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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS
HALL AND ZOOM ON
TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024 commencing at 6.45pm
Chair: P Vaughan

94. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow Jones, P Blackwell, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs J Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs. K Tiltman. Mrs. I Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright

K Witherden joined via the Zoom platform

95. APOLOGIES Councillors Mrs S Matthews, Mrs S Mills & Mrs P Roberts

96 .TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors J Jones, S Benbow-Jones, K Tiltman, P Blackwell, H Brimfield, G Wright all declared an interest in agenda item 9 – Grants, committee members.

Councillor Mrs S Benbow Jones declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 Planning and took no part in the meeting.

97. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None received.

98.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr / Rhosymedre / Newbridge

Person Providing Report: PCSO Lara Shiers C4400

Date of Report: Period of 01/11/24 – 31/11/24

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Crime Rate YTD					

Incidents last 4 weeks	1	0	0	0	1
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Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	Date	Brief Circumstances
24000983821	20/11/24	Burglary - Unknown person(s) have entered the victim's property through the kitchen window from the back garden and have taken cash. Investigation on-going.
24001003084	27/11/24	Criminal Damage - Graffiti damage to un-used property
24001006474	28/11/24	Criminal Damage to window vis suspected pellet gun
24001006461	27/11/24	ASB/Damage to public toilets – youths identified, intervention and youth justice referral.
24000980557	19/11/24	Theft - Report that a person has dropped cash in a shop. An unknown person has picked the cash up and not returned it.
24000954072	10/11/24	Report of a missing bike, possibly not delivered by courier/seller.

Additional Information
ASB – 1 x youth related ASB

Completed Activity	
06/11/24	Bike Marking, Cefn Mawr
05/12/24	Santa Sleigh / Meet greet at the CRNCA

Future Planned Activity
31/01/25 – Girls Futsal tournament at Plas Madoc Leisure centre. Collab with local school, Cefn Community Council and PACT funding.

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting

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Any concerns or issues in relation to this report to be sent to the above sergeants as first point of contact.

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24000970011	15/11/24	Report of assault with injury- one person arrested and will be charged
24000939024	05/11/24	Dangerous dog – report of dog-on-dog attack. Matter has been dealt with via LEAD Initiative.
24001005843	28/11/24	Report of two dogs loose in a public place. No report of an attack. Matter has been dealt with via LEAD Initiative.
24000947596	07/11/24	Hate Related incident – report that a person has been racially abused whilst ‘streaming’ live on an online platform. Support provided by Hate Crime Champion.

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Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting	

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones requested that appreciation be formally recorded for PCSO Lara Shiers, who provided exceptional support during the CRNCA Meet and Greet Santa event despite enduring atrocious weather conditions for over two hours. Councillor Benbow-Jones noted that PCSO Lara's dedication was remarkable, humorously describing how her hat collected so much rain it resembled a waterfall.

Councillor Paul Blackwell reported he has received concerns regarding an individual riding a bike around Cefn Mawr, which does not appear to meet the classification of an electric bike due to its unusually large wheels. The individual is reportedly consuming what is assumed to be marijuana whilst riding. Additionally, the person has been observed riding off-road, seemingly under the influence, raising safety concerns.

99. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT
COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT DECEMBER 2024

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

Good evening, Everyone,

What a busy couple of weeks it's been! I've had the pleasure of organising a trip to Bury Market, which all attendees thoroughly enjoyed. Then, I focused on organising our Christmas party, which was a great success.

We had about 60 people attend, including the **Raise the Roof Choir**, who were truly amazing and really brought the festive spirit to life. Although there were a few things I could have done differently, especially as it was my first time organising an event, I'm proud of how it turned out. I couldn't have done it all without the wonderful helpers I had on the day, and their support was invaluable.

In addition to the party, I've been supporting a lady and her grandchildren, who live with her, by helping them access a food voucher and, hopefully, securing a couple of toys. This family is currently facing a crisis and can't afford gifts for the two boys, who are aged 9 and 6. This situation has really touched my heart because no child should go without presents at Christmas time.

I also had the opportunity to help at the Remembrance Service at George Edwards Hall, which was a great success. The two choirs that performed were amazing and contributed to making the service a special and memorable occasion.

During the snow, I worked with Chrissy from **CRNCA** to deliver warm food to residents who were unable to get out. It was great to be able to provide this support to those who were struggling in the harsh weather conditions.

Lastly, I'm now organising **cash bingo sessions** at George Edwards Hall on the last Saturday afternoon of each month. I do hope that some of you can attend to help make this a successful event. It's an exciting new way to raise funds for future events, and your support would mean so much!

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to more great things in the coming weeks!

Donna Thornley
Community Agent

100. CLERKS REPORT

1. Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December another successful event, well attended next year is set for Friday 28th November 2025
2. Delighted to say WCBC approved the remaining funds from the SPF project to be used to purchase a lawnmower for the bowling green and new chairs for the hall, and further remedial works needed at the MUGA.
3. Clerk notified members a former employee had been in hospital, a get well card has been sent and they are recovering well at home
4. The Clerk wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year

101. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

102. TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONTROL AT NEWBRIDGE ROAD

Councillor Derek Wright highlighted an issue with approximately 200 meters of cars regularly parked on weekends and evenings near the pub, once rounding the corner. He expressed concerns about potential congestion, particularly when buses attempt to pass, and requested the installation of traffic lights following a site visit with officers and the lead member of Wrexham Council, once the road reopens.

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones acknowledged the concerns raised by Councillor Wright and inquired about the possibility of creating parking spaces for residents in the area where Quarry Terrace used to be. Councillor Wright clarified that this was unlikely due to funding constraints within Wrexham Council and reiterated that a traffic light system would be the most effective solution.

Councillor Wright proposed that the council formally write to the Highways Department, urging them to consider implementing a traffic control system within the next 6-9 months. This proposal was unanimously agreed upon by the full council.

103. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25

The following grants were approved to be awarded:

GRANTS 2024/2025

NAME	Date	Paid £	Chq no/bacs	INV NUMBER	s137
We Are Plas Madoc	25.09.24	500.00	106723	24/117A	Y
N Wales & N West Rotary Club	11.11.24	200.00	106731	24/153	Y
Wales Air Ambulance	17.12.24	500.00	106740	24/195	Y
Urdd Eisteddfod	17.12.24	100.00	106741	24/196	Y
Nightingale House	17.12.24	1,000.00	BACS	24/197	Y
Llangollen Eisteddfod	17.12.24	200.00	106742	24/198	Y
Wrexham Sounds	17.12.24	100.00	BACS	24/199	Y
Family Friends	17.12.24	100.00	106743	24/200	Y
Calon FM	17.12.24	100.00	106744	24/201	Y
Eisteddfod Wrecsam	17.12.24	200.00	106745	24/202	Y
CRNCA	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/203	Y
Friends Of Ruabon	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/204	Y
Clwyd Family History	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/205	Y
Rhosymedre Methodist Church	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/206	Y
Friends of St John's Church	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/207	Y
Ysgol Rhosymedre	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/208	Y
Ysgol Acrefair	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/209	Y

Ysgol Cefn Mawr	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/210	Y
Ysgol Min Y Ddol	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/211	Y
Phantasmagoria Film Festival	17.12.24	200.00	BACS	24/212	Y

104. TO APPROVE DECEMBER SALARY PAYMENT DATE (FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER)

Members unanimously agreed to approve the payment of salaries to Friday 20th December, one week early due to the christmas break.

105. TO APPROVE CHANGE OF DATE FOR JANUARY MEETING TO TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2025

Members unanimously agreed to approve the change of date to January 21st 2025 – one week early.

106. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS
ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 17th DECEMBER 2024

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 8) – Staff

9206.49

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
24/169	BACS	Y	David Groom - Invoice for Remembrance Service	192.00
24/170	BACS	Y	Dave's PAT Testing - Invoice for GE hall	495.00
24/171	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Nov (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	246.09
24/172	106736	Y	British Telecom - Invoice for Office	512.88
24/173	106737	Y	Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years	288.21
24/174	DC	Y	T&A Club Supplies - Invoice for bingo machine (SPF Funding)	198.60
24/175	BACS	Y	Honeycomb Construction - Invoice for Plas Kynaston (SPF Funding)	11880.00
24/176	BACS	Y	Hampden Bowling Club - Invoice for Dennis Simplex Mower (SPF Funding)	2500.00
24/177	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	335.24
24/178	BACS	Y	BE Event Hire - Invoice for 75 Banquet Chairs (SPF Funding)	2368.20
24/179	BACS	Y	Community Agent - Invoice for Expenses	23.50
24/180	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Dec (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	190.76
24/181	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	161.10
24/182	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Cemetery maintenance	683.00
24/183	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area Maintenance	760.00
24/184	BACS	Y	Charisma Trophies - Invoice for Girls Tournament	144.75
24/185	106738		Canda Copying - Invoice for office copier	359.00
24/186	106739		Griffiths Hire Shops - Invoice for Security Fencing Plas Kynaston	168.96
24/187	BACS		Northalls Wrought Iron - Invoice for security cage on stand Plas Kynaston	6000.00
24/188	BACS		MEGA Electrical - Invoice for Erection of Christmas Lights	1098.00
24/189	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	370.33

Invoices Received During Nov/Dec 24

HMRC Tax & NI	2069.80
Clwyd Pension Fund	1621.76
CSA Payment	293.12
HSBC	9.80
	<u>£42176.59</u>

Income

WCBC (SPF Grant Re-claim)	8132.24
WCBC Precept	56,244.00
WCBC Comm Agent 2024/25	12695.61

Burial

Lucy & Tattum (Rec0492)	1210.00
Francis Roberts (Rec0493)	605.00
Buckley Memorials (Rec0491)	110.00

GE Hall

Phantasmagoria Film (Rec 0487)	182.00
WCBC Childcare Team (Rec0489)	78.00
Community Wellness (Rec0490)	405.00
WCBC Labour Group (Rec0488)	65.00
Slimming World (Rec0494)	212.40
G Langford (Rec0495)	126.00
Young Carers (Rec0496)	19.50
Kiddies World (Rec0497)	70.00
Cefn Labour Party (Rec0498)	78.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.11.24	167.55
	<u>£80400.30</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

107. CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence Received During November/December 24:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1		OVW - Email re: Templates for IPRW statement of payments
2		OVW - Email re: Cloud Storage
3		Police Crime Commissioner - Email Re: Survey on have your say on funding for policing (sent to all members) – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
4		Older People's Commissioner for Wales - Email re: Survey to complete (creating a Wales for Older People) – <i>Resolved to be forwarded to Cllrs Mrs I Twigg and S Benbow-Jones</i>
5		Ysgol Rhiwabon - Invitation to Annual Community Christmas Concert (sent to all members)
6		WCBC - Email re: Cefn Ward Vacancy - Request for an election

7			Pension Regulator - Email re: Re-enrolment – <i>The Clerk reported that council have a legal duty to re-enrol into the pension fund every three years, this must be done by 6.05.25</i>
8			Cllr D Wright - Email re: Virgin Media Broadband - (sent to all members) – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>

108.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2024/1618 Erection of 5 light industrial units – class B1 and B8
The cooperative, Well Street, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application P/2024/1618 the clerk was requested to write and make objections in relation to the anticipated increase in traffic to the area, the proposed development is likely to cause significant congestion, particularly regarding parking availability, which would negatively impact residents accessing essential services such as the doctor’s surgery. Furthermore, the proposal does not align with our heritage status or the objectives of our tourism initiative, as this location serves as the gateway into Cefn Mawr. We believe the development fails to add meaningful value to the area and could detract from its cultural and historical significance.

P/2024/1629 Erection of 2 dwellings
Land at Tan Y Graig, Off High Street, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application P/2024/1629 no observations/objections were received.

109.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

109.1 Councillor Derek Wright, reported with his ongoing collaboration with Councillor Stella Matthews (via emails), reported on efforts to address ongoing issues with buses navigating through their wards. Councillor Wright highlighted a recent incident on Queen Street where two buses collided, resulting in the demolition of a wall. He expressed a desire to engage with North Wales Police to clarify the legal position regarding buses causing damage to residents’ properties, as affected residents perceive this as criminal damage.

Councillor Wright further noted that over the past 12 years, all properties along the boundary wall have experienced damage due to similar incidents. He also reported that Arriva has consistently refuse to accept liability, stating that the buses are too wide to use alternative routes. The issue remains unresolved and under continued discussions.

Councillor Wright reported observing men working at the old Flexys site, specifically conducting soil sampling at the main site and the SE Jones lorry section. This activity was confirmed by Mike Bathers of Wrexham Council. However, Mike Bathers has informed Councillor Wright that he is leaving his position with the Council, and all future correspondence regarding ongoing works, including those related to the cemetery extension, should be directed to another colleague.

Councillor Wright informed the council that the SOS site at the old Saunders Garage has now been cleared following his persistent efforts, including requesting Wrexham Council to employ a road sweeper. This resolution came after he reported the issue on ten separate occasions.

Councillor Wright informed the council that he had received an email from Carl Hughes of HDS Architects in Wrexham regarding a 20-day pre-consultation period for a proposed

development of 21 one-bedroom flats at the old Wheatsheaf site in Rhosymedre. While Councillor Wright acknowledged that this development falls within Councillor Stella Matthews' ward, he was unsure whether she had received the email.

Councillor Wright requested a site meeting on January 6, 2025, with Councillor Karen Benfield, Clerk Trina Nicholl-Smith, and Councillor Chair Phil Vaughan. His primary concern is that the development could lead to an additional 42 cars, exacerbating traffic congestion in the area. He also emphasized the importance of preserving the cornerstone of the Wheatsheaf site to be included in the Cefn Mawr Museum should the buildings be demolished.

109.2 Councillor Chair Phil Vaughan reported in response to a question from Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones regarding the trees at Trefynant Cemetery. He stated that he was waiting for the trees to be marked and is currently in discussions with several potential companies to decide on the best contractor for the work.

Councillor Phil Vaughan further raised the issue of ongoing fly-tipping behind the George Edwards Hall, and asked Cllr D Metcalfe to address the situation. In response, Councillor Metcalfe explained that there are ongoing plans for the area, which include the construction of a bank with a retaining wall, and that drawing plans for this are in place. Councillor Isabel Twigg suggested that Mr. Chairman Phil Vaughan and Councillor David Metcalfe meet to review the plans before providing any further updates to the council.

109.3 Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones reported receiving urgent communications from residents regarding recent flooding on Bowers Road and behind the Delph. She noted that the farmers' fields are deteriorating, and it is believed that blocked culverts may be contributing to the flash floods. In response, Councillor Paul Blackwell clarified that the council cannot enforce farmers to clear the culverts and suggested that entering into positive negotiations is the only viable solution.

Councillor Derek Wright advised that the council should write to Councillor Stella Matthews, Wrexham Council's Kenny Williams, and Kevin Edwards to address the blocked drains causing flooding, and perhaps initiate discussions with the farmer regarding the flooded fields.

109.4 Councillor Joan Jones reported that a fence at Trefynant Cemetery has collapsed and requires repair. She also commented that the Christmas lights in Cefn were lovely.

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