



**CYNGOR CYMUNED**  
**CEFN**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS**  
**HALL AND ZOOM ON**  
**TUESDAY 21st January 2025 commencing at 6.45pm**  
**Chair: Mr P Vaughan**

**110. PRESENT** Councillors: Mrs S Benbow Jones, Mr P Blackwell, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs J Jones, Mr D Metcalfe, Mrs. K Tiltman, Mrs S Matthews, Mrs. I Twigg, Mrs S Mills & Mrs K Witherden.

Mrs P Roberts joined via the Zoom platform

**111. APOLOGIES** Councillors Mr D Wright & Mrs K Benfield & Mrs G Wright

**112 .TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Matthews declared interest in agenda item 6 - *Clerk Report*

Councillors S Benbow – Jones & D Metcalfe declared interest in agenda item 15 – *Correspondence.*

Councillors D Metcalfe & S Matthews declared interest in agenda item 16 – *Planning Applications*

**113. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS**

None received.

**114.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 01/12/24 – 31/12/24

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB

<b>Crime Rate YTD</b>					
<b>Incidents last 4 weeks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Incidents of Note</b>		
<b>Crime Reference Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Brief Circumstances</b>
24001082109	26/12/24	Assault, causing injury to face. Under investigation
24001054690	16/12/24	Commercial burglary – building site broken into and items taken within.
24001075482	23/12/24	No injury common assault

<b>Additional Information</b>
3 x ASB – 2 x youth related. 1 x parents arguing.  5 x Domestic related incidents

<b>Completed Activity</b>

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

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24001048837	16/12/24	Report of an assault, Victim not supportive of Police action.
24001018709	03/12/24	Report of entry gained to a property. Transpires, it was a family member who entered the property.
24001072199	22/12/24	Report of property being gained, criminal damage and threat with a weapon. Suspect arrested and serving custodial sentence.
24001059167	17/12/24	Robbery – report of a group of youths demanding another to hand his phone over. Minor facial injury caused. Under investigation.

Additional Information
3 x domestic related incidents
2 x ASB – 1 x youth related, 1 x relating to dirt bikes

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It was noted that PCSO Lara Shiers is soon to begin a new role as a Police Constable and will be leaving the district shortly for training. This was noted as a significant loss to the community due to her excellent rapport with local youths. A letter of thanks was requested be sent to her, supported by Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones.

Councillor Paul Blackwell expressed concern that the Plas Madoc ward has been without a PCSO for over 12 months. The Clerk acknowledged a broader issue with police shortages across the Wrexham Borough and agreed to write a letter to the Inspector regarding the lack of police presence in the region.

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones also raised an issue about being directed not to include PCSO contact details in the *Cefn & Dee News Booklets*. She highlighted that this makes it harder for vulnerable members of the community to reach out for support, and she emphasised the need for this matter to be addressed. Additionally, Councillor Paul Blackwell questioned the rising police rates through council tax, expressing concern about the lack of visible police presence despite increased funding.

Councillor Stella Matthews inquired about any updates on a previous pedestrian footway-related incident, but the Clerk reported that there was no new information. The Clerk concluded by encouraging members to email any further concerns, which will be followed up with the policing team at North Wales Police.

### **115. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT – January 2025**

- Cefn - 1
- Rhosymedre – 2

- Acrefair – 2
- Newbridge –
- Plas Madoc –1
- Other -

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

I wanted to provide an update on my recent activities and the work I've been doing in the community over the holiday season.

On Christmas Day, I had the privilege of delivering around 30 Christmas dinners to residents in the area. This initiative was particularly impactful for those who live by themselves, as it not only provided them with a warm meal but also a sense of connection and care during the festive season. For some, it was a rare opportunity to have someone knock on their door and spend a moment with them on a day that can often feel isolating.

In addition to the meal deliveries, I purchased gifts for a few residents whom I have been supporting since starting my position as the community agent. It was truly heartwarming to see their smiles when I dropped off the gifts and flowers. These small gestures made a big difference and brought some joy to their day.

Due to limited space in the CRNCA kitchen cooker, I also helped to cook some of the food at my own house. This ensured everything was ready on time and allowed us to provide the best possible meals to those who needed them.

These efforts were a team accomplishment, and I'm grateful for the support and collaboration of everyone involved. Together, we made a positive impact on our community during the festive season.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another year of working together to make a difference. January can be a depressing month for some people, so I am starting a Chat and Chill group at George Edwards Hall on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. The group is aimed at both men and women to come and enjoy activities such as playing bingo, doing jigsaws, or participating in art and craft activities. I will also be providing bacon baps and tea or coffee. This initiative aims to encourage people to get out, talk, and make new friends, and I hope it will be a great success.

**Donna Thornley**  
**Community Agent**

The Clerk highlighted the exceptional contributions of Community Agent Donna Thornley to the Cefn Community Council, particularly noting her dedication on Christmas Day when she delivered Christmas dinners to residents and the wider community. Councillor Isabel Twigg proposed that Donna Thornley receive an official acknowledgment of thanks for her ongoing efforts.

The Clerk also informed the council about the new Wednesday morning Over 50's sessions organised by Donna Thornley. These sessions, held at the George Edwards Hall Lower Room from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, include a chat, a drink, and a bacon butty. The first session was a success, with nine attendees, and was praised for addressing social isolation. Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones noted to the chairman by expressing her support, calling the initiative brilliant.

## **116. CLERKS REPORT**

### **1. Wheatsheaf building – read email out from DW**

The Clerk reported that a meeting took place with the architect, attended by Councillors Derek Wright, Phil Vaughan, and Karen Benfield, to discuss plans for developing 21 apartments within the Wheatsheaf building. It was confirmed that the building will not be demolished; instead, it will be preserved intact. Discussions also addressed parking arrangements for future residents, leading to consultations with Wrexham Council to understand related deeds and future plans. A follow-up meeting with the architect is scheduled to delve deeper into these aspects.

Councillor Stella Matthews declared an interest in the matter. Councillors Sonia Benbow-Jones and Helen Brimfield requested to be kept informed about future discussions to provide accurate updates to their constituents, who have expressed concerns. Councillor Kate Witherden noted that online discussions have caused tension among residents due to circulating rumours about the intended occupants of the proposed accommodation. She suggested that once planning is approved, clear information should be shared with the public to alleviate concerns about the demographic focus of the development. The Clerk clarified that the project is currently in the conceptual stage, with no formal planning applications submitted yet.

Councillor Paul Blackwell expressed optimism, stating that refurbishing the building to create aesthetically pleasing flats would be beneficial, especially given the need for quality single-occupancy units. He emphasized the importance of retaining the building's historical elements, viewing it as a valuable asset to the community. Councillor Stella Matthews added that any development should preserve the emblem on the building to maintain its historical significance.

As the project progresses, the council aims to keep all stakeholders informed and involved, ensuring that the development aligns with community interests and preserves the historical integrity of the Wheatsheaf building.

### **2.Preparing the interim internal audit**

## **117.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

- (b) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 –  
*RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.*

**118. CLERK TO REPORT -NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR VACANCY ON CEFN WARD**

Before the start of the item 8 Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones asks the clerk whether the pink attachments in the agenda were to be returned after the meeting which the Clerk replied yes due to confidentiality reasons as they were for councillors' eyes only.

The Clerk informed the council that a notice of election has been advertised on the Cefn Community Council website, social media accounts, and Wrexham Council's website. An election for the Cefn Ward is scheduled, with nomination papers to be returned to the returning officer no later than 4 pm on January 24, 2025. If contested, a poll will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025. If uncontested, the election will cost the council an estimated £250; if contested, it will cost an estimated £2,500. It is believed that the election will be contested, but this will be clarified on Monday, January 27, 2025.

**119. CLERK TO REPORT - DISCUSS USE OF HALL FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS GROUP**

The Clerk informed the council that the Community Wellness Group's funding has concluded, and they previously utilized the George Edwards Hall for their sessions. After attempting to use the Lower Room, they found it unsuitable due to high attendance and a lack of private spaces for sensitive discussions. The group has requested to use the hall free of charge once a month until March 31, 2025. The Clerk recommends this arrangement, noting the service's popularity.

Councillor Stella Matthews inquired whether any other groups receive long-term free use of the hall. It was confirmed that none do. Councillor Paul Blackwell agreed to the group's request but questioned their efforts to secure funding. It was noted that the group is actively seeking funding, though the required amount is substantial, and organisers sometimes cover costs personally. Councillor Katie Witherden emphasised that allowing the group to continue until March 2025 would be beneficial. Councillor Dave Metcalfe asked about the service's community usage, and the Clerk confirmed it is well-utilised.

The council agreed to provide the hall free of charge from 9 am to 4 pm for up to three sessions per month until March 27, 2025.

**120. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 2024/2025**

Members unanimously agreed to approve the Precept requirements for year 2024/2025 however Councillor Stella Matthews proposed maintaining the current Precept budget. She suggested that if additional street lighting columns are required at later date, then costs should be covered by reallocating funds from the Christmas Light Precept.

## **121. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STAFFING MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

Members unanimously agreed to approve the recommendations from the staffing meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## **122 CHAIRMAN TO REPORT – DISCUSSION ON QUOTES RECEIVED FOR OUTSTANDING REQUIRED WORK AT TREFYNANT CEMETERY**

The Chairman reported that in August 2024, a tree condition assessment was conducted at Trefynant Cemetery by Mr. Steve Shields and John Brewin. The assessment identified several trees in a state of disrepair, with the damaged trees marked for removal. These trees were officially marked for action as of December 14, 2024. It was noted that the removal of these trees must be completed prior to the start of the nesting season in March 2025 to comply with environmental requirements.

To address this matter, the Chairman contacted three contractors in December 2024 to obtain quotes for the necessary work. The quotes received were as follows:

- **Quote 1:** £33,750 plus VAT
- **Quote 2:** £25,000
- **Quote 3:** £19,500 plus VAT (the lowest and highly recommended).

The Chairman raised concerns regarding the potential impact of heavy machinery accessing the cemetery. However, it was confirmed that Eastman's had agreed to provide access through their site to facilitate the removal process.

Following a discussion, the council unanimously resolved to appoint the contractor offering the quote of £19,500 plus VAT, as this option was both cost-effective and came highly recommended.

Councillor Dave Metcalfe inquired about the source of funding for the project. The Clerk clarified that the expenditure would be covered by the reserve fund, emphasising the essential nature of the works to address health and safety concerns. This resolution was unanimously approved by the council.

## **123. TO RECEIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSS OPENING DATE FOR PLASKYNASTON MUGA**

The Clerk reported that the total cost of completed and ongoing works at Plaskynaston MUGA stands at £63,713, funded by grants from the SPF Key Fund (£9,900), Cadwyn Clwyd (£47,000), reserves from the War Memorial Fund (£5,000), and £1,657 from the Council's budget. These works, which include ground preparation, a new stand, tree planting, changing rooms, handrails, hardstanding, security features, and turf, are necessary to meet the Football Association's Tier 3 ground requirements and facilitate the return of Cefn Albion Football Club to Cefn.

However, additional works remain due to a contractor miscommunication. These include reinstalling the ground perimeter barriers (£2,800), refurbishing the dugouts and surrounding



area (£2,000), and addressing safety concerns at the stepped area, which remains closed until a cost-effective solution, such as handrails (£6,000), can be implemented. Repairs to vandalized goalposts (£200) and the purchase of traffic cones (£182) were also identified as priorities.

Cefn Albion proposed revisions to their Service Level Agreement (SLA) to formalise a partnership for the ground. The Council, however, emphasised the importance of the Community Covenant, which ensures the ground remains a shared community space and precludes any exclusive lease to the club.

Following discussion, the Council unanimously approved an additional £5,000 to complete the works, enabling Cefn Albion to return to play. This decision was made on the condition that the club adheres strictly to the terms of the SLA, ensuring accountability and the broader community's benefit.

The Clerk also sought approval from the Council regarding the return of Cefn Mawr Rangers Youth to the Plaskynaston MUGA from 1st February 2025. It was noted that the youth team does not require compliance with the same ground criteria as Cefn Albion Football Club. The Council unanimously agreed to this proposal. The council noted that we want to encourage more youths playing sport.

## **124. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

### **ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2025**

#### **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 9) – Staff

7013.62

#### **Invoice No**

<b>INV NO</b>	<b>CHQ NO</b>	<b>RETRO</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>£</b>
24/195	106740		Wales Air Ambulance	500.00
24/196	106741		Urdd Eisteddfod	100.00
24/197	BACS		Nightingale House	1,000.00
24/198	106742		Llangollen Eisteddfod	200.00
24/199	BACS		Wrexham Sounds	100.00
24/200	106743		Family Friends	100.00
24/201	106744		Calon FM	100.00
24/202	106745		Eisteddfod Wreccsam	200.00
24/203	BACS		CRNCA	200.00
24/204	BACS		Friends Of Ruabon	200.00
24/205	BACS		Clwyd Family History	200.00
24/206	BACS		Rhosymedre Methodist Church	200.00
24/207	BACS		Friends of St John's Church	200.00
24/208	BACS		Ysgol Rhosymedre	200.00
24/209	BACS		Ysgol Acrefair	200.00
24/210	BACS		Ysgol Cefn Mawr	200.00
24/211	BACS		Ysgol Min Y Ddol	200.00

24/212	BACS		Phantasmagoria Film Festival	200.00
24/190	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for monthly IT Dev officer	19.70
24/191	BACS	Y	RJ Tree Services - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	960.00
24/192	BACS	Y	Greenways Lawn Turf - Invoice for MUGA	735.00
24/193	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	194.83
24/194	BACS	Y	Shields Arboricultural - Invoice for Trefynant Cemtery	75.00
24/213	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for December (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	59.69
24/214	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for monthly IT Dev officer	19.70
24/215	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Cemetery maintenance	90.00
24/216	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area Maintenance	760.00
24/217	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	325.00
24/218	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for Inspection & Maintenance of Play Areas as per SLA	1983.00
24/219	BACS	Y	Macron - Invoice for unifrom	261.04
24/220	106746		Viking Direct - invoice for GE Hall	135.54
24/221	106746		Viking Direct - invoice for GE Hall & Office	535.67
24/222	106747		PHS Group - Invoice for hand driers	355.21
24/225	106748		Jones Lighting - Invoice for repairs	2769.13
24/226	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	275.74

### **Invoices Received During Dec/Jan 25**

HMRC Tax & NI	2532.35
Clwyd Pension Fund	1685.43
CSA Payment	293.12
HSBC	9.40
	<b><u>£25388.17</u></b>

### **Income**

Vodafone (Rec0504)	1250.00
Tesco (Rec0503)	6250.00
WCBC (SPF Grant)	26999.67
National Lottery (Grant)	20000.00
HMRC Vat	5436.79

### **Burial**

#### **GE Hall**

Cefn Historical Society (Rec0499)	28.00
Canal & River Trust (Rec0500)	312.00
WCBC (Rec0501)	327.00
WCBC (Rec0502)	290.00
Phantasmagoria Film (Rec0505)	28.00
Slimming World (Rec0506)	376.20
C Walton (Rec0507)	70.00
Dance Zone (Rec0508)	302.40

Young Carers (Rec0509)

39.00

**Interest**

Business Money Manager 13.12.24

184.65

**£61893.71**

**Resolved that the listed payments be approved**

**125. CORRESPONDANCE**

**Correspondence Received During Dec 24/Jan 25:**

**Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:**

1			<b>Llyr Gruffydd - Poster to display re: Surgeries</b>
2			WCBC - Email re: Cefn Community Youth Costs 25-26 (deferred from Dec 24: <b>Resolved to be moved by Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones and Councillor Helen Brimfield Unanimously agreed by council</b> )
3			OVW - Email re: Review of Senedd Constituencies - Report published and available to view www.dbcc.gov.wales: <b>Resolved to be noted</b>
4			Hope House Hospice - Request for financial assistance <b>Clerk proposes to allocate £500 to Hope House due to their late submission. Councillor Stella Matthews and Councillor Isabel Twigg agreed to move to £500 - Resolved</b>
5			Cllr Metcalfe - Email re: Park & Ride (passed to members) Councillor: <b>Dave Metcalfe left the room due to having an interest. Council agreed to move till further information is presented.</b>
6			<b>WXM Sounds, Min Y Ddol, Friends of Ruabon, Family Friends, CRNCA, Phantasmagoria Film - (Letter of thanks for donation)</b>
7			SLCC - Email re: Membership renewal <b>Resolved to be moved by Councillor Stella Matthews and Councillor Isabel Twigg.</b>
8			<b>WCBC - Email re: Cefn Mawr Community Grp Meeting 23.01.25 (Chairman Attends)</b>
9			National Lottery Community Fund - Letter re: Grant award notice <b>Resolved by council.</b>

**126. TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was noted that Councillor Stella Matthews and Councillor Dave Metcalfe has left the room due to declaration of interest.

**P/2024/1342**

**Installation of Solar Panels  
The Ebenezer Centre, Well Street, Cefn Mawr**

In relation to application P/2024/1342 Councillor Paul Blackwell emphasised that any developments must comply with conservation area regulations and cannot be placed arbitrarily. The Council unanimously agreed, with no objections raised.

**P/2025/0018**

**Change of use of Land to provide additional Parking  
And garden area  
Hill View, King Street, Cefn Mawr**

Councillor Dave Metcalfe returns to the room.

Regarding application P/2025/0018, the Council objected to the proposal until clarity on land ownership is established.

## **127.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Stella Matthews returns to the room.

**127.1 Councillor Joan Jones** reported significant potholes along Llangollen Road, particularly throughout its length and on Chapel Street near the T-junction connecting Llangollen Road to Chapel Street. Additionally, deep potholes were noted on Bethania Road in Acrefair.

**127.2 Councillor Isabel Twigg** reported deep potholes in the area around Crane Street leading to the Maelor Boxing Club. Furthermore, Councillor Isabel Twigg reported that the fence in Trefnant Cemetery is down and needs either replacing or repairing.

**127.3 Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones** has reported that residents are experiencing issues with the grit bin on Old Monsanto Road near Gas Works Hill being empty, leading them to purchase their own grit to de-ice the roads. Additionally, there is a blocked drain along King Street near the Eagles bus stop, specifically the second drain on the pavement side, which requires clearing.

**127.4 Councillor Stella Matthews** reported that the Grit bin on Trefnant Park needs re-filling.

**127.5 Councillor Helen Brimfield** reported that the Grit bin near the Cefn Mawr Library needs to be replaced, as the lid is missing and needs replacing.

**127.6 Councillor Kate Witherden** reported that a tragic incident had took place in Plas Madoc of late and requested that council to send a letter or card of condolences to the family. Council unanimously agreed.

**127. Chairman Councillor Phil Vaughan** informed that the chairman would make a small donation to the fundraiser being held for the family, from Plas Madoc, who has recently experienced a tragic loss of a loved one.

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