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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON
Tuesday 27th May 2025 commencing at 6.45pm
Chair: Mr. P Vaughan

1. PRESENT Councillors: Mr D Wright, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs K Benfield, Mr P Blackwell, Mrs J Jones, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, Mrs S Matthews, Mr P Vaughan, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs A Williams Also, Clerk T Nicholls-Smith and Minute taker A Ruscoe.

Councillor Mrs K Witherden joined on the Zoom Platform.

2. APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs G Wright

3.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr Stella Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 3 – Public Questions/Statements as she is a member of WCBC Planning Committee.
Cllr Stella Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 10 – Planning Applications as she is a member of WCBC Planning Committee.
Cllr Angela Williams declared an interest in agenda item 6 – Clerks Report on the Community Wellness as she is a member of the Community Wellness team.
Cllr Angela Williams declared an interest in agenda item 10 - Planning Application P/2024/1387.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
Two residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns regarding the proposed developments at the Wheatchef Buildings in Rhosymedre. Their primary concerns focused on:

- **Overdevelopment**: The potential addition of up to 52 new residents in the area.
- **Insufficient parking provision**: Only 16 parking spaces have reportedly been allocated for the development, despite the likelihood that each household may own at least two vehicles. They expressed concerns over where additional cars would be parked.
- **Increased traffic risk**: With the nearby chip shop and narrow roads, they fear the development could lead to a serious accident. They stated that Chapel Street and High Street are particularly at risk due to their layout.
- **Emergency service access**: The residents noted that overcrowding and poor access could hinder emergency services.

- **Privacy and residential impact**: A young couple living opposite the proposed development site expressed distress that their 12-year-old daughter's bedroom would face directly into the new buildings, significantly impacting their family's privacy.
- **Local services**: They highlighted the strain this development would place on already limited facilities such as local doctors.
- **Public sentiment**: The residents stated that the whole village, particularly those in Chapel Street and High Street, are opposed to the development. A petition with signatures has been submitted to Wrexham Council's Planning Department.

The residents requested that a public meeting be arranged to allow for wider community input and discussion. They clarified they are not opposed to development at the Wheatchef site but have serious concerns with the current plans.

Councillor S. Matthews acknowledged that the application is still under consideration by Wrexham Council. She advised that, due to her position, she is unable to publicly declare her stance or respond to specific emails, as this could jeopardise her ability to vote on the matter. However, she encouraged residents to forward any concerns to her, which she will ensure are passed on appropriately. Councillor Matthews also confirmed that she would attend any public meeting arranged to listen to concerns raised by residents.

Councillor K. Benfield clarified that two previous meetings were held with the developers as part of the pre-application consultation process. Initially, the developers proposed using the adjacent car park in their plans, which was challenged by both Councillor Benfield and the Chairman. In a subsequent meeting, the plans were altered to include only the Wheatchef's own car park, with adjacent buildings on the left side proposed for demolition to make space for internal parking. However, she noted that parking provisions for visitors were not addressed during discussions. Councillor Benfield explained that the Community Council has not yet received the full planning application and therefore cannot make a formal decision until it has been submitted to Wrexham Council. At that stage, departments such as Highways and Health & Safety will assess the plans.

Councillor D. Wright highlighted that the Community Council has been proactive in encouraging engagement from both developers and planners. He stated that it is unusual for developers to meet with the community at this stage, and praised the efforts made to bring their plans forward for discussion. Councillor Wright expressed that his views reflect those of the residents, although he reiterated that it is important to continue gathering community feedback for when the formal application is submitted.

The **Clerk** confirmed that the matter would be discussed later in the meeting and that the Community Council's formal approval or objection would be determined thereafter. The Clerk added that the proposed housing units are being designated as affordable homes for first-time buyers**.**

The members of the public were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting

5.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

HEDDLU GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES POLICE

Local Report for the area of: Plas Madoc
Person Providing Report: PCSO 3917 Kelvin Evans
Date of Report: Period of 01/04/25 – 30/04/25

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Incidents between 01/04/25 – 30/04/25	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**31**

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
25000339323	25/04/2025 21.05	Officers dispatched to a Domestic incident and upon arrival discovered a large group of youths at the location. The youths were being disruptive and hostile towards Police and during the incident a Police vehicle sustained significant damage. This Occurrence is ongoing in establishing the youth's identities.
C060783	29/04/2025 15.06	A member of public reported to NWP that a petrol quad bike was riding in a reckless and anti-social manner in and around the Plas Madoc area. An Officer was conducting marked patrols in the area at the time and has made a positive ID of the suspect.
25000356572	30/04/2025 19:37	Wrexham Rural NPT Officers seized a petrol quad at an identified address in Plas Madoc. This is directly linked with the above occurrence. This is ongoing, and the suspect will be formally spoken to in relation to motoring offences.

Additional Information

ASB: There has been a significant spike in ASB in the area. These are predominantly reports of youths on motorbikes and electric off-road bikes. Wrexham Rural NPT are aware of the nominals suspected to be involved and are making every possible effort to positively link them to each individual occurrence.

As the Plas Madoc PCSO, I speak with many residents daily. I fully understand their concerns regarding the ongoing ASB, and I sympathise with their reluctance in providing statements of evidence for fear of repercussions. That said, we will do everything within our powers to reduce this demand, and to improve the environment.

Completed Activity	
Multi-Agency meeting 30/04/25	On Wednesday 30th April 2025 Wrexham Rural NPT, along with Insp Stef Lederle carried out a multi-agency meeting with WCBC Housing, Tenancy Enforcement, Housing Options, WCBC Community Safety and Youth Justice. This was to address the ongoing ASB issues, and to target nominals who have been identified as being the main suspects involved.

Future Planned Activity
Girls Futsal tournament at Plas Madoc Leisure centre. Collab with local school, Cefn Community Council and PACT funding. 2nd May 2025 09:00-15:00

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NORTH WALES POLICE

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Person Providing Report: PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis C4460
Date of Report: Period of 01/04/25 – 30/04/25

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB
Incidents between 01/04/25 – 30/04/25	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**11**

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
25000235247	08/04/2025 14:30	Warrant conducted at the Advance Park Site where a large cannabis grow was found. Officers arrested a male in connection to this.
25000313850	17/04/2025 14:48	Unidentified offender/s forced entry to booth at football ground. Untidy search conducted. Nothing believed stolen.
25000319047	19/04/2025 19:37	Unit has been broken into and tools taken.
25000351871	28/04/2025 19:29	Known offender has taken off boarding from the loc address, reversed vehicle up to door, entered building and taken scrap metal from within. where seen by officers and arrested.

Additional Information
ASB: Majority of this comes from the youths causing a nuisance at Cefn Library and Ty Mawr however we are working on this to get youths to stop causing issues. Other ASB is in relation to neighbourhood disputes.

Completed Activity	
Ty Mawr 07/04/25	Ty Mawr Visit: I attended the location and spoke with Sue Wills regarding the fires and ASB from youths. She was able to show me a few photos of these youth who I instantly recognised. I have since spoken to the youths about the issues and have told them if they are seen doing it again we will be looking at more referrals to YJS and speaking to parents.
Speed Gunning 19/04/25	Speed Checks on Queen Street between 13:44 and 14:15: As I was on my own, I did not count the number of cars going by however I was able to catch five cars speeding over the 20mph limit. The highest of these was going up to 39mph.
Ty Mawr 19/04/25	Ty Mawr patrols at 11:00: I attended and spoke to staff who were happy to report no more fires in the area. I then conducted a foot patrol around the grounds, no issues to report.
Ty Mawr 20/04/2025	Ty Mawr Easter Egg Hunt

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Bike Marking Events at Cefn Library: Monday 12th May 15:00-16:00

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting
3 PRIORITIES 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.

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6. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT – May 2025

- Cefn - 0
- Rhosymedre – 1
- Acrefair –1
- Newbridge –
- Plas Madoc –2

Good evening, everyone,

I hope you've all been enjoying the beautiful sunshine we've had lately—it's amazing what a bit of sun can do for the soul! I'm currently counting down the days to a very special occasion—my son's wedding in Greece. Exciting times ahead!

As always, I'm continuing to really enjoy my role as your Community Agent. I've recently taken part in several training courses to help me grow in the role and expand the ways I can support people. It's such a rewarding job—being able to connect with individuals, offer help where it's needed, and make a real difference in people's lives.

Our **Chat and Chill** group on Wednesday mornings continues to thrive. We've welcomed two new members recently, and it's lovely to see the group growing. Meanwhile, the **Tuesday drop-in sessions** have also been going well, with people calling in for support, advice, or help with filling out forms.

One of the biggest recent highlights was our **VE Day celebration** on Thursday, 8th May at George Edwards Hall—and what a fantastic day it was! A massive thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success, from handing out tickets to supporting behind the scenes. The hall was filled with laughter, music, and a wonderful community spirit. It truly was a day to remember.

During the event, I was thrilled to announce our **first community day trip** to **Southport on Friday, 20th June**. Interest has been amazing, and with only a couple of seats left, it's clear that it's going to be a great day out.

We also held a raffle during the VE Day celebration, and I'm pleased to say that all proceeds will go toward hosting a **live band event for our over-50s community** later this year. If anyone would like to donate raffle prizes for future events, I'd be incredibly grateful—every contribution helps to bring more joy to our community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does mean the world and makes everything we do possible.

If you'd like to get in touch, feel free to email me at **agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk** or call me on **07925048711**.

Warmest regards,
Donna Thornley
Community Agent

Councillor S. Benbow-Jones expressed her delight at the recent VE Day celebration organised by the Community Agent, and commended the event as a great success. She especially praised the children's singing, describing it as amazing.

Councillor S. Matthews also shared positive feedback, stating that the food boxes provided as part of the celebration were brilliant.

7. CLERKS REPORT

7.1 The Clerk informed the Council that the next litter pick was proposed for either the 11th or 18th of June and asked members which date they preferred, along with suggestions for a location. The council unanimously agreed that the 11th June 2025 was a better suited date for the community litter pick and agreed to supporting the Plaskynaston Lane region and to meet at the MUGA Car Park for 10am.

7.2 The Clerk informed the Council that an excellent football tournament had taken place the previous week at Plas Madoc, where everyone was very well looked after. The Dee Valley Federation were announced as the winners of the Ken Bathers Memorial Trophy. The Darren Bettis Cup (named in memory of a teacher from Rhosymedre who sadly passed away), awarded to the highest goal scorer, also went to a pupil from Dee Valley Federation. The Clerk noted that several outstanding young ladies had played exceptionally well and gave the boys strong competition. The event, known as the Inter-Schools Football Tournament, was started in 2017 by Cllr D. Wright, who continues to dedicate significant time and effort each year to ensure its success. The Clerk proposed that whether the Council were in agreement to formally name the tournament "The Derek Wright Inter-Schools Football Tournament." This was unanimously agreed by the council.

7.3 The Clerk informed the Council that the Wellness Group, who held their sessions at the hall, had unfortunately been unsuccessful in their SPF funding application. The Council had previously agreed to allow three months of free hall use (February, March, and April) while they sought funding. The Clerk noted that the group had held a session at the hall two weeks ago and had since requested whether the Council would consider extending their kind gesture to cover that additional session. It was proposed by Councillor S. Matthews to extend the Community Wellness group's free monthly use of the Main Hall at George Edwards Hall for the months of May, June, July, August, and September. The proposal was seconded by Councillor K. Witherden. Vice Chair Councillor D. Wright offered his full support, commending the excellent work being carried out by Community Wellness for both the local and wider community. He noted that attendees are coming from as far as Shotton, which demonstrates the group's positive impact. He emphasised the importance of ensuring Community Wellness feels supported by the Council. The proposal was unanimously agreed by the Council.

7.4 The Clerk informed the Council that the summer planters had once again been completed by Derwen College and were looking beautiful. The Clerk informed the Council that Derwen College will be placing planters around the community during the week commencing 2nd June 2025. It was noted that the process may change in the following year. Councillor S. Benbow-Jones asked the Chair whether a budget could be allocated for additional planters in the wider community. However, it was acknowledged that this may not be feasible due to the potential cost implications. Councillor D. Wright raised concerns regarding staffing capacity, stating that increasing the number of planters would add to the workload of staff, who are already stretched with maintaining the grounds. He also noted that the community currently looks well-maintained. Councillor K. Witherden queried the whereabouts of the planter in Acrefair near the bungalows, as it previously served as an effective deterrent against illegal parking. The Clerk explained that the planter had been removed due to lack of maintenance but will contact Wrexham County Borough Council to inquire about the possibility of replacing it. Councillor K. Witherden confirmed she would be able to source the manpower required to maintain it if it were

reinstated. Councillor S. Matthews raised the issue of maintenance around the car park on Llangollen Road, requesting that the area be tidied up. She specifically mentioned the bank at the back of the car park, which is currently heavily littered and in need of attention.

7.5 The Clerk informed the Council that the annual Garden Competition was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 24th July 2025, with the presentation date to be confirmed for September. The Clerk encouraged members to share details with any residents who might wish to showcase their gardens and to direct them to request an application form from the Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe.

8.CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 15th April 2025 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 15th April 2025 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

9. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 27th MAY 2025

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 1) – Staff 7555.42

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
25/004	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Community Development Officer IT	19.70
25/005	BACS	Y	Community Agent - Invoice for expenses	24.85
25/006	BACS	Y	Slick Stickers - Invoice for signs	60.00
25/007	BACS	Y	JEMX Remedies - Invoice for MUGA	324.00
25/008	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	439.08
25/009	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	161.10
25/010	BACS	Y	D Evans Catering - Invoice for VE Day Buffet	459.00
25/011	BACS	Y	Macron - Invoice for Hi-Vis jackets	192.00
25/012	BACS	Y	JEMX Remedies - Invoice for MUGA	871.20
25/013	BACS	Y	BT Groundworks & Civils - Invoice for MUGA	7495.00
25/014	BACS	Y	Audit Wales - Invoice for 2022/23 Audit	900.00
25/015	BACS	Y	Street Solutions UK - invoice for traffic cones	576.99
25/016	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery Maintenance	1251.00
25/017	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Park Maintenance	782.00
25/018	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	775.00
25/019	BACS	Y	Charisma Trophies Ltd - Invoice for football tournament	183.50
25/020	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for April/May (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	113.26
25/021	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	280.68
25/022	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	189.92

25/023	106767		Viking Direct - Invoice for office	103.46
25/024	106768		Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years	288.21

Invoices Received During April/May 25

HMRC Tax & NI	1746.19
Clwyd Pension Fund	1354.69
CSA Payment	357.72
CSA Payment	125.25
HSBC	11.81
	£26641.03

Income

HMRC VAT	7773.22

Burial

Roberts Bros Funeral Directors (Rec0543)	220.00
Marcher Stone (Rec0545)	180.00
Francis Roberts Funeral Directors (Rec0548)	2330.00

GE Hall

Cefn Mawr Historical Soc (Rec0536)	28.00
Cefn Labour Party (Rec0537)	24.00
G Langford (Rec0538)	100.80
Slimming World (Rec0541)	424.10
Dance Zone (Rec0539)	308.70
WCBC (Rec0542)	180.00
WCBC Labour Group (Rec0540)	32.50
Cefn Historical Society (Rec0544)	29.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.03.25	217.66
	£11847.98

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

10. CORRESPONDANCE

Correspondence Received During April/May 25:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1					Welsh Government - Email re: 80th Anniversaries of VE & VJ The Clerk informed the Council that an email had been received from Wrexham Council, congratulating Cefn Community Council on the successful VE Day celebration held at George Edwards Hall. A thanks had been provided to everyone who organised the event. The Clerk suggested that the Council should also commemorate VJ Day in August 2025 by purchasing a flag and wreath and holding a small service with councillors. It was noted that while schools would be invited, their attendance may be limited due to the summer holidays. ***Resolved Councillor K. Tiltman agreed to host the service in her capacity as a Reverend. Councillor A. Williams proposed extending invitations to local Scout groups and the Air cadets***.

				This proposal was unanimously agreed by the Council.
2				Nightingale House Hospice -Letter re: Invite to 30th Anniversary campaign 20.06.25 The Clerk informed the Council that a letter of invitation had been received from Nightingale House Hospice to attend their 30th Anniversary Campaign on 20th June 2025. - ***Resolved to pass to Chairman to attend***
3				WCBC - Email re: Wrexham town & Community Forum additional info on governance and accountability of town & community council sector The Clerk opened up by informing the Council that an email had been received from Wrexham County Borough Council providing additional information regarding the governance and accountability of the Town and Community Council sector. The Clerk advised that if any councillor would like access to the link or further details, they should contact the Clerk directly – ***Resolved to be noted***
4				WCBC - Email re: Monthly Events listings The Clerk opened up by explaining that Wrexham County Borough Council has now provided a list of events running up to December 2025. These event listings have been shared on social media, and the Clerk will forward the information to all councillors. – ***Resolved to be noted***
5				WCBC - Email re: Letter of extension for CA Funding The Clerk opened up by informing the Council about the Community Agents funding extension letter received from Wrexham County Borough Council. The letter confirms a 3.5% increase in funding, which requires formal confirmation, signature, and return. – ***Resolved for the clerk to sign and return the necessary paperwork***
6				WCBC - Email re: Low Carbon Community Event The Clerk opened up by explaining that the Council has been invited to collaborate with Wrexham University on a Low Carbon Community Event. Lunch will be provided at the event, and the Council has been asked to deliver a 5-minute presentation on its work. The Community Development Officer, Andrew Ruscoe, will be attending on behalf of the Council to present and explain the low carbon projects currently being undertaken. – ***Resolved to pass thanks to Community Development Officer for attending***
7				WCBC - Email re: SPF application (Clerk to report) The Clerk opened up by explaining that both Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) applications submitted—one for approximately £100,000 and another for £400,000—for proposed modifications at the George Edwards Hall had unfortunately been unsuccessful, despite positive feedback stating the applications were of high quality. However, the Clerk further informed the Council that a new funding pot of up to £49,000 has now opened, with a deadline of 9th June 2025. Between the Clerk, The Chair, Vice & The Community Development Officer they will be preparing a new bid focused on upgrading and modernising the George Edwards Hall toilets. They will be gathering quotes, compiling the necessary information, and submitting the revised application accordingly. The clerk further explained that they will be applying to Cadwyn Clywd's fund Wrexham Key Fund too however it is unlikely we will achieve this fund. – ***Resolved that Council thanked the efforts thus far and noted the update***

8				Cllr D Wright - Letter of thanks re: VE Day Commemorations The Clerk opened up by reading a letter of thanks from Councillor D. Wright in recognition of the efforts made for the VE Day commemorations held at George Edwards Hall. A special thanks was extended to Community Agent Donna Thornley and Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe for their work in organising the event. It was further noted in the letter that, to their understanding, Cefn Community Council was the only council within Clwyd South to formally mark the occasion. The Clerk added that social media responses had highlighted disappointment from residents in other council areas, who observed that only Cefn had celebrated VE Day. However, Councillor S. Matthews clarified that Rhos Community Council had also celebrated the occasion. -***Resolved to be noted***
9				Comm Development Officer- Email re: Litter bins in Plas Madoc The Clerk opened up by reporting that during a recent walkabout and litter pick around Plas Madoc, conducted by the Community Development Officer and Councillor Paul Blackwell, it was discovered that the litter bins in the areas of Alwen, Bran, and Bodlyn require replacement. The existing bins are damaged and no longer meet standards due to issues caused by anti-social behaviour (ASB). The Clerk has contacted Craig Youens at Wrexham Council to request pricing for the replacement bins.Councillor Paul Blackwell advised that, pending a response from Craig Hewins, the Clerk should proceed with ordering and replacing the bins to help address the ongoing ASB concerns. ***Resolved that Council unanimously agreed to the replacement of the three bins subject to costings once identified***.

Councillor S Matthews left the room ready before commencement of Planning Applications discussion.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2024/1387 *Section 78: Appeal at Land at Bethania Road Acrefair.*
Outline application for erection of 33 Dwellings

The Clerk opened up by informing the Council that an appeal had been submitted regarding application P/2024/1387and invited councillors to provide any additional comments.

Councillor P. Blackwell expressed concerns regarding highway safety and potential contamination, noting that the site has one-way access which could pose issues.

Councillor K. Witherden shared similar concerns, particularly from the perspective of schoolchildren's safety.

Councillor I. Twigg stated that the entrance near the chip shop was not substandard.

P/2025/0390 *Proposal:*

Conversion of existing commercial building and outbuildings Into 16 one- & two-bedroom apartments and all associated external Works.
Wheatsheaf Workshops, High Street, Rhosymedre.

The Clerk informed the Council about planning application P/2025/0390 and invited councillors to provide their comments.

The Council agreed to express support for the proposal to maintain and repurpose the building. However, concerns are raised regarding potential parking issues and the impact on local residents, including previous complaints received from residents.

The Council suggested that access and egress arrangements need to be reconsidered and requested clarity on the detailed plans.

It was further proposed that the highways implications be carefully reviewed, with a suggestion to consider moving the entrance from High Street to Chapel Street to improve safety and traffic flow. The Clerk was requested to forward all points raised to WCBC

P/2025/0018 *Proposal:*
Change of use of land to provide additional parking and garden area.
Hill View, King Street, Cefn Mawr, LL14 3BH

The Clerk informed the Council about planning application P/2025/0018.

The Council resolved to defer forming an opinion on the application until a site visit with ward members can take place. Councillors felt that they did not have sufficient information to make an informed decision at this time and agreed that a site visit is necessary to ensure all relevant facts and context are considered.

Councillor S Matthews re-enters the room ready for the commencement of the reports from members discussion.

12.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

12.1 Councillor I. Twigg followed up on a previously raised concern regarding King Street, opposite St Paul's. She reported that the condition of the hedge in this area has further deteriorated, and that the number of cars now parking along the roadside is creating a serious safety hazard. Councillor Twigg reiterated that the hedge is the responsibility of Wrexham Council and requested that it be cut back urgently to improve visibility and ensure public safety.

12.2 Councillor S. Benbow-Jones informed the Council that she and Councillor P. Blackwell have received their scheduled dates for finance training.

12.3 Councillor J. Jones raised a concern regarding blocked gulleys and grids in her area and asked who is responsible for their maintenance. The Clerk informed the Council that Wrexham Council is responsible for maintaining the gulleys and grids, and that all reports or issues should be directed to them.

12.4 Councillor P. Roberts reported that the grids on Cross Street are full and overgrown with weeds. She expressed concern that this may lead to drainage issues and requested that the matter be reported to Wrexham Council for maintenance**.**

12.5 Councillor D. Wright reported that he and Councillor S. Matthews recently held a meeting with North Wales Police in response to a concerned email regarding anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Cefn and in Plas Madoc. He informed the Council that the local Sergeant has provided a comprehensive overview of the actions being taken to tackle ASB in the area. A brief summary of this has been shared with Councillors Wright and Matthews; however, a full report for the Council is pending due to restrictions on what information can be disclosed.

Councillor Wright explained that the Sergeant is currently on holiday, and prior to his leave, had expressed reluctance to release certain information, as it may contain sensitive details not suitable for the public domain. As such, Councillors Wright and Matthews are awaiting further clarification and permission to share more details. They will also be working with local housing partners on the matter and have requested to present their full report at the July 2025 Council meeting.

Councillor S. Matthews added that she has spoken with the Estate Manager in Plas Madoc, as ASB in the area has escalated significantly. She supported Councillor Wright's request to delay the presentation, citing serious concerns, particularly relating to quad bikes and other off-road vehicles. Councillor Wright also noted that these issues are having a knock-on effect in nearby areas, including Ruabon and Llangollen.

12.6 Councillor K. Benfield informed the Council that dog fouling on Cae Gwyilm Lane is currently at an unacceptable level.

The Clerk reminded the Council that dog fouling bags are provided free to the community. However, she explained that securing enforcement officers to address this issue is unlikely, as Wrexham Council only employs two officers responsible for the entire borough. The Clerk further emphasised that dog fouling is a widespread problem across Wrexham at present.

The Clerk committed to email Wrexham Council to raise awareness of the issue and to request support in sharing a social media post informing the public about the availability of dog fouling bags.

Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe added that, through the #StayOnSide project, Ysgol Acrefair is interested in creating posters to discourage dog fouling. There is potential to publish these posters and display them on metal sheeting in local areas, which is currently under consideration.

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