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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS
HALL AND ZOOM ON
23rd of January 2024 commencing at 6.45pm
Chair: P Vaughan

104. PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell and Mrs S Matthews

Councillors: Mrs S Benbow Jones, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs J Jones, Mrs S Mills, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs K Tiltman, B Twigg, Mrs I Twigg, D Wright and Mrs G Wright joined on the Zoom Platform

105. APOLOGIES Councillor G Wood & D Metcalfe

106. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declarations in relation to Agenda item 12 (Correspondence) Mrs S Benbow- Jones (Board member- Dee Valley Trust) and item 13 (Planning) Mrs S Matthews (Member of WCBC Planning Committee)

107. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None Received

108. TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date: Monday 16th December 2022

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 16/11 – 12/12 and report on the following incidents of note:

Incident	Number of incidents	Summary of Investigation
ASB	4	1. Report of dog fouling on Council property garden. Housing have been informed for intervention. 2. Report of apples being thrown towards rear of property. No damage caused. Patrols carried out but no lines of enquiry. 3. Reports of nuisance parking. Advised this is a Council matter.

		4. Reports of group of youths acting in an anti-social manner. CCTV checked however no clear facial images. Patrols were stepped up at the location, no further reports.
Common Assault	1	1. Youth head butted during a football match causing minor injury. Currently under investigation.
Criminal Damage	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of damage to property. Victim not supportive of Police action. 2. Report of damage to vehicle. Investigation on-going. 3. Report of damage to window. CCTV and House to House conducted. No suspect identified. 4. Report of damage to window. Investigation on-going. 5. Report of damage to window. No lines of enquiry. 6. Report of damage to window. Victim did not support an investigation. 7. Report of damage to window. No CCTV opportunities. Filed.
Harassment	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Domestic related issues between ex-partners. IP did not support Police Action. 2. Reports of unwanted text messages being sent. Words of advice provided, no formal complaint.
RTC	1	Damage only, no injury RTC. Currently under investigation.
Interference with Motor Vehicle	1	Report of an attempt to gain entry to a works vehicle. No access gained.
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	Report of a catalytic converter being stolen from vehicle. Investigation on-going.

- **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 Wreccsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

Event	Time and Date	Location
'WE SAY YOU DO'		
Engagement Pop up event		
Pact Events		
Bike Markings		

- **Speeding Stats-**

We will continue to target speeding issues alongside Operation Go Safe and trained Traffic officers.

- **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	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

The clerk read an email to members from PCSO Shiers, who has asked if council could pay towards a bike marking session at GE Hall. Cllr D Wright proposed it could include UV marking of all equipment and not just bikes. Seconded by Cllr S Matthews. Council will give £150 towards the cost of the event. All members in favour.

109. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

The clerk stated that there was no report this month as a Community Agent is yet to be appointed. The closing date for applications has now been extended to Friday the 2nd of February 2024.

110. CLERKS REPORT

1. The Clerk reported that she has been approached by the Fron Choir, who are interested in using GE Hall for a charity concert to raise funds for a defibrillator at Acrefair School. They have asked for help towards the hire fees. The clerk stated that as we have many regular users of the hall this would not be fair to waive the fee, so made a suggestion that the council sponsor the event, or the chairman to cover the hire fees from the chairs purse? A discussion followed and it was decided that a donation be made from chairs purse, all members in favour. Cllr D Wright stated that he would like council to suggest the defib be sited where it could be accessed out of the school

- hours. Clerk to speak with Head Teacher regarding this. Cllrs S Matthews and P Blackwell to raise the citing of the defib with the school governors of Acrefair CP.
2. With regards to the temporary building on land to the rear of Cefn Post Office, the clerk has been informed by WCBC that enforcement has been served. The owner of the building has until 22/01/24 to appeal, if no appeal is submitted by that date, the building has to be removed by the 26th February 2024.

111. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 12th of December 2023 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 12th of December 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (b) To confirm the minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held on the 18th of December 2023 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the community development committee Meeting held on the 18th of December 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (c) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing meeting held on the 28th of December 2023 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on the 28th of December 2023 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (d) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing meeting held on the 10th of January 2024– ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on the 10th of January 2024 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

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

The clerk reported that the audit has not been returned. Other councils are reporting the same issues and a letter is to be sent to MS Ken States to highlight this dissatisfactory service.

113. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFFING MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH OF JANUARY 2024

All members in favour of accepting the recommendations from the staffing committee meeting on the 10th of January 2024.

114. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 2024/2025

Member had been furnished with the draft precept report prior to the meeting. Following a full detailed discussion, Councillor D Wright proposed to accept the report, seconded by Councillor Mrs I Twigg. All members in favour. Resolved, Cefn community council's precept requirement for 2024-2025 is £168,732.00 One hundred and sixty eight thousand, seven hundred and thirty two six pounds. The Clerk was requested to notify WCBC of council's requirement.

115. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 23rd JANUARY 2024****EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 9)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne, W Milner 7957.31

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RET RO	FROM	£
23/158	106650	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	320.89
23/159	BACS	Y	Community Agent - Invoice for expenses	51.96
23/160	106651	Y	Wales Air Ambulance	500.00
23/161	106652	Y	Hope House	1,000.00
23/162	106653	Y	Urdd Eisteddfod	100.00
23/163	106654	Y	Nightingale House	1,000.00
23/164	106655	Y	Llangollen Eisteddfod	100.00
23/165	106656	Y	Cerebral Palsy Cymru	100.00
23/166	BACS	Y	Air Cadets	300.00
23/167	BACS	Y	Cefn Mawr Historical Society	200.00
23/168	BACS	Y	CRNCA	200.00
23/169	BACS	Y	Friends of Ruabon	200.00
23/170	BACS	Y	Hampden Bowling Club	200.00
23/171	BACS	Y	Clwyd Family History Society	200.00
23/172	BACS	Y	Pantasmagoria Horror Film Festival	200.00
23/173	BACS	Y	Rhosymedre Methodist Church	200.00
23/174	BACS	Y	Ysgol Rhosymedre	200.00
23/175	BACS	Y	Ysgol Acrefair	200.00
23/176	BACS	Y	Ysgol Cefn Mawr	200.00
23/177	BACS	Y	Ysgol Min Y Ddol	200.00
23/178	106657	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	206.53
23/179	BACS	Y	Carl Wright - Invoice for Cemetery Extension	2527.40
23/180	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Nov/Dec (LGA 1972 sect 112) (Playstation for YC - covered by grant)	332.64
24/181	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh Ltd - Invoice for gravedigging	400.00
24/182	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for play Cemetery maintenance	270.00
24/183	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for play area maintenance	750.00
24/184	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Nov/Dec (LGA 1972 sect 112) (Advert for indeed for Comm Dev)	168.69
24/185	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	177.10
24/186	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT (install WIFI Access point)	221.00
24/187	106658	Y	Viking Direct - Invoice for Office & GE Hall	253.40
24/188	106659	Y	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2102.27
24/189	106660	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	274.49
24/190	106661	Y	Viking Direct - Invoice for Office	57.59
24/191	106662	Y	PHS Group - Invoice for GE Hall	355.21
24/192	106663	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	237.57

24/193	106664		Jones Lighting - Invoice for GE Hall	2972.63
24/194	BACS		WCBC - Invoice for inspection & Maintenance of Play Areas	1877.40
24/195	BACS		WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse charge for Trefynant Cemetery	728.00
24/196	BACS		WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse charge for GE Hall	295.00

Invoices Received During Dec 23-Jan 24

HMRC Tax & NI	1263.00
Clwyd Pension Fund	1278.72
Staff member Payment GOV.UK	242.22
HSBC	12.43
WCBC NNDR	716.00
Scottish Power	299.12
	<u>£31648.57</u>

Income

Vodafone (Rec0375)	1250.00
Tesco Stores (Rec0377)	6250.00

Burial

Marcher Stone (Rec0378)	60.00
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GE Hall

G Langford (Rec0370)	154.00
Dance Zone (Rec0371)	247.50
Fresh Gecko (Rec0372)	88.00
Cefn Historical Soc (Rec0373)	32.00
Powys Carers(Rec0376)	30.00
Science Made Simple (Rec0374)	44.00
Dance Zone (Rec0379)	209.00
Powys Carers(Rec0380)	15.00
Slimming World (Rec0381)	421.85
Clwyd Labour Party (Rec0382)	81.75
Cefn Historical Soc (duplicate Chq)	32.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.12.23	296.11
	<u>£9211.21</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

116. CORRESPONDENCE FULL COUNCIL

Correspondence Received During December 23-January 24:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1		Rhosymedre Methodist Church, Wales Air Ambulance, Ruabon ATC, CFH, - letter of thanks for donation
2		Friends of Ruabon, Hope House, Hampden Bowling, Cerebral Palsy, Cefn Historical Soc - letter of thanks for donation
3		Ysgol Cefn, Acrefair, Min Y Ddol, Rhosymedre, Nightingale House - letter of thanks for donation
4		Ken Skates MS -E Newsletter

5		Simon Baynes MP - Newsletter
6		SLCC - Email re: Renewal of membership £288 per annum – <i>Resolved, All Members in favour to renew and continue with the membership, Clerk to arrange.</i>
7		WCBC - Email re: CCTV within community (clerk to report) – <i>The clerk read the contents of the email to members, then proceeded to furnish members with the statistics she had requested concerning WCBC CCTV Cameras within the community. A discussion followed, members requested the clerk to write to WCBC and state Council is of the view the service is owned and operated by WCBC and WCBC should fund their own service. The stats provided detailed low incidents although it was recognised that the cameras do act as a deterrent. If WCBC are minded to withdraw the service, council request the structures remain in</i>
8		Commonwealth War Graves - Email re: Request for information (Clerk has actioned)
9		North Wales Fire & Rescue - Email re: update on review into emergency cover in North Wales – <i>The clerk read the letter to state that the level of cover will remain the same for 24/25. Resolved to be noted.</i>
10		WCBC - Email re: Cost of living information for residents – <i>The clerk read the email to members and will forward to interested parties. Resolved to be noted.</i>
11		Welsh Government - Email re: Consultation for Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations – <i>The clerk read the email to members and will forward to interested parties. Resolved to be noted.</i>
12		Wrexham Rural Insp NWP - Email re: Staff update – <i>The clerk read an email from the local inspector to introduce a new support sergeant and to give crime figures, which detailed a reduction in Wrexham. Resolve to be noted.</i>
13		WCBC - Email re: Adoption of LDP 2013-2028 on 20th December 2023
14		Dee Valley Trust CIC - copy of letter sent to CRNCA re: funding – <i>The clerk read the letter to members, thanking council for agreeing to funding previously allocated to Cefn CC being re-deployed to CRNCA. Resolved to be noted.</i>
15		WCBC - Email re: St David's Day Celebrations 2024 - Poster to display – <i>Clerk read invitation to members. Resolved to be noted.</i>

117 .TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During November/December 2023

P/2023/0870 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/2020/0843
To extend time limit for submission of reserved matters
Black Lion Inn, Park Road, Newbridge

In relation to application P/2023/0870 no observations/objections were raised

P/2023/0746 Amended Plans Erection of Dwelling
Land West of Pendil Llangollen Road, Acrefair

In relation to application P/2023/0746 no observations/objections were raised

The following application was received by the clerk after the deadline to publish the agenda:

P/2022/0469 Planning appeal in relation to the proposed houses
Off Bethania Road, Acrefair.

In relation to application P/2022/0469, two representations and objections have been submitted by Cefn CC in relation to the density and infrastructure of the proposed site. It was resolved that the same comments be resubmitted for the appeal.

118.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

118.1 Cllr P Roberts stated that she has heard from residents that people have been seen removing the bollards from the closed road at Newbridge, and driving over it. Cllr S Matthews stated that she would speak to an Officer at WCBC Immediately.

118.2 Cllr P Blackwell reported that he recently attended a site meeting with WCBC Highways, who conducted a feasibility study on the prospect of turning Whalleys Way, Plas Madoc, into a one-way system. There will be a public consultation in April on this proposal.

118.3 Cllr D Wright gave an update to members on the work being undertaken on Plas Kynaston football field. A meeting has been arranged with an arboreal officer from WCBC and a report has been completed as to which trees need to be removed. This work is scheduled to be undertaken in the last week in February.

118.4 Cllr D Wright gave an update on the progress with the school Olympics planning and stated that the date will be the week of the 8th of July, with three days of activities being planned for that week. The power point presentation will be circulated to all members.

118.5 Cllr D Wright reported that a meeting took place recently between himself, Cllr P Vaughan and council staff to decide priority work in the coming months. The items discussed will be on the agenda in the February meeting.

118.6 Cllr S Benbow-Jones reported that residents of Kenfig Place in Cefn Mawr are unhappy with parking issues, cars involved are from the schools and the football. Cllr D Wright stated that the school parking issues started after WCBC placing annexes there for the schools to use. He confirmed that he has written a letter requesting that the Education and Housing departments at WCBC solve the issue that they have created there, by jointly funding extra parking.

118.7 Cllr P Blackwell has asked for an update on the streetlight in Tegid, the clerk is awaiting an update from the contractors.

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