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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS
HALL AND ZOOM ON
21st of November 2023 commencing at 6.45pm
Chair: P Vaughan

74. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, P Blackwell, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs J Jones, Mrs S Mills, Mrs K Tiltman.

PSCO Lara Shiers joined the meeting for the police report.

Councillors Mrs P Roberts B. Twigg, D Wright and Mrs G Wright joined on Zoom.

75. APOLOGIES Councillors D Metcalfe and Mr G. Wood

76. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None received

77. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
None Received

78. TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE
Date: Monday 20th November 2023
Ward: Cefn/Plas Madoc
Author: PCSO 4400 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 17/10/23 – 20/11/23 and report on the following incidents of note:

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Incident	Number of incidents	Summary of Investigation
ASB	12	4 x complaints of a nuisance neighbour. Monitoring with Housing 1 x fighting/drunk & disorderly behaviour - no reported injuries 1 x youths setting off fireworks 1 x youths shouting on the street 1 x report of parking issues on commercial land 2 x group of youths being verbally abusive.

		1 x report of youths acting in an ASB manner at local youth club 1 x report of vehicles driving in an ASB manner
Burglary Residential	1	1 x report of an unknown individual entering a porch of a property
Criminal Damage	3	1 x report of a 'slashed' tyre 1 x report of damage to a church roof 1 x report of damage to a vehicle
Public Order	3	1 x report of a group of individuals trying to start a fight 1 x report of a group of individual fighting – no reported injuries
RTC	3	3 x damage only RTC. No injuries
Shoplifting	5	3 x High value thefts – under investigation 2 x Low value thefts – under investigation
Theft	1	1 x theft of a 'wheelie' bin

PLAS MADOC

Incident	Number of incidents	Summary of Investigation
ASB	1	1 x report of a nuisance neighbour
Criminal Damage	1	1 x damage caused to an inside of a property. Domestic related
Hate Related	4	4 x reports of Hate Related incidents. All victims supported by NWP Hate Crime Champion.
Dangerous Dogs	2	2 x report of a dog not being on a lead and aggressively towards unnamed victim. Under investigation
Public Order	2	1 x report of a fight/disturbance at a pub. Suspect issued with a CR.
Burglary	2	1 x report of an individual entering another person's shed. It transpires, that the individual was intoxicated and was trying to find an object to use to gain entry to their own property as they has lost their keys. 1 x report that someone had gained entry to a property and changed the locks. It transpires that the Council needed access to her property to deal with an emergency repair to a leak.
RTC	1	7 vehicle RTC - suspected to have been caused by a skip becoming loose due to a mechanical fault. Additionally, Driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence. Currently under investigation.
Shoplifting	1	1 x low value theft. Suspect arrested and released under investigation

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 Wreccsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

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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	07974240306
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 @northwales.police.uk	CEFN MAWR	07814 075602
19	19	PCSO	C4402	TIM PEERS @northwales.police.uk	BRYMBO	07814 075615

PCSO Lara Shiers joined the meeting and proceeded to discuss this months report with members. She stated that there has been a slight increase in ASB but nothing which is of great concern, generally ASB is lower during the winter months. Cllr P Blackwell stated that a bus stop on Llangollen Road has been smashed three times in as many weeks. Cllr Benbow-Jones asked PCSO Shiers if she would have a look at hedge on King Street, which is protruding onto the highway, to ascertain if it is dangerous to road users.

Cllr Derek Wright would like PCSO Shiers to look into possible funding avenues for Cefn Community Council Summer games tournament in 2024. The Police and Crime Commissioner recently stated, in article on Wrexham.com, that there will be money available for youth projects. Cllr Wright stated that a proposed week of sporting events would be worthy of funding. PCSO Shiers reported to council that she would find out more information before the next development committee meeting on the 18th of December.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Shiers officers for her time, and she left the meeting.

79.TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

Community Agent Report October 2023

Number of individuals still receiving support that were recorded in previous months – 25
 Number of individuals who accessed the service for the first time – 17
 Number of individuals that have previously accessed the service but have asked for further support – 21

New referrals for September are

Cefn – 8
Rhosymedre – 1
Acrefair – 2

Plas Madoc - 3
Newbridge - 0
Other – 3

Good evening, everyone. My apologies that this is a short report however, it is due to my current personal circumstances. The figures also demonstrate the difficulties I faced this month as I haven't had the capacity to be as pro-active as I usually am.

We have teamed up with Groundworks and set up a Menopause meet up group that runs on a Tuesday afternoon at George Edwards Hall, and Tuesday evening from the CRNCA. Unfortunately, the afternoon group has not had any attendees however, the evening group has continued to grow. The Community Agent hub also continues to flourish, and the attendees took part in adding the poppies to the waterfall for the remembrance service; which look stunning! It was a wonderful experience being watching the community come together for this project.

This month I have been supporting a resident who was visiting another of our residents, and they asked if I could drop in to see them also as they were worried that this person was feeling lonely (they had checked with them before asking me). During the visit, and over a cup of tea, we discussed their needs and not what their family wanted them to do. I advised there were various groups within the community and that we could solve any transport issues due to their disability. I am pleased to say that they attended the luncheon club, despite their fear of not knowing anyone. Furthermore, it transpired that they actually knew a number of people there so were reunited with old friends.

If you have any questions or wish to have more information, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either by email (agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)or mobile (07925 048711).

Many thanks,

80. COUNCILLOR D WRIGHT TO DISCUSS CEFN OLYMPICS

Councillor D Wright presented members with three slides on screen, detailing his proposal for the 'Cefn Community Olympics' to coincide with the Paris Olympics 2024. Cllr Wright asked if members were agreeable to the idea, and if so, a meeting could be held with all the schools in the local area to move it forward. Cllr Wright suggested that a possible feature could be that the schools hold their own heats for the individual events, with the winners forming teams to take part in the main event. Cllr Wright stated that he will contact the local schools in the first instance to gauge interest. The ages of the children involved, and whether the teams should be mixed male / female or separate, can be discussed further if members were agreeable. Cllr Sonia Benbow-Jones seconded this proposal. All members in favour.

81. CLERKS REPORT

1. The extension to the garden of remembrance section at Trefynant cemetery is nearing completion. The contractor is just waiting for the coping stones to be delivered.
2. A reminder that the December meeting is early and will be held on the 12th of December.
3. The Christmas Fayre is being held on Friday the 1st of December at The George Edwards Hall, between 5pm-7pm. The mayor is attending to judge the window competition, but as yet we have not had any confirmed to be taking part.
4. The Clerk passed on her thanks to Cllr Kate Tiltman for taking this year's Remembrance Service, also, thank you to Cllrs Derek Wright and Sonia Benbow-Jones, and any councillors who attended, once again we have received lovely feedback from the service, especially as we had two standard bearers. Cllrs I Twigg and Bebow-Jones thanked the Clerk and staff for their hard work with organising the event.
5. The Clerk reported that Cefn Community Council have been successful in receiving a grant of up to 56K from the Shared Prosperity Fund: Communities & Play Keyfund from WCBC – this will be for a pilot project, hopeful we will have a development coordinator in place in January. The current community development coordinator will be helping to devise a job specification and advertisement.
6. An update on Low carbon Communities project – there is further funding available to plant wildflower meadows. The Clerk asked councillors if they have any suggestions on where they would like to see wildflowers in the community– we already have 3 planned at Rhosymedre, Park Road Newbridge and Llangollen Road opposite the Hampden Arms. Please speak with clerk's assistant with any suggestions.
7. The Clerk reported that she has received notification from the grounds maintenance contractor that there is a lot of bagged dog waste being placed into bins within Childrens play park grounds. He noted that he has a health and safety concern if young children go to place items in the bins, this has been particularly bad over the last few weeks, with a possibility that this has been one of the impacts of the recent refuse collection strikes. The clerk has priced dog waste bins, which are approximately £150 each. As we would require 7, the total would be around £1000. The clerk also reminded members that as the disposal of this type of hazardous waste is not in his contract with council, this will need to be looked at when the new term starts. A discussion followed. Members resolved that the situation be monitored for the next three months and further discussions will take place after that time.
8. It has been mentioned by members of staff that balustrade on the balcony in George Edwards Hall is too low. As the building was built over 100 years ago the current balustrade would not meet current safety standards due to a fall from height risk. To remedy this short term, staff cordoned off the front row of seats at the recent boxing event. However, this is not a long-term solution. There is an option to block off entry onto the balcony by fitting a better gate at the bottom of the stairs, but a company has been to the hall recently to provide a quote for a glass safety partition that would fit on the top of the current balustrade. Clerk to report prices to members when quotes are received.

82. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 24th of October 2023 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 24th of October 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (b) To confirm the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on the 24th of October 2023 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 24th of October 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

83. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022/23: TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CLERK IN RESPECT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCILS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023.

The clerk reported that the audit has not been returned.

84. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 7)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne, W Milner 7035.49

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
23/124	BACS	Y	Comm Agent - Invoice for Expenses	51.17
23/125	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Nov (LGA 1972 sect 112)	236.82
23/126	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	177.10
23/127	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - invoice for gravedigging	425.00
23/128	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Cemetery maintenance	1380.00
23/129	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for play area maintenance	1110.00
23/130	106637	Y	ICO Office - Invoice for Data protection renewal fee	40.00
23/131	106638	Y	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2035.76
23/132	106639	Y	Azets - Invoice for payroll services	300.00
23/133	BACS	Y	D Evans Catering - Invoice for remembrance service	550.00
23/134	BACS	Y	Richard King Systems - Invoice for GE Hall	423.84
23/135	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for call out fee for internet fix	50.00
23/136	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Nov (LGA 1972 sect 112) (Trefynant Cemetery)	2610.41
23/137	106640	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	244.84
23/138	106641	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	77.34
23/139	BACS		Mark Mellor Electrical - Invoice for GE Hall	250.00
23/140	BACS		Hallam Heating - Invoice for Ge Hall	525.61
23/141	BACS		WTE Printers - Invoice for Remembrance Service	335.00
23/142	BACS		WCBC - Invoice for RAAC Inspection	270.00
23/143	BACS		JRB Enterprise Ltd - Invoice for dog waste bags	574.80
23/144	106642		Jones Lighting - Invoice for new columns	5508.25
23/145	106643		Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years pension	270.12
23/146	106644		Viking Direct - Invoice for Office	260.11
23/147	106645		JDH Business Services - Invoice for DPA Services 23/24	937.20

Invoices Received During Oct-Nov 23

HMRC Tax & NI	1310.40
Clwyd Pension Fund	1149.35
Staff member Payment GOV.UK	235.92
HSBC	10.69
WCBC NNDR	716.00
Scottish Power	299.12
	<u>£29400.34</u>

Income

HMRC VAT repay	2960.40
WCBC (grant for YC)	300.00
Ysgol Cefn Mawr (Rec0358)	149.10

Burial

Francis Roberts (Rec0356)	295.00
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GE Hall

WCBC Labour Group (Rec0351)	50.00
Young Carers (Rec0352)	15.00
D Davies (Rec0359)	66.00
Slimming World (Rec0360)	377.07
C Hayward (Rec0354)	22.00
Young Carers (Rec0355)	43.50
Dance Zone (Rec0357)	258.50
Flying Start (Rec0347)	309.00
Cefn Historical Society (Rec0353)	22.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.10.23	332.01
	<u>£5199.58</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

85. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence Received During October-November 23:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1		Ken Skates AM - e-newsletter
2		WCBC - Email re: Monthly event listing for Ty Pawb
3		Welsh Government - Email re: Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2024-25 – The Clerk reported this figure is now £10.81 per elector. Resolved to be noted.
4		Future Generation Wales - Email re: seven-year strategy launched 'Cymru Can' – The clerk read the email correspondence to members and will forward to interested councillors. Resolved to be noted.
5		WCBC - Email re: Multiple Key Fund - Shared Prosperity Fund – The Clerk reported that CCC are not applying for this fund. Resolved to be noted.
6		Resident - Email re: FOI Request re: Reserves
7		WCBC - Email re: Older Persons Housing Need Assessment Survey - The Clerk read the email to members and will forward to those interested in taking the survey. Clerk to send the link to the community agent. Resolved to be noted.

8		JDH Business Services - Email re: Data Protection Compliance
9		Resident - Email re: Pollution of Park Road Rhosymedre – <i>The clerk stated that this issue is in the hands of WCBC. Cllr D Wright requested that as the road will be worse during the winter (as it is not currently being used as a main route, and therefore may not be gritted) the clerk compose an email on behalf of the Community council to be sent to the firm responsible for the pollution. Copying in officers from WCBC. Resolved to be noted.</i>

86 .TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During October to November 2023

P/2023/0746 Erection of dwelling
Land west Pendil, Llangollen Road, Acrefair,

In relation to application P/2023/0746 – Due to the application arriving after the meeting documents were sent to members, the clerk reported that she has recently forwarded the information on to the relevant ward members, and to forward any comments.

87.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

87.1 Cllr I Twigg reported that that the road outside the Maelor Boxing club needs attention.

87.2 Cllr D Wright stated that he has been disappointed with the attendance of councillors at council meetings recently.

87.3 Cllr H Brimfield stated that she has received a grant to start up a community cinema at George Edwards Hall. Members congratulated Cllr Brimfield on her good news.

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