerous Dogs	2	1. Report of an injury to a dog, caused by an unknown
		dog. Investigation on-going
		2. Report of a deceased cat after being attacked by a
		dog
Harassment	3	1. Domestic related allegations. Investigation on-
		going
		2. Linked to number 1 – domestic related and
		unwanted contact on social media.
		3. Domestic related and unwanted contact on social
		media

Interference with Motor Vehicle	1	 Report of an attempt break-in of a vehicle. Suspects fled after being disturbed. Incident believed to form part of a series of Thefts/Interference with vehicles across the Wrexham District. Extensive investigation on-going.
Public Order	3	 Domestic related argument Report of a male in possession of a bladed article. Investigation work/safeguarding work on-going. Report of domestic related public order.
RTC	3.	 Report of damage only RTC. Drivers exchanged details. Report of minor injury RTC. Driver failed to stop. Report of damage only RTC. Driver failed to stop.
Theft	2	 Report of a theft. Transpires that no theft has occurred. Support provided. Report of a historical theft from 3 years ago.
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	 Report of theft of number plates. Markers have been placed on the vehicle.
Threats	5	 Threats made via social media – youth related Domestic related Domestic related via social media Domestic related Threats made via social media – youth related
Theft of Motor Vehicle		Report of a theft of vehicle. Transpires that no theft has occurred. Support provided

PLAS MADOC:

Incident	Number of incidents	Summary of Investigation
ASB	1	Report of vehicle parked on the pavement. Upon Police attendance, the vehicle was no longer there. Owner will be spoken to if the vehicle is sighted going forward.
Criminal Damage	7	Report of a broken window
		2. Report of Criminal Damage / Civil Dispute
		3. Domestic related Criminal Damage. Suspect will be
		dealt with via Youth Justice
		4. Report of damage caused to property.
		5. Report of damage to vehicle. Investigation on-
		going

		6. Report of damage to property. Investigation ongoing7. Report of damage to vehicle. Investigation ongoing
Common Assault	1	 Report of an no injury assault. Investigation ongoing
Road Disruption	1	 Report of abandoned vehicle. Vehicle recovered by NWP for arson risk.
Road Related	2	 Report of a user of vehicle driving under the influence Police generated – vehicle seized for no insurance
RTC	3	 Damage only RTC. No injury Damage only RTC. No injury Minor injury RTC. Driver failed to stop and was subsequently arrested.

<u>Off Road/Electric Bikes – Please</u> note that a planned Operation with our Drone and Police Interceptors Team to tackle this issue was due to take place on 15/03/23; unfortunately, this was postponed due to other Operational demand. We are looking to set a new date in the new future.

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 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 Meetings 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.

Good News Stories and Upcoming Events

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.

Event	Time and Date	Location

'WE SAY YOU DO'		
Engagement / Pop up event	Wednesday 29 th March at 10.20am	Llys Y Graig, Coffee Morning
Pact Events	In progress	'Parking Buddies' – Ysgol Cefn Mawr and Ysgol Min Y Ddol
Bike Markings		

Speed Checks

On 13/03/23 PCSO's conducted speed checks along Oxford Road, Cefn Mawr with the pupils from Ysgol Min Y Ddol.

• Local PCSO contacts email / Phone number

1	SER	RANK	NO	NAME		WARD	SAMSUNG
2	1	PCSO	C2532	MARTIN GRIFFITHS	@northwales.police.uk	CHIRK	07854 337302
3	2	PCSO	C2876	EMILY BLAKE	@northwales.police.uk	JOHNSTOWN	07854 400812
4	3	PCSO	C2912	CATHERINE GRIFFITHS HUGHES	@northwales.police.uk	LLAY	07854 329534
5	4	PCSO	C3917	KELVIN EVANS	@northwales.police.uk	PLAS MADOC	O7974240306
6	5	PCSO	C2929	LYDIA EDWARDS	@northwales.police.uk	MINERA/ BWLCHGWYN	07854 355152
7	7	PCSO	C2961	DEAN SAWYER	@northwales.police.uk	MAELOR SECTION	07896 172204
8	8	PCSO	C3464	LISA MARIE DAVIES	@northwales.police.uk	GRESFORD/ROSSETT/HOLT	07557 847798
9	9	PCSO	C3612	PURDY JONES	@northwales.police.uk	PENYCAE	07989 165527
10	10	PCSO	C3613	REBECCA ROBERTS	@northwales.police.uk	RHOS	07818 522378
11	11	PCSO	C3624	ALISON HERON	@northwales.police.uk	PANT	07813 523980
12	12	PCSO	C4438	STEPHAN HOWSAM	@northwales.police.uk	BRYNTEG	Awaiting Phone
13	13	PCSO	C3679	LANA KELLEHER-LIGHTWOOD	@northwales.police.uk	GWERSYLLT	07989 169093
14	14	PCSO	C3680	GARETH JONES	@northwales.police.uk	CEIRIOG VALLEY	07989 159907
15	15	PCSO	C3952	RHYS YAXLEY	@northwales.police.uk	RUABON	07974 243270
16	16	PCSO	C4427	GEORGIA ROBERTS	@northwales.police.uk	BRYNTEG/PENTRE BROUGHTON/MOSS	Awaiting Phone
17	17	PCSO	C3978	ENYA BELLIS-JONES	@northwales.police.uk	PONCIAU	07811 713056
18	18	PCSO	C4400	LARA SHIERS	C		07814 075602
19	19	PCSO	C4402	TIM PEERS	@northwales.police.uk	BRYMBO	07814 075615

147. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

The Clerk stated to members that there was no report this month. The deadline for applications for the post is 31st March, five applications have been received, thus far.

148. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- 1. The clerk reminded members that there is a litter pick taking place tomorrow, Wednesday 29th March, meeting at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre at 10am.
- 2. An email has been received from a Ranger at Ty Mawr following the planting of the tree saplings on the 16th March. The ranger expressed gratitude to the pupils of both Ysgol Min y Ddol and Cefn Mawr CP School, who did a very professional job planting the trees and were extremely well behaved, and to Cefn community council who helped organise the day. The clerk reported to members that council staff have been to Ty Mawr today on the volunteer day: and many the saplings have been damaged. We have asked for metal cages to be placed around them.
- 3. Replacement lighting columns that have been ordered for Queen Street and Plas Madoc will be installed end of April. Cllr Derek Wright requested that the clerk inform the residents of Hill Street and Queen Street.

- 4. Following on from previous meeting regarding parking buddies for outside of the schools, PCSO Lara Shiers has confirmed Ysgol Cefn Mawr and Ysgol Min Y Ddol would like to go ahead. Ysgol Acrefair have declined as they don't have a budget. Ysgol Rhosymedre has not got back in touch as yet. The clerk proposed to opt for 6 x buddies for the Cefn schools and go for the slightly smaller ones at 900mm h x 540mm w, to keep the cost down. The total cost would be £596.40 including VAT / 4 = £149.10 The cost would be split 4 ways (Cefn community council, NWP by PACT funding, Ysgol Min Y Ddol and Ysgol Cefn Mawr). All members in favour of this proposal.
- 5. The Clerk stated that she was sad to report yet again there has been further vandalism to the wall at Cefn bank car park, this is the third time since it was built. The Clerk suggested that unless the wall can be repaired using mortar then it is pointless repairing. The Clerk is waiting to receive a quote for a portable CCTV for the area. Cllr D Wright asked if a letter can be sent to Our Picturesque Landscapes asking if the wall can be mortared. The Clerk reminded members that the wall is on land owned by WCBC, and therefore the clerk will need to speak with officers there to discuss options. All members agreed to delegate decisions on this matter to the clerk, chair and vice chair going forward.
- 6. The Clerk reported to members that following the Clwyd Alyn consultation held at Plas Madoc Leisure centre, she was asked by members to invite representatives of Clwyd Alyn to a future council meeting. Unfortunately, no one was available to attend this month, but they do have availability in April and have stated they would be more than happy to respond direct to any queries beforehand. Members agreed that as a speaker is booked for April on the matter of the Newbridge Road repairs, they do not want two speakers in one evening. Members will email Clwyd Alyn individually with their responses, and a group will be convened to meet with Clwyd Alyn representatives on the site proposals. These Cllrs ward members for Acrefair: J Jones, P Blackwell, I Twigg, P Vaughan, Chair and Vice Chair D Wright.

149. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on the 27th of February 2023– RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on the 27th of February 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.
- (b) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 28th of February 2023– RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 28th of February 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.

150.TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2021/22 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT.

It was reported that the Annual Accounts have still not been returned. The Clerk stated that she recently attended an SLCC meeting, and a letter has been drafted to the Chief Audit Officer of Wales, and to MS Ken Skates on the matter.

151.TO RECEIVE INTERIM REPORT FROM JDH BUSINESS SERVICES FOR INTERIM AUDIT 2022/23

The Clerk reported that the interim audit has been completed, members had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting, two issues were raised and follow ups have been implemented.

152.TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS FOR KING CHARLES CORONATION.

Members were furnished with four quotes and designs for commemorative coins. A discussion followed and it was decided on choice number two, in a velvet bag at a cost of £2520, in a gold shiny finish. If this is not available, then the second choice would be to have the coin in silver. Proposed by Cllr K Tiltman, seconded by Cllr S Benbow Jones. All in favour.

151. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 28th MARCH 2023

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 11)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne

5209.70

C Haycock

Invoice No

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Invoices Received During Feb/March 23	
HMRC Tax & NI	1252.90
Clwyd Pension Fund	1034.57
Staff member Payment GOV.UK	235.92
HSBC (27.01.23)	12.28
WCBC NNDR	602.00
	£35435.78
<u>Income</u>	
Commonwealth War Graves	25.00
Vodafone (Rec0275)	1250.00
<u>Burial</u>	
Francis Roberts (Rec0262)	440.00
Roberts Funeral Directors (Rec0263)	580.00
Francis Roberts (Rec0276)	382.00
GE Hall	
AVOW (Rec 0272)	60.00
K Edwards (Rec 0261)	33.00
Tocra (Rec0264)	10.00
Maelor Boxing (Rec0265)	147.00
Dance Zone (Rec0267)	220.00
Slimming World (Rec0268)	377.07
G Langford (Rec0270)	110.00
C Owen (Rec 0271)	22.00
Cefn Historical Society (Rec0269)	30.00
Wxm Labour Group (Rec0273)	85.00
Clwyd Sth Labour Grp (Rec0274)	41.25
Interest	
Business Money Manager 13.02.23	173.63
, c	£3985.95

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

152. CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence Received During Feb/March 23:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

Item 5 was moved to the end of correspondence – Cllrs P Vaughan, D Metcalfe & S Benbow-Jones left the room when the item was discussed.

	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report 2023 https://www.gov.wales/independent-
	remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2023-2024 - The clerk reported that there has been a number
	of changes but suggested that discussion be moved to May. Proposed to defer to May by Cllr I Twigg
1	and seconded by Cllr Jones. A vote followed. All in favour. Resolved to defer to May meeting.
	Thanks for 20 - Email re: 20mph in Wales http://www.20splenty.org/wales - the clerk read the contents of
	the email to members. Resolved to be noted.
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	Clwyd Pension Fund - 2022 Actuarial Valuation - funding Strategy – <i>The Clerk read to members the</i>
3	valuation results – resolved to be noted

	WCBC - Email re: Wrexham Local Development Plan 2013-2028 publication of Inspectors Report https://wrexham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/inspectors_report Report available to members by following link provided, resolved to be noted
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5	Ombudsman for Wales - Letter re: Code of Conduct complaint — Clirs S Benbow-Jones, D Metcalfe and P Vaughan left the meeting while this item was being reported. The Clerk reported to members that a letter has been received from the ombudsman, who has now completed the investigation into a code of conduct complaint, and the finding under section 69 of the Local Government Act states that the matter should be referred to the monitoring officer of WCBC for consideration by its standards committee. Resolved to be noted.
	73degreefilms - Email re: multicultural event in Wrexham 1st April at Ty Pawb 4pm – <i>Clerk read email to</i>
6	members. Resolved to be noted
7	Llangollen Eisteddfod 2023 - Request for financial assistance – Resolved to be moved to the December Meeting.
8	OVW - handouts re: understanding the law module 4 (passed to members)

153.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2023/0084 Erection of replacement porch & balconies,

Alterations to windows. 5 Short Lane, Newbridge.

In relation to application P/2023/0084 no observations/objections were raised

154 .REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

154.1 Councillor S Benbow-Jones reported to members that the Arriva Oswestry buses are not turning up on time or even not at all.

154.2 Cllr I Twigg asked the clerk if there is any update on car chargers on Cefn Bank. The Clerk confirmed that WCBC were surveying areas around the borough to ascertain the best locations should funding become available and will ask for a latest update. Cllr D Wright asked if Dave Goodban and Ken Skates be copied into this email.

154.3 Cllr J Jones stated that there is large pot holes on park Road in Rhosymedre, turn off from Plas Madoc skip site. Clerk and assistant to report to WCBC.

154.4 Cllr S Mills stated that there is a large pothole in Heol Abon. Clerk and assistant to report to WCBC.

154.5 Cllr P Roberts reported a large pothole in Newbridge junction of Short Lane and Middle street, clerk and assistant to report to WCBC.

154.5 Cllr P Roberts reported that flowers have been stolen from graves at Trefynant cemetery. Clerk to investigate.

154.6 With reference to minute number 134 (4) from Februarys meeting (bollards in the car park on Llangollen Road), Cllr S Matthews stated that she has spoken with the relevant officer at WCBC and is awaiting feedback.

154.7 Cllr D Wright stated that the football tournament will be at the leisure centre on the 20th of April culminating in a final to be held at 2pm.

154.8 Cllr Paul Blackwell stated that he would like to report many potholes along Abernant Road, also, could requested the clerk enquire with WCBC about a grit bin for the location.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed.