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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

156. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs K Benfield, P Blackwell, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs J Jones, Mrs S Matthews, Mrs S Mills, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs K Tiltman, D Wright and Mrs G Wright,

Councillors B Twigg and Mrs I Twigg Joined on the Zoom platform

Two members of the public were present in the chamber.

Two candidates present for co-option interview.

157. APOLOGIES Councillor George Wood

158 .TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declarations submitted in relation to Agenda item 12 (Planning) Mrs S Matthews (Member of WCBC Planning Committee) and D Wright Agenda item 12 (Planning)

159 PROCEDURAL MATTERS – 116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES)
MEASURE 2011 VACANCY CEFN WARD TO BE FILLED BY CO OPTION

Two candidates were given an opportunity to speak in support of their application that had been submitted. The chair asked a series of three questions to both candidates, a vote followed. It was resolved that Karen Benfield will be co-opted to serve on the Cefn ward and duly signed her declaration of office. The Chair thanked both candidates and invited them to stay for the meeting, which they accepted.

160. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None received.

161.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported that there is no police report this month. An email was read from Matt Subbachi the area Inspector, detailing a new system of reporting to Community Councils. This system will focus on stats that detail the most serious crimes in the community. There will be an opportunity on the forms to provide feedback.

Following on from last month's report, the clerk gave feedback from the police on the high number of domestic incidents. It was stated that some of the incidents were from the same address.

162. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

- Cefn - 3
- Rhosymedre – 1
- Acrefair –
- Newbridge –
- Plas Madoc – 1
- Other -

New referrals for April 2024

Good evening, everyone,

April is proving to be a better month for me with finally having referrals, there was a mix up with the email address which was why I wasn't getting any referrals.

I have been to numerous groups around the Plas Madoc/ Cefn area and met some lovely people.

I am hopefully going to start a walking group and singing group at Plas Telford at the beginning of May and hopefully it will be nicer weather for the walking part.

I have also popped into the well-being group that runs in the George Edwards Hall on a Thursday morning and that is still running smoothly and lead by themselves.

I've had a few teams meeting about the new paperwork that the council have put in place starting from April 1st, 2024, these are all new to me, so I am looking through them with another C.A from Rhos. I have also started my online learning which is really helping me to learn more about the job role.

I have collaborated with Andrew who is the community development officer on an intergenerational project at Plas Telford which starts in June 2024.

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either by email {agent @cefncommunity.gov.uk} or mobile {07925048711}

Many thanks,

Donna

The new community agent Donna entered the meeting and introduced herself to members. She reported that, after a slow start due to an email mixup, she was now receiving referrals.

She reported that she is trying to be as proactive as possible in the community, and hopes to start a walking group with residents of Plas Telford in the summer months. She has received support from the Rhos community agent Michelle, who she has been shadowing. There is a lot of training still to finish, which has been set by WCBC. The clerk stated to members that Donna has 'hit the ground running' as there have been many changes to the role, and the paperwork.

The chair thanked the Community Agent and she left the meeting.

163. CLERKS REPORT

1. The Clerk reminded members that the next litter pick is Wednesday the 1st of May, meeting at the GE Hall Car park. Tesco staff may be joining us. Meeting at 10am to litter pick the Oxford Street area of Cefn Mawr.
2. An update on the wall which has been damaged on Park Road, Rhosymedre. The clerk has contacted Wynnstay Estates and they have advised that this will be repaired in the summer months.
3. Following last month's meeting where purchasing a commemorative D Day flag was discussed, a further email was sent after the meeting by the vice chair. After consultation with the chair and clerk, it was decided that a service will now take place at the cenotaph at 9.30am, on the 6th of June. The four primary schools will be laying a wreath, and one student from Ruabon Secondary School, Plus Cefn community Council. Derrick Roberts will be reading the Ode and is waiting on confirmation if Mr Proctor can attend to play the bugle. I will remind members again next month. The service will be advertised on our website and social media platforms.
4. Derwen college students will be on site on Thursday 9th May & Friday 10th May to carry out the summer planting.
5. The following points are updates from last month's meeting –
 - A request for a small bin wagon for Waterloo Place – update from WCBC: no capacity at present to add to the round.
 - Tesco – Rent is to be reviewed on the expiry of each consecutive period of 20 years of the term – There are six years to go on the current term.
 - Parking on Rock Road on Football matches, reply from WCBC – ‘Unfortunately we wouldn't consider placing a permanent traffic regulation order on a road that only has issues during a local sporting event. If vehicles are parking dangerously such as double parking, parking on bends/junctions or disrupting the flow of traffic, then these are all highway code offences that the police have the powers to enforce against’. PCSO to continue to monitor on match days.
6. The clerk stated that she has had a couple of replies regarding planning applications from last month, which will be reported under the planning section.
7. Cllr D Wright will update members regarding the Summer Olympics event under members reports.

164 .MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 26th of March 2024 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 26th of March 2024 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (b) To confirm the minutes of the community Development meeting held on the 11th of April 2024 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the community development meeting held on the 11th of April 2024 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

165. 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.

166. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 23rd APRIL 2024

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 12)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, N Hughes-Lloyd, W Milner, A Ruscoe,

D Thornley

8573.98

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
24/247	BACS	Y	Mark Mellor - invoice for security cage on outside light	65.00
24/248	106684	Y	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for Cemetery	104.05
24/249	106685	Y	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for maintenance	114.00
24/250	BACS	Y	Speaks Design Services - Invoice for drawings at MUGA (Phase 2)	1,400.00
24/001	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	400.00
24/002	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for play area maintenance	750.00
24/003	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Cemetery maintenance	605.00
24/004	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for March/April 2024 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	281.88
24/005	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for comm dev officer monthly fee for domain & email	19.70
24/006	106686		PHS Group - Invoice for hand driers	355.21
24/007	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	269.55
24/008	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	291.65
24/009	106687		EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	1,966.11
24/010	106688		Viking Direct - Invoice for supplies	344.53

Invoices Received During March/April 24

HMRC Tax & NI

1980.61

Clwyd Pension Fund

1377.51

Staff member Payment GOV.UK

242.22

HSBC

10.33

Scottish Power	351.47
	<u>£19,502.80</u>

Income

Vodafone (Rec 0411)	1250.00
Tesco Stores (Rec 0412)	6250.00
WCBC (Rec0400)	20.00
WCBC Precept	56,244.00

Burial

WJ & R Thomas (Rec0401)	1010.00
Marcher Stone (Rec0402)	230.00
W Samuels (Rec 0410)	295.00

GE Hall

Cefn Historical Society (Rec0403)	32.00
Phantasmagoria (Rec0404)	33.00
WAPM (Rec0405)	18.00
C Heyward (Rec 0406)	22.00
Powys Carers (Rec 0407)	30.00
Clwyd Sth Labour (Rec0408)	10.00
Slimming World (Rec0409)	374.85
G Langford (Rec0410)	88.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.03.24	244.88
	<u>£66,151.73</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

167. CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence Received During March/April 24:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1		Llangollen International Eisteddfod - Request for financial Assistance – <i>Resolved to be moved to Decembers meeting for discussion –</i>
2		Wrexham Sounds - Request for financial Assistance – <i>Resolved to be moved to Decembers meeting for discussion.</i>
3		WCBC - Poster to display for PCC Elections on 2nd May 2024
4		Ken Skates MS - Enewsletter
5		Simon Baynes - MP Newsletter
6		RBL - Request for financial assistance – <i>Resolved to be moved to Decembers meeting for discussion</i>
7		WCBC - Cefn Mawr SLA Report Sept - Dec 2023 for Community Youth Work (copy attached) - <i>A discussion followed and members agreed that the provision is having an impact in the community - Resolved to be noted.</i>
8		North Wales Fire Authority - Consultation re: continuing to prevent and respond to emergencies www.nothwalesfire.gov.wales - <i>The clerk asked members to complete the survey using the link provided - Resolved.</i>

9		WCBC - Email re: consultation of review of allocations policy www.yourvoicewrexham.com/survey/2067 - <i>The clerk read contents of the email and urged members to complete the survey – Resolved.</i>
10		WCBC - Contract for youth provision SLA 2024-25 to be signed by Chair and Clerk
11		Mega Electrical - contract for Cefn CC footway lighting to be signed by Clerk

168 .TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During March / April 2024

Cllr S Matthews declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

The clerk updated members on two planning applications following a request from members at last month's meeting. WCBC officers clarified ownership of land on application P/2024/0034 (Property on King Street, Cefn Mawr) stating that council were in ownership of land East of the site. They further stated that they will clarify if this land is to be included in the site boundary.

A further update was given on P/2024/0105 Trevor Basin masterplan, which was discussed last month. It was concerning the reopening of Oilworks Road, which was omitted from the application, despite being promised A response was read from WCBC, which stated that the correct supporting paperwork was not submitted. It will be resubmitted when this materialises.

P/2024/0172 Variation of condition 2, to amend approved drawings
Former Air Products Site, Llangollen Road, Acrefair

In relation to application P/2024/0172 no observations/objections were raised

P/2024/0180 Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission P/2015/0025
To vary personal occupancy restriction.
Trinity Hall, Llangollen Road, Acrefair

In relation to application P/2024/0180 the clerk read a letter signed by local residents of Trinity Hall outlining their concerns. Cllr P Blackwell confirmed that he has put in an objection on the grounds that that the developer is digging close to the school grounds. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that there was not enough detail on the planning application. It was agreed that the clerk write to WCBC planning to state that council object to the application and have raised concerns about the proximity of the site – there isn't sufficient parking for a proposed multi office building, and traffic congestion issues.

The following applications had only been received within the last two days; ward members had not been sent the documents

P/2024/0246 Removal of conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission P/2023/0233
26 Well Street Cefn Wrexham.

In relation of P/2024/0249 it was resolved that council object to the removal of conditions as set out in the planning approval details set from WCBC, the Clerk was requested to write to WCBC and confirm.

P/2024/0252 Erection of new spectator stand, dugouts, stairs and hardstanding - recreation ground Plas Kynaston Lane Cefn Mawr.

In relation to application P/2024/0252 no observations/ objections were raised.

P/2024/0256 Two storey front extension and two story rear extension Cae Coch Lane.

In relation to application P/2024/0256 no observations/objections were raised. The Clerk will send the details on to ward members and ask for any comments.

P/2024/0259 Two storey front, side and rear extensions Oakdale, Minshalls Croft

In relation to application P/2024/0259 no observations/objections were raised. The Clerk will send the details on to ward members and ask for any comments.

Cllr S Matthews returned to the meeting.

169.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

169.1 Cllr S Matthews reported to members that she and Cllr D Wright had previously been in talks with Betsi health board in relation to possibility siting a health centre on the grounds of the old Wheatsheaf workshop in Rhosymedre. WCBC delayed the sale by three months to allow time for a decision to be made. Betsi declined to work with the building as it does not have enough space for what they needed. The building has now been sold at auction for £180,000.

169.2 Cllr S Benbow Jones stated that residents are unhappy over the closure of Cae Coch bridge. The clerk reported that the bridge has been closed due to safety concerns. There are barriers in place on either side of the bridge to prevent it being used, but they are being repeatedly removed. Cllr P Blackwell confirmed that he has been in touch with WCBC and can confirm that the bridge has been deemed structurally unsafe, therefore it will be closed for at least three months while new parts are being manufactured. Cllr J Jones suggested that the footpath be closed further down on the Acrefair side to prevent people walking all the way down to the bridge to then discover that it is closed.

169.3 Cllr Benbow Jones reported to the council that a local resident had suffered a fall on Crane Street which resulted in hospital treatment.

169. 4 Cllr S Matthews reported that there are public consultations being held at PMLC with regards to opening a credit union facility in the community. There have been reports of loan sharks operating in the area, so this will be a vital service.

169.5 Cllr Joan Jones reported that the Cefn Heritage sign has fallen down, outside the old Kings Head pub on King Street.

169.6 Cllr Pam Roberts requested that any new updates on the progress of the Newbridge landslip road be given to the public, as some are under the impression that work has stopped. Cllr D Wright stated that where the work is currently being carried out, the workers would be difficult to see from the road. The clerk requested that Cllr Matthews and Cllr Wright furnish

council with a joint statement on the current progress, which can then be shared with residents on social media.

169.7 Cllr D Wright gave an update to members on the Cefn Community Schools Olympics event to be held in July. Cllr Benfield was given a brief outline of the event and what it will include. Cllr D Wright confirmed that the numbers of entrants for the swimming event may mean that this might have to be cancelled if numbers are not reduced. There will not be enough time to run all the races from 10am until 12.30pm. The clerk stated that she is in the process of getting all staff DBS Checked. Cllr Matthews confirmed that she will speak with Denise at PMLC to enquire how she can help get these organised.

169.8 Cllr H Brimfield reported that Waterloo Lane is being repeatedly blocked by lorries and vans working on the new bungalow. Clerk advised that she has spoken to the workers and confirmed that they cannot block the access.

169.9 Cllr S Matthews reported an update on the property on the Crane in Cefn Mawr. The homeowner was in dispute with planning with regards to the property's fascia boards. The finding was in favour of the resident to retain the fascia boards in white PVC.

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