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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON
TUESDAY 25th March 2025 commencing at 6.15pm
Chair: Mr. P Vaughan

142. PRESENT Mrs.S Benbow Jones, Mrs. P Roberts, P Blackwell, Mrs. H Brimfield, Mrs. J Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs. K Tiltman, Mrs. S Matthews, Mrs. I Twigg, Mrs. S Mills, Mrs A Williams &. Also, present Clerk T Nicholls-Smith and Minute taker A Ruscoe.

Cllrs D Wright, Mrs. G Wright, Mrs. K Witherden & Mrs. K Benfield joined via the Zoom platform

143. APOLOGIES No Apologies

144.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr David Metcalfe declared interest in agenda item 12 – *In reference to Correspondence item number 12*

Cllr Stella Matthews declared interest in agenda item 13 - *Planning Application due to being a member of the WCBC Planning Committee. Cllr Matthews left the room when planning item when discussed*

Cllr Sue Mills declared interest in agenda item 13 – *In reference to the Planning Application P/2024/0053*

145. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CATH SHIEL AND SARA PERERA HAMMOND IN RELATION TO WHS TREVOR BASIN CAR PARK PROJECT

Cath Shiel introduced Sara Perera Hammond (SPH) as the new World Heritage Site Project Coordinator, taking over from Mike Bathers.

SPH presented a proposal plan for the car park development at Monsanto land, known as Whimborne Gate, supported by the Levelling Up Fund. The presentation, displaying RIBA Stage 4 draft drawings, outlined the project's progress.

SPH explained that they are working with a consultant to produce a construction pack and aim to go out to tender in the coming months. However, they are currently addressing draft

planning conditions and awaiting a full list of requirements. The update was provided to keep councillors informed of the project's current status.

Cath Shiel noted that there have been no significant changes since the last update six months ago, apart from the progress on planning conditions.

SPH further clarified that while the layout remains unchanged, refinements are being made to address complexities such as drainage. Cath Shiel demonstrated the areas set for redevelopment and highlighted the presence of a significant population of grey-chested newts and ongoing ecological developments.

Councillor Questions:

- **Cllr Derek Wright** asked if the project's time limit had been extended. SPH confirmed that the UK Government had invited applicants to request extensions, which was granted in the last reporting round, extending the deadline to March 2026.
- **Cllr Derek Wright** inquired about a scheduled completion date. SPH stated that due to the complexities involved, no specific date could be provided, but the target remains March 2026.
- **Cllr Derek Wright** suggested incorporating motorhome camping spaces with a charge, similar to New Brighton in the Wirral.
- **Cllr Gaynor Wright** proposed a fee of £20 per night with a limit of one or two nights.
- **SPH** acknowledged the idea and said it would be discussed with the team at Wrexham Council.
- **Cllr Twigg** noted that water provision would be necessary, but **Cllr Wright** pointed out that New Brighton does not provide this, as it is designed for short stays. He emphasised the importance of revenue generation for Wrexham Council to maintain the site.
- **Cllr Matthews** suggested ensuring a suitable surface for mobility scooters and expressed concerns about the March 2026 deadline.
- **SPH** responded that contractors were not yet in place, but the team was working hard to meet the timeline.
- **Cllr Brimfield** asked whether parking charges would be implemented. **SPH** confirmed that this is under consideration.
- **Cllr Witherden** requested that all documents be emailed to councillors, as understanding the details over Zoom was challenging. **SPH** confirmed that the information is already in the public domain.
- **Cllr D Wright** asked about reinstating the stakeholder meeting group, including Cefn Community Council, Llangollen Rural, Llangollen, Chirk, and a Shropshire representative, to improve communication with residents. **SPH** confirmed this is a priority.
- **Cllr Benfield** voiced concerns about the timeline due to the project not yet going out to tender. While she praised the plans, she asked whether a six-month extension beyond March 2026 would be possible. **SPH** acknowledged the concerns and confirmed that, if necessary, further extension discussions would take place with the government.
- **Cllr Matthews** asked if the project had been submitted for planning approval. **SPH** confirmed it had and that the information is publicly accessible.

- **Cllr Witherden** asked whether certain conditions were still pending and if the consultants were finalising plans before the tender process. **SPH** confirmed that both processes were happening simultaneously. **Cllr Witherden** requested a projected timescale from consultants and emphasised the need to reinstate the stakeholder group for structured action plans.

Meeting Attendance Updates:

- **Cllrs Angela Williams and Paul Blackwell** entered the meeting at 6:35 PM.
- **Cllrs David Metcalfe** entered the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Cath Shiel explained that an additional planning application would be required for a new path connecting the car park to Cefn Mawr via Oilworks Road. Community consultation would be necessary before proceeding with this phase. The project is currently at RIBA Stage 3, and a 28-day community consultation period will be scheduled before submission for planning approval.

- **Cllr Dave Metcalfe** upon entry immediately suggested prioritising the path's development. **Cath Shiel** confirmed that this is already planned.
- **Cllr D Wright** requested that any public consultation be conducted via presentation rather than leaving drawings on display, as previous consultations had been ineffective.
- **Cllr Metcalfe** strongly supported this approach and emphasised his ongoing advocacy for the project, which he refers to as "Jessop's Tramway."
- **Cllr Vice Chairman D Wright** reminded the council to be mindful of declarations of personal interest where financial gain could be a factor.
- **Cllr Metcalfe** clarified that his involvement is purely as a supporter, not for personal benefit.

Cath Shiel provided further details on planned improvements to the Whimborne Gate and Trefynant Cemetery entrance to enhance the area's appearance.

Clerk's Action Points:

- **Clerk Trina Nicholl-Smith** requested that **Cath Shiel and SPH** provide documents for circulation and a potential start date for the stakeholder group.
- **Cllr D Wright** was confirmed as the council's representative for the stakeholder group, with **Cllr Matthews** also agreeing to participate.
- **Cath Shiel** asked to confirm a date for the public consultation. **The Clerk** suggested scheduling it at George Edwards Hall before a full council meeting, ensuring no clashes with other community events. The lower room was also offered as an alternative, with the main hall available only on Fridays. **Cllr Brimfield** supported holding the consultation before the next full council meeting.
- **Cath Shiel** proposed **April 11, 2025**, for the consultation at the main hall however will confirm with the clerk on the 26.03.2025.
- **Cllr Metcalfe** suggested stepping outside his community council role to represent the business community on the stakeholder group. He also offered **Ebenezer** as a possible consultation venue, though he emphasised that this was not intended to compete with George Edwards Hall.

The presentation concluded and all Cllrs thanked Cath and SPH for their presentation.

Cllr Matthews asked the chair would you like her to check with planning to see what stage the proposed plans are at which Chaiman Cllr Vaughan agreed kindly.

146. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None received.

147.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

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NORTH WALES POLICE

Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr / Rhosymedre / Newbridge
Person Providing Report: PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis C4460
Date of Report: Period of 01/02/25 – 28/02/25

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Incidents last 4 weeks	**0**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**6**

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
25000086071	01/02/2025	Informant reporting that there has been an attempted break in at location, where the side of the buildings boarding has been taken down and the window has been damaged
25000119199	13/02/2025	Known offender has approached the informant and grabbed and pushed him asking if he had money/was going through his pockets. Another offender has punched him and took his mobile phone. A third unknown offender has then taken his electric scooter and started to ride away on it. Known offender has been arrested.

Additional Information

- Speeding vehicles in the area: We are continuing to monitor the issues with speeding vehicles and are conducting patrols when we are able to. PCSO Kelvin has spoken to individuals who were riding the moped and they have been warned.
- ASB library: Multiple reports from Cefn Library about known youths in the area. They have been given banning letters and will hopefully not cause any more issues at the location. We will be linking in with Youth Justice for the youths in question.

Completed Activity	
N/A	No completed activity/events this month due to officer changeover.

Future Planned Activity
Girls Futsal tournament at Plas Madoc Leisure centre. Collab with local school, Cefn Community Council and PACT funding. (New date to be confirmed)
Bike Marking Events to be discussed with Cefn Library

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting
Message from Sgts: "Some of you may remember a long time ago each community council agreed three priorities with their local PCSO. These priorities were reviewed every three months. PS Roberts and I had a meeting with Inspector Lederle, and he has advised he would like officers (PCSOs) to agree up to a maximum of 3 priorities with their councils, some of which may or may not be a police matter and some may require multiagency assistance. These should then be worked on over the next 3 months. Please can you contact your Clerk/Community Councillors and advise them in relation to the Three Priorities and discus the priorities with them and agree them. These priorities need to be documented so that as a district we are aware of them. We also need to ensure that in three months' time they are re-addressed. It may be that the same three priorities are still an issue or not there may be three new ones." Please let me know which three priorities you'd like to work on together.

Neighbourhood Sergeant Contact Details

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PS Stuart ROBERTS
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Email - Stuart.Roberts@northwales.police.uk

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

PCSO Contact Details

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SGT	2136	Emma WATTS	LLAY	02136	01978834060	emma.watts@northwales.police.uk

Local Report for the area of: Plas Madoc
Person Providing Report: PCSO 3917 Kelvin Evans
Date of Report: Period of 01/02/2025 – 28/02/2025

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Incidents last 4 weeks	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**10**

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
25000119536	13/02/2025	IP reports seeing on CCTV that suspects have tried to break into their property overnight, states fence at back of the property has been pulled down.
25000147327	13/02/2025	CALLER REPORTING YOUTHS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO BREAK INTO THE LOCATION.

Additional Information

- NPT are aware of a moped being ridden in an anti-social manner in the Plas Madoc and Cefn Mawr areas. A suspect has been identified; however, this is due to the suspect scooter being in a dwelling garden, and has not been actually witnessed by Police being ridden. NPT are currently liaising with Housing in an effort to resolve the issue.

Completed Activity	
N/A	

Future Planned Activity

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting

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Please let me know which three priorities you'd like to work on together.

148. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT – March 2025

Community Agent Report
March 2025

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

Evening everyone!

Hope you've all been enjoying the sunshine over the past few days! I wanted to share a quick update—I've had a few more referrals since delivering leaflets (thank you all for your help!), which is great for both me and the residents I support.

I'm still really enjoying my role as a **community agent** and have been attending a few courses to help me develop in this role. Recently, I was able to help a lady who had been stuck in her house for a long time, waiting for essential work to be completed so she could get outside. She messaged me to say that **within 24 hours of my visit, the Occupational Therapy team had arranged for the work to be carried out**, which was amazing news!

As you may already know, **Phil and I are organising a VE Day celebration** on **Thursday, May 8th, at George Edwards Hall from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM**. This will be a **ticket-only event**, and I've already handed out **30 tickets** so far!

Does anyone know any **veterans** who might be interested in attending as **special guests**? It would be wonderful to have them there to mark the occasion.

This event will also be a chance for me to announce my **first of many trips**, starting with **Southport in June** (exact date to be confirmed soon).

I'll also be **running a raffle**, with all the proceeds going towards the money I've already saved to **fund a live band event this summer** for everyone over 50 to enjoy. If anyone has any **prizes** they could donate, I would be truly grateful! I really hope that when the day comes for the live band, you'll all come along and support it—it should be a fantastic event!

On another note, **due to concerns for my own well-being and safety regarding an individual at CRNCA, I have now stepped away from there.** Instead, I will be **opening my own drop-in session at George Edwards Hall every Tuesday**.

Thanks, everyone!

If you need to get in touch, you can email me at **agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk** or call me on 07925048711.

The Clerk informed Councillors that only a limited number of tickets remain available for the VE Day event and advised them to send any requests to the Community Agent.

Cllr D Wright asked if all Councillors were invited, to which the Clerk confirmed that they are very welcome to attend.

149. CLERKS REPORT

149.1 The Clerk reported that it is time to resume the monthly litter picks and asked Councillors to suggest a preferred date and location.

Cllr Blackwell informed the Council that *We Are Plas Madoc* has organised a litter pick on **Wednesday, 2nd April 2025, at 10 AM** at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. The Clerk confirmed that the Council would support this event on social media to help promote *We Are Plas Madoc*.

It was agreed that the **Community Litter Pick will take place on 16th April 2025**.

Cllr Benbow-Jones suggested the team should cover the main road from The Hampden down to The Duke of Wellington in Acrefair. Additionally, Cllr Blackwell announced that resurfacing roadworks will commence on **3rd April 2025**, advising everyone to be aware of potential disruptions.

149.2 The Clerk reported that **Emma Watson from Keep Wales Tidy** recently met with two dedicated community volunteers, **Jacqueline Palmer and Lucy Gregory**, who consistently contribute to litter-picking efforts. They were awarded new equipment at a meeting facilitated by **Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe**, which was later featured in the *Wrexham Leader*. The Clerk commended Jacqueline for her dedication in all weather conditions and shared plans to establish a **Cefn Litter Picker Team**.

149.3 The Clerk reminded Councillors that the next **Council meeting has been rescheduled to 15th April 2025**.

149.4 The Clerk also informed the Council that **Chairman Cllr Vaughan** has been out in the community, delivering bouquets of flowers to two local couples in celebration of their **60th wedding anniversaries**.

149.5 Regarding funding applications, the Clerk reported that **two bids have been submitted to Wrexham Council's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)** for necessary work at George Edwards Hall:

- **Approx £400,000** for remodelling and structural modifications

- **Approx £100,000** for cosmetic improvements

The Clerk explained that while only one of the submitted applications may be accepted, there is also a possibility that both could be declined. However, both applications will not be approved together, as only one can be selected or neither.

Due to a tight deadline, two strong applications were submitted, with Chairman Cllr Vaughan, Deio Jones, and Andrew Ruscoe working diligently on them. Vice Chairman Cllr D Wright and the Clerk highlighted the challenges of the application process over the past two weeks and expressed their appreciation for the hard work and dedication involved.

149.6 The clerk announced that **Cllr D Wright had provided an update on the Newbridge** roadworks via email to all Councillors, allowing Councillors to share progress with their communities. However, Cllr Brimfield noted that no completion date has been provided**.**

149.7 The Clerk further reported that **Incredible Edible** has been on-site planting edible food plants, and **Community Agent Donna** will be looking to lead the development of a gardening club to help, maintain the area**.**

149.8 Finally, the Clerk announced that **Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe is re-starting the #StayOnSide project**, with **Ysgol Acrefair** participating first on **30th April 2025**. Andrew provided an overview of the project for new Councillors, explaining that it is a **seven-week program** teaching young people about the impacts of antisocial behaviour. The sessions, delivered through PowerPoint presentations, cover key topics such as:

- The legal consequences of a criminal record
- The social impact on the community
- The lasting effects on businesses

150.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 25th February 2025 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 25th February 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

(b) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on 18th March 2025 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on the 18th March 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

151. TO REVIEW HALL HIRE FEES AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL

The Clerk informed the Council of the current hall hire fees, noting that last year was the first time the Council raised fees by 9%. This increase led to an income of £16,442, the highest yet, with revenue continuing to grow year by year.

Considering the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at 3%, it was proposed that hourly fees should increase by 50p across all categories, while flat-rate bookings for 2.5-hour party slots should increase by £1.

Cllr Benbow-Jones supported the proposal, describing it as a modest increase. The Clerk also noted that, despite the adjustment, the hall fees remain relatively affordable compared to other venues.

Cllr Twigg proposed that the Council accept the Clerk's recommendation, and the proposal was unanimously approved.

The Clerk concluded by stating that all hall hirers would be informed of the fee increase, which will take effect from 1st April 2025.

152. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STAFFING MEETING HELD ON THE 18th MARCH 2025

All members had been furnished with a copy of the minutes detailing the recommendations, these were listed as salary increase of the real living wage for two members of staff and renew a twelve-month contract to the community agent – Councillor P Vaughan proposed to accept the recommendation, 2nd by councillor K Tiltman, all members in favour.
RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Staffing Meeting held on the 18th March 2025 be approved.

153. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 25th MARCH 2025

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 11) – Staff 7401.24

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
24/245	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	493.29
24/246	BACS	Y	BT - Invoice for office	497.68
24/247	BACS	Y	Honeycomb Construction - Invoice for MUGA	2820.00
24/248	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for monthly IT Dev officer	19.70
24/249	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	161.10
24/250	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for uncontested by-election	158.04
24/251	BACS	Y	Community Agent - Invoice for expenses	17.20
24/252	BACS	Y	Sports Equip.co.uk - Invoice for line marker	354.00
24/253	BACS	Y	Tacklestore Ltd - Invoice for MUGA	214.80
24/254	BACS	Y	First Fence - Invoice for MUGA Heras Fencing	583.68
24/255	BACS	Y	It's a Goal Posts Ltd - Invoice for MUGA	75.57
24/256	BACS	Y	Ropes Direct - Invoice for MUGA	156.90
24/257	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Cemetery maintenance	60.00
24/258	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area Maintenance	750.00
24/259	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for monthly IT Dev officer	19.70
24/260	BACS	Y	James Lewis - Invoice for repair to fence at Trefynant Cemetery	1369.14
24/261	BACS	Y	AVOW - Invoice for Comm agent course	15.00
24/262	106752	Y	Flintshire County Council - Invoice for added years	288.21
24/263	BACS	Y	Cloud Next -invoice for annual gov.uk hosting	60.00
24/264	BACS	Y	Greenways Turf - Invoice for MUGA	246.25
24/265	BACS	Y	RJ Tree Services - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	26700.00
24/266	106753	Y	Hope House Hospice - Grant donation Sect 137	500.00

24/267	106754	Y	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for GE hall water	347.71
24/268	106755	Y	PPL/PRS - Invoice for GE hall	600.86
24/269	106756	Y	Canda Copying - Invoice for office	144.00
24/270	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	425.00
24/271	DD	Y	EDF Energy - Invoice for Plas Kynaston	65.42
24/272	BACS		ACS Technology - Invoice for domain hosting	15.00
24/273	BACS		Bingo Supermarket Ltd - Invoice for bingo books (comm agent)	26.00
24/274	BACS		Wynnstay & Cefn Estates - Invoice for Coed Richard Rent	0.25
24/275	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	392.66
24/276	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	486.20
24/277	BACS		TMNS - Expenses for Feb/March (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	150.86

Invoices Received During Feb/Mar 25

HMRC Tax & NI	1259.17
Clwyd Pension Fund	1318.14
CSA Payment	293.12
CSA Payment	125.25
HSBC	9.00
	£48620.14
Income	
Vodafone	1250.00
Commonwealth War Graves	25.00
Burial	
Francis Roberts (Rec0528)	2255.00
GE Hall	
Cefn Historical Society (Rec0519)	28.00
Dance Zone (Rec0520)	277.20
G Langford (Rec0521)	100.80
WCBC (Rec0522)	135.00
Slimming World (Rec0523)	327.60
Young Carers (Rec0524)	19.50
Interest	
Business Money Manager 13.02.25	230.52
	£4648.62

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

154. CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence Received During Feb/March 25:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1					WCBC - Email re: Electoral Community Review

				The Clerk read out an email regarding the Electoral Community Review. Councillors were asked if there were any concerns regarding community boundaries, to which all responded that there were none. ***When asked whether they were satisfied with their wards, all councillors confirmed they were. Additionally, all councillors agreed that they were content with the current number of councillors on the Community Council, the clerk was requested to complete the review and return to WCBC.***
2				**WCBC - City Centre Events Listing (placed on SM)**
3				OVW - Email re: Membership for 2025-26 ***The Clerk informed the Council that OVW had sent an email regarding membership for 2025-26 at a cost of £494. However, she is currently a member of SLCC, and is satisfied with the resources and information shared among clerks within the organization. The Council unanimously supported the Clerk's recommendation to remain with SLCC and not become a member of OVW.***
4				Welsh Government - Draft guidance https://www.gov.wales/diversity-and-inclusion-guidance-for-registered-political-parties ***The Clerk informed the Council about an email from the Welsh Government regarding the draft guidance for registered political parties and provided the link for members to review:***
5				OVW - Email re: Training Dates for March-June 25 ***The Clerk informed the Council about an email from One Voice Wales regarding training dates for March to June 2025. She confirmed that the details would be passed on to Cllr Williams and Cllr Witherden for the Councillors' Code of Conduct training. Additionally, the Clerk offered training opportunities for all councillors on topics such as Safeguarding, Understanding the Law, and Health & Safety.*** ***She highlighted that a training budget has been precepted for councillors to utilise, with training costs set at £42 for members and £65 for non-members. The Clerk also reminded the Council that a training plan has been adopted by all councillors, which includes specific requirements, such as the Chair undertaking finance training.*** ***Cllr Matthews inquired about the cost, to which the Clerk responded with the details above.***
6				WCBC - Email re: Cefn Mawr Youth Club - Clerk to report ***The Clerk informed the Council that while the Youth Club has generally run well, recent issues—including litter, graffiti, and damage to the gents' toilet door—led to a two-week suspension, agreed upon by the Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk. The Youth Team supported this due to behaviour concerns and criminal damage, though they emphasised the club's positive impact and hoped for a quick return.*** ***Cllr Matthews asked who would cover the repair costs, and the Clerk confirmed Cllr Vaughan had fixed the damage. Cllr Blackwell noted that while disturbances occur, speaking to the children usually helps. He also asked whether those from outside the area could be restricted, but Cllr G Wright clarified that the Youth Club is open to all.*** ***Cllr Vice Chair Wright stressed the need for police monitoring of the Youth Club as a priority, along with traffic issues at Whimbourne gate and Queen Street and motorbike ASB in Plas Madoc. He voiced frustration that North Wales Police ask for priorities yet claim staff shortages. Cllr Blackwell agreed, noting little improvement despite ASB concerns being raised in recent meetings due to poorly resourced services at North Wales Police.***

				Cllr Wright further suggested that the 3 priorities that Council should inform NWP of are: 1. ***Regular checks on the Youth Club at the George Edwards Hall on a Monday and Wednesday, this is following a recent suspension of the provision due to ASB in the building.*** 2. ***Regular speed checks and patrols at Queen Street, Cefn Mawr - continual problems with speeding especially in the evening from Queen Street leading to Abernant - reports of boy racers*** 3. ***Monitor and regular patrols at Ty Mawr Country Park due to increase complaints of ASB in the area.*** ***The Council agreed to resume Youth Work services on the 31st March 2025.***
7				**Nightingale House Hospice - Spring Newsletter**
8				*Llangollen Rural CC - Email re: River Dee Crossing* ***The Clerk informed the Council of a request from a Llangollen Rural Community Council member for access to the electronic feasibility study on the River Dee crossing at Ty Mawr and asked whether it should be shared.*** ***Cllr Benbow-Jones supported sharing the study, as the project aligns with the Council's interests. Cllr Matthews agreed but suggested a stipulation that Cefn Community Council must be involved in any resulting project.*** ***Cllr Metcalfe endorsed the footbridge idea and suggested raising public awareness. Cllr Williams asked whether the feasibility study was public, to which the Clerk confirmed it is not. He proposed that a representative visit Llangollen Rural CC to understand their request.*** ***Cllr Vice Chair D Wright emphasised that the footpath suitability is specific to Ty Mawr and that any future project should credit a*****nd involve*** ***Cefn Community Council.***
9				Boundary Commission - Email re: Senedd Review Final Determinations https://www.dbcc.gov.wales/reviews/03-25/2026-review-final-determinations ***The Clerk informed the Council about the*** *Boundary Commission's Senedd review* ***and has provided a link for councillors to access information on the proposed boundary changes.***
10				**The Ebenezer Gallery - Free Family Workshops (placed on SM)**
11				OVW - Email re: Section 6 reports 2025 Clerk to report ***The Clerk informed the Council that*** *OVW has published a section on biodiversity****, with the last report dated December 2022. This report*** *needs to be updated by December 2025****, and all councillors will receive the updated paperwork by the AGM.***
12				Cllr D Metcalfe - Email re: Further information re: Park & Ride (copy attached Digital only) ***Cllr Metcalfe left the room.*** ***The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr Metcalfe provided further information on the Park & Ride scheme, following discussions in January. All councillors received a digital copy of the update.*** • ***Cllr Twigg asked who would fund the buses and where the finances would come from.*** • ***Cllr Brimfield raised concerns about increased bus traffic on the road.*** • ***Cllr Jones asked whether the buses would be private, to which the Clerk confirmed they would be Arriva buses.*** • ***Cllr Matthews questioned the legal standing of the scheme, stating that Wrexham County Borough Council has the authority to commission new bus stops.***

				The Clerk explained that users of the service would be reimbursed at the Ebenezer, and Cllr Metcalfe sought Council's approval and support. ***Cllr Vice Chair D Wright raised concerns about a proposed bus stop outside Tesco towards Trevor, near the Hollybush Inn, stating that during a previous meeting with Wrexham Council's Andrew Mytton, Oxford Street was deemed unsafe for a bus stop, with the closest viable location lower down by the chapel.*** ***The Council unanimously voted not to support the scheme due to legal concerns.***

Before recommencement of 155. Planning Applications, Councillors raised concerns about the Community councillor's role and to refrain using council to promote other organisations/businesses they are affiliated to when inside the chamber and that this should be noted as it is inappropriate.

Cllr Metcalfe re-enters the room

155. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr S Matthews left the room.

P/2025/0106 Formation of Vehicular Access
3 Springfield Villas, Abernant, Acrefair

In relation to application P/2025/0106, no observations/objections were raised.

P/2025/0175 Single Storey Extension
3 Springfield Villas, Abernant, Acrefair

In relation to application P/2025/0175, no observations/objections were raised.

P/2025/0190 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/2025/0190, Cllr Witherden raised concerns that the proposed changes in the application are unclear, particularly regarding occupation plans, which have also caused concern among residents.

Cllr D Wright requested that Cllr Witherden liaise with the County Councillor to gather further information, which is to be sent directly to Cllr Matthews.

P/2025/0261 Pitched roof to rear extension and relocation of garage
Ty Mawr Farmhouse, Cae Gwilym Road, Newbridge

In relation to application P/2025/0261, no observations/objections were raised.

Cllr Stella Matthews returned to the room.

156.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

156.1 Cllr Benbow-Jones inquired about an update regarding children being padlocked inside the MUGA by other primary and secondary school children.

The Clerk confirmed that the issue has been resolved, and children can no longer be locked inside.

156.2 Cllr Williams noted social media feedback regarding the removal of trees at Trefynant Cemetery**.** As a member of the Woodland Trust**,** she suggested that if a school is involved**,** replacement trees could be obtained for free**.** The Council agreed this is a great idea to explore**.**

156.3 Cllr K Benfield asked for an update on Newbridge Road reopening and traffic management**.**

The Clerk confirmed there are no updates at this time and agreed to inform Cllr Benfield of any site meetings so she can attend and support. Cllr Wright mentioned that the last meeting was the consultation held at Ebenezer in October 2024. He further noted that the most recent communication was the email he sent out to councillors, which had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Cllr Wright also stated that it would be difficult to arrange meetings with those in charge of Newbridge Road at present. Cllr Benfield also further reported a pothole on Plas Kynaston Lane near Coronation Street**.**

156.4 Cllr Twigg reported all the trouble we had at Bowers Road has finally 5 years after been finished and had informed that was relevant.

156.5 Cllr Witherden reported that residents on Bethania Road had raised concerns about blocked access due to Virgin Media's cabling works, stating that the company had not been supportive to residents. She suggested that future works should ensure houses are not blocked and be carried out with a duty of care**.** Cllr Matthews stated that she had not received any complaints and advised that any future issues should be reported to the appropriate officer at Wrexham Council**.** Cllr Twigg supported Cllr Matthews' statement, confirming she had not received any complaints from residents either**.**

Cllr Witherden offered thanks to Cllr Blackwell for his support in reporting ASB in Plas Madoc. Cllr Matthews mentioned that graffiti had been done, and Cllr Blackwell added that a Nazi symbol had also been graffitied.

156.6 Cllr Metcalfe shared good news that all potholes outside the ABC Boxing Gym have been repaired, stating it was great to see the work completed.

156.7 Cllr Wright reported being disappointed and disgusted with the five-year delay in addressing the issues on Bowers Road. He recommended that the Community Council write a letter of disapproval to Wrexham Council, stating that residents had endured significant hardship, with some selling their houses and others being threatened. He emphasised that despite Wrexham Council's promise of robust action, it had taken them five years to address the situation. We need the council need to know how upset we are over this.

156.8 Cllr Brimfield re-reported that the bin lid on Plas Kynaston lane is still missing

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