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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON
Tuesday 25th November 2025 commencing at 6.45 pm
Chair: Mr P Vaughan

74. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Blackwell, Mrs J Jones, Mrs S Matthews, D Metcalfe, Mrs D Parry, Mrs K Tiltman, Mrs K Witherden, Mrs S Mills, Mrs I Twigg. Also, Clerk Mrs T Nicholls-Smith and Community Development Officer/Minute taker Mr A Ruscoe.

Via Zoom Platform: Mr D Wright, Mrs G Wright &, Mrs K Benfield

75. APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs P Roberts due to Zoom Technological Issues on Councillor Roberts end.

76.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grant Item 10. Board Member of DVT

77. PROCEDURAL MATTERS - 116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 - VACANCY CEFN WARD, TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION FOLLOWING INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATE, APPLICATION RECEIVED ATTACHED.
The Clerk invited the applicant, Mrs Donna Parry, into the meeting to begin the co-option interview. The Chairman asked Mrs Parry three questions regarding her interest in the role and the contribution she felt she could bring to the Community Council.

Members were satisfied with Mrs Parry's responses. Councillor Isabel Twigg proposed to co-opt Mrs Parry which was seconded by Councillor Katherine Tiltman, with all Members voting in support.

RESOLVED: That the candidate, Mrs Donna Parry, be co-opted to fill the vacant seat for the Cefn Ward with immediate effect. Councillor Parry then joined the meeting.

78. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
None received

79. TO RECEIVE ANY POLICE CORRESPONDENCE (TO INCLUDE CORRESPONDENCE FROM INSP STEFAN LEDERLE)

Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr / Rhosymedre / Newbridge WRW24
Person Providing Report: PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis C4460
Date of Report: 04/11/25

	Burglary Residential	Domestic Violence	Serious Violence	Sexual Offences	ASB	Arson	Criminal Damage
Incidents between 01/10/25-31/10/25	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**6**

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
25000852658	16/10/25	Criminal Damage: Youths throwing eggs at property
25000853201	17/10/25	Criminal Damage: Victim has noticed his windows have been damaged
25000876836	24/10/25	Criminal Damage: Laptop damaged by known suspect
25000874994	24/10/25	Criminal Damage: Damage to vehicle
25000876304	25/10/25	Criminal Damage: Fence has been damaged
25000882831	27/10/25	Criminal Damage: Damage to front door at location

Additional Information

3 PRIORITIES

1. Increased Police Patrols and Monitoring at Plas Kynaston MUGA, particularly during football matches and peak times of antisocial behaviour.

2. Continued Speed Enforcement Checks on Queen Street.

3. Ongoing Monitoring and Engagement at Ty Mawr, to address continuing concerns and reported incidents.

Obviously, a lot of criminal damage this month. I'd just like to note that a few of the criminal damage incidents relate to the same person.

Completed Activity	
Bike Marking	Cefn Library, 22/10/25, 15:00-16:00

Future Planned Activity

Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting

Neighbourhood Sergeant Contact Details

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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.

PCSO Contact Details

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SGT	3557	Kitty CARTWRIGHT	RHOS STATION	03557	07989159057	KITTY.CARTWRIGHT2@northwales.police.uk

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Incidents of Note

Crime Reference Number	Date	Brief Circumstances
25000818870	05/10/25	Sec 47. Assault: Domestic related
25000827287	08/10/25	Sec 47. Assault: Domestic related
25000883155	28/10/25	Sec 47 Assault / Burglary: victim states known suspect has punched them to the face and stolen property after climbing through their window.
25000825761	07/10/25	Sexual Offence: Take/Make/Distribute indecent images
25000839358	12/10/25	Criminal Damage: Unknown suspects have damaged vehicle
25000887730	29/10/25	Criminal Damage: Unknown suspects have damaged window.

Additional Information
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Completed Activity	

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Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the Police & Crime Comissioner Mr A Dunbobbin will be in attendance at the December meeting and encouraged members to prepare questions in readiness for the meeting.

Resolved: The Council acknowledged the report.

80. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

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

What a month it has been, with plenty of wet and miserable weather, which has understandably affected attendance at some of our activities. Despite this, the community spirit has remained strong, and there have been lots of positives to celebrate.
We held a successful Remembrance morning event, which was very well received. A special thank-you goes to Trina, who organised most of the service. Her hard work ensured the morning ran smoothly, and for once the weather was kind to us.
I now have just one event left for December — the Christmas Party. I am really looking forward to it. We will be joined by the duo *Double Focus*, who will be performing on the day. It promises to be a brilliant afternoon for everyone.
The *Chat and Chill* group continues to thrive, with new members joining regularly. It

is encouraging to see so many people engaging, socialising, and making the most of the warm space and activities offered.
The cinema club at Plas Telford has not been as busy as hoped. Alison and I will continue encouraging residents to come along, leave their rooms for a while, and enjoy the social opportunity.
Attendance at the drop-in session in Cefn Library has been quieter this month, likely due to the poor weather. We will continue to be available for anyone who wishes to pop in for advice or support.

Warm Space Grant Application
We are currently awaiting the outcome of the warm space grant. If successful, this funding will allow us to offer warm meals to anyone who needs them, which would be a valuable addition to our community support over the winter.

I would like to extend a huge thank-you to everyone for their continued support. Being a community agent is extremely rewarding, and I am genuinely enjoying the work I am doing within the community. Your support means a great deal.

agent@cefncommunitycouncil.gov.uk
07925048711

Warm regards,
Donna Thornley
Community Agent

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Community Agent will be hosting her Christmas Over 50's Party on 6th December 2025, and confirmed that there will be two entertainers performing on the day.

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones wished to express her congratulations and informed the Full Council that the Community Agent has been successful in obtaining a Warm Spaces Grant, as notified by Donna Thornley, the Community Agent. Councillor Benbow-Jones noted that this is excellent news for the community.

Resolved: The Council acknowledged the report.

81. CLERKS REPORT

81.1 The Clerk reported that litter picks had been suspended until the following Spring. The last one was postponed in October due to the weather, and we look to restart in March 2026; however, the #StayOnSide Cefn Litter Pickers will continue their efforts led by Jacqueline Palmer.

81.2 The Clerk reported that the Remembrance Service on Sunday, 9th November, had again seen a fantastic turnout, and a lot of positive feedback had been received. Thanks were given to Kate for taking the service once again.

81.3 The Clerk reported on the GE Hall Toilet renovation – the main hall had been completed, with a few minor snags needing addressing, and the upstairs was likely to be

finished by the weekend of 5th December. The clerk explained that some room hires have had to be postponed due to ongoing work.

81.4 The Clerk reported that following the previous month's meeting, the PCC had confirmed his attendance to December's meeting, and members were asked to prepare any questions for him. NWP are also expected to be in attendance.

Councillor Paul Blackwell raised his concerns that he continues to receive complaints from residents regarding anti-social behaviour (ASB), despite being informed by North Wales Police that the situation is improving. He noted that when the police are challenged, their responses can be intimidating, as they do not appear receptive to criticism.

Councillor Katie Witherden supported Councillor Blackwell's comments and stated that the response from the Inspector appeared combative and disrespectful to the community. She added that she is still receiving reports of youths riding motorcycles down alleyways without any visible police presence.

Councillor Isabel Twigg expressed her concern that she has not observed an officer or even a police vehicle in Acrefair for a considerable period of time.

Councillor Dave Metcalfe added that a significant amount of the council tax collected from residents goes toward policing. He expressed an interest in knowing how much policing is allocated to Llangollen Town Council, noting that with around 10,000 residents in our area, it is concerning that there is comparatively little police presence. He highlighted that the local area is a major contributor to the policing budget, and residents expect an appropriate level of coverage.

Request: The Full Council agreed that a formal request should be made for the detailed data and breakdown of the crime and ASB figures, with the information to be provided in advance of the next meeting and ready for when the police attend.

The Clerk concluded the section by stating that this is the opportunity for Councillors to formally raise such concerns.

81.5 The Clerk reported that the Community Agent had secured £2,500 in grant funding from WCBC Warm Spaces, which had been used to provide light lunches such as beans on toast and soup with a roll. The funding had also supported the purchase of food, a freezer, cooking gadgets, and room hire. The sessions commenced on 7th January 2026. Furthermore, an additional £500 had been received from the successful Tesco Blue Tokens appeal.

81.6 The Clerk reported that Friends of Ruabon had visited the community again this year with the Santa Float. The dates were Plas Madoc on 11th December, Cefn on 13th December, Acrefair on 14th December, and the date for Rhosymedre is 7th December. Posters had been shared on social media and distributed to network partners and Councillors.

The Chairman had kindly contributed a donation from the Chair's Purse to cover fuel costs and chocolates that Santa gives out during the event.

It was also confirmed that, following last year's success, Santa will be visiting the residents of Llys-y-Graig on 7th December.

81.7 The Clerk reminded members that the Christmas Fair had been scheduled for Friday 28th November between 5–7pm. The Clerk reported that 12 stalls had been confirmed, Ysgol Cefn Mawr Choir will be singing carols.

81.8 The Clerk reminded members that the Full Council meeting in December is one week early due to the Christmas Holidays and will be on Tuesday 16th December.

82. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st October 2025
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st October 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

(b) To Confirm the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 21st October 2025
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 21st October 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

(c) To confirm the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on 17th November 2025
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on 17th November 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

(d) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on 19th November 2025
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting held on 19th November 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

83. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS AS LISTED IN MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2025
RESOLVED to approve the recommendations as listed in minutes from the Community Development meeting held on 17th November 2025, all members in favour.

84. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS AS LISTED IN MINUTES FROM STAFFING MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2025
RESOLVED To approve recommendations as listed in minutes from the Staffing meeting held on 19th November 2025, all members in favour

85 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GOVERNOR AT YSGOL MIN Y DDOL
The Clerk reported, noting that this item had been deferred from the previous month's meeting. No Councillors came forward to be elected, and therefore no representative has been appointed. The Clerk was requested to inform the school.

86. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024/25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK IN RESPECT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
The Clerk reported that the external audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 has been completed and returned. She was pleased to confirm that the Council has been issued with an unqualified audit with no recommendations issued, which reflects positively on the Council's financial management and procedures.

87. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 25th NOVEMBER 2025

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 7) – Staff 8522.17

Invoices Received During Sept/Oct 25

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
25/124	106792	Y	Azets - Payroll services for 6months	615.00
25/125	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Oct/Nov (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	134.97
25/126	106793	Y	Canda Copying - Invoice for Office	207.02
25/127	106794	Y	Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath	50.00
25/128	106795	Y	WAPM - Grant towards bonfire event LGA 1972 Sec137	200.00
25/129	106796	Y	Brass with Class - Invoice for Remembrance	120.00
25/130	BACS	Y	Graham Jones Contract Lifting Ltd - Invoice for crane hire (LCC Budget)	1740.00
25/131	BACS	Y	AE Roberts - Invoice for fridge in GE Hall	169.00
25/132	BACS	Y	Charisma Trophies - Invoice for stay on side project (Comm dev budget)	165.00
25/133	BACS	Y	MEGA Electrical - Invoice for repairs	1495.33
25/134	BACS	Y	WTE Printers - Invoice for receipt books, remembrance booklets & Stay on side	961.00
25/135	106797	Y	Flintshire County Council - Invoice for pension added years	195.40
25/136	BACS	Y	D Evans Catering - Invoice for Remembrance Service	550.00
25/137	BACS	Y	Comm Agent - Invoice for expenses	20.00
25/138	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	200.00
25/139	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area Maintenance	892.00
25/140	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	1401.00
25/141	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Community Development Officer IT	19.70
25/142	106798	Y	PHS Group - Invoice for G E Hall	390.00
25/143	DC	Y	Office Monster - Invoice for office drawers	130.80
25/144	DC	Y	Sainsburys - Invoice for Christmas Fair	210.00
25/145	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Oct/Nov (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	174.80
25/146	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	166.50
25/147	106799	Y	Viking Direct - Invoice for GE Hall & Office	323.55
25/148	106800	Y	Viking Direct - Invoice for Office	17.99
25/149	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	208.45
25/150	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	427.36
25/151	106801		Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall	114.00
25/152	BACS		ORP Surveillance - Invoice for replacement CCTV	1726.80

Invoices Received During Oct/Nov 25

HMRC Tax & NI 2056.39

Clwyd Pension Fund 1358.23

CSA Payment	357.72
HSBC	1.60
	£25321.78
Income	
HMRC	798.87
Burial	
Francis Roberts (Rec602)	220.00
Francis Roberts (Rec608)	810.00
Buckley Memorials (Rec609)	110.00
Marcher Stone (Rec610)	110.00
GE Hall	
G Langford (Rec0598)	104.40
Young Carers (Rec0597)	20.25
WCBC (Rec0599)	185.00
Montgomeryshire & Glyndwr Lab Grp (Rec0600)	27.75
Dance Zone (Rec601)	319.25
Phantasmagoria Film (Rec603)	377.00
Froncystle Male Voice Choir (Rec604)	27.00
Slimming World (Rec605)	339.28
G Langford (Rec606)	104.40
Cefn Historical Soc (Rec607)	29.00
Donna Davies (Rec0593)	99.88
Cefn Historical Soc (Rec0594)	29.00
WCBC (Rec0595)	60.75
D Davies (Rec611)	49.94
WCBC (Rec612)	138.75
Interest	
Business Money Manager 13.10.25	181.92
	£4142.44

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

88. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received During Oct/Nov 25:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1				North Wales Fire & Rescue - Consultation on annual Community Risk Management Plan 2026-2027 www.northwalesfire.gov.wales *The Clerk reported that the North Wales Fire & Rescue Service has launched its consultation on the annual Community Risk Management Plan for 2026–2027. Members were informed that the consultation questionnaire can be accessed via the following link: www.northwalesfire.gov.wales. Councillors were encouraged to complete the questionnaire. –* ***Resolved to be noted***
2				**Ken Skates MS - E Newsletter**
3				Wrexham Miners Project- Email re: support sough from Community Council to install plaque *The Clerk read an email received from the Wrexham Miners Project seeking the Community Council's support for their proposal to install a commemorative plaque for those who lost their lives in the Gresford Mining Disaster. As part of their grant application, the Project is gathering*

				letters of support by 26th November 2025. Their proposal includes engaging local schools and holding an opening event. - ***Resolved - Full Council unanimously agreed to support the application and to provide a letter of support****.*
4				CAB - Cefn Mawr Outreach Q2 Report *The Clerk reported that the Q2 Outreach Report from CAB has been received. She confirmed that she will circulate the quarterly report to all councillors the following day.* *The report demonstrates the range of support being provided to residents, including assistance with benefits and tax credits, Personal Independence Payments, housing benefit, and council tax reduction.* *Councillor Stella Matthews expressed concern that Council Tax debt appears to be the most significant issue residents are seeking support with. She noted that this pattern is emerging across the borough and stated that Wrexham Council needs to be made aware of the scale of the issue. She confirmed that she will raise these concerns with Wrexham Council during discussions on Council Tax.* *Councillor Katherine Tiltman added that Wrexham Council is becoming increasingly aggressive in its approach, with bailiffs being sent to residents who are unable to afford the recent Council Tax increases.* *Councillor Katie Witherden commented that this approach is creating a false economy, placing further strain on vulnerable households.* *Councillor Matthews welcomed all comments and confirmed she will take these concerns forward at county council level, noting the seriousness of the situation.*
5				**WCBC - New Premises Application - Saep Thai Kitchen**
6				Ruabon Air Cadets - Request for financial assistance – ***Resolved to move to grants meeting in December.***
7				WCBC - Email re: Finding for staffed Play Provision 2026-2027 (Clerk To Report) *The Clerk opened the item and explained that the Community Council currently funds three staffed play sessions throughout Easter, Summer and October. This year's cost was £5,090, and next year's cost will be £5,234, reflecting an increase which will be included in the precept.* ***Resolved: Councillors unanimously agreed to continue funding the play provision, noting that it is well attended and valued by the community.*** *Councillor Stella Matthews asked whether this funding operates under an SLA agreement. The Clerk informed Councillor Matthews that yes it is with Wrexham Council*
8				WCBC - Email re: Finding for staffed Youth Provision 2026-2027 (Clerk To Report) *The Clerk opened the item and explained that this funding relates to the Youth Club at the George Edwards Hall, which operates on Monday and Wednesday evenings.* *Members were informed of a 10% funding increase, with the cost rising from £15,033 this year to £16,481 next year. The Clerk queried the reason for the increase and was advised that the provision includes two Level 1 youth workers and one Level 2 youth worker, totalling three staff members at each session. -* ***Resolved: The Full Council unanimously agreed to support this provision, noting that it is well attended and represents good value for money for the community.***
9				WCBC - Email re: Wrexham Armed Forces Community Carol Service - 04/12/25 St Giles Church *The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received for the Wrexham Armed Forces Community Carol Service. -* ***Resolved: The invitation was passed to the Chair to attend on behalf of the Council****.*
10				Dee Valley Trust - Request for financial Assistance (C Davies - Storyboard)

				The Clerk opened the item, informing members that a request had been received for financial assistance towards the production of a promotional video showcasing local businesses. The video features the Council's Caretaker, Wayne Milner, and Groundsman, Huw Parry, who assisted with filming across the area and with local residents. This forms part of the filming of a storyboard designed by local artist Carole "The Artist" Davies. A request was made for a £200 donation towards the £400 total cost of producing the video. - ***Resolved: The Full Council agreed to support the request, noting that they look forward to seeing the completed film.***
11				WCBC - Email re: SLA for CCTV provision for next 5 years *The Clerk opened the item, expressing her surprise at receiving a Service Level Agreement (SLA) from Wrexham Council for the CCTV provision for the next five years, which required signing and returning by 12th December.* *Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones noted that no such SLA has ever been issued previously.* *The Clerk reminded members that, in a February 2024 meeting, Councillor Mark Pritchard of Wrexham Council attended and raised this matter. At that time, the Council had already resolved not to sign any SLA and to request that the cameras remain in situ should Wrexham Council choose to withdraw the service. Members previously agreed that, as Wrexham Council owns and operates the cameras, they should continue to fund the service, and that Cefn Community Council would not pay towards the provision.* *The Clerk further explained that she had received an invoice for £5,400, followed by a reminder in May 2025, and she contacted Wrexham Council to reiterate that the Council had resolved not to pay. She has now received a new 5-year SLA, priced at £1,500 per camera for three cameras.* *Councillor Stella Matthews stated that the Council must restate its position, emphasising that the cameras are Wrexham Council's assets, and that we should remind them of the stance previously given to the Leader of Wrexham Council. Vice Chairman Derek Wright echoed these views, adding that the proposal does not represent value for money and that the Council should reaffirm its previous decision.* ***Resolved: The Full Council unanimously resolved to:*** • ***Stand by the decision not to pay for the CCTV provision,*** • ***Not sign the SLA, and remind Wrexham Council that they are their responsibility and property*** • ***Confirm that the cameras are to remain in situ.***
12				Resident - Email re: Community Wellness group *The Clerk reported a resident had emailed requesting financial support for the Community Wellness sessions in Llangollen Rural Community, describing the sessions as a lifeline for her. The Clerk responded to clarify that Cefn Community Council has already waived fees to support the Community Wellness group within our own area.* *Councillor Vice Chairman Derek Wright requested that the Community Wellness organisers be copied into correspondence, so they are aware of the resident's request, noting that this matter falls under Llangollen Rural's responsibility to address. –* ***Resolved not to contribute to sessions held in another community***
13				**Azets - Letter re: Change of policy - no longer to accept payment by cheque**
14				*Resident - Email re: Street lighting in Woodwards Walk following an incident* *The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Councillor Paul Blackwell regarding a resident who was attacked by three individuals in Woodwards Walk. The email included a request for improved street lighting in the area to help prevent similar incidents in the future.*

				It was noted that funding from the Low Carbon Fund is still available for new streetlight columns. Councillor Stella Matthews asked whether the Council could ascertain who is responsible for supporting street lighting in this area. The Clerk advised that it is highly unlikely Wrexham Council would install new lights in this location. ***Resolved - The Council resolved that the matter will be investigated, and engagement will take place with the Council's contractor to determine whether a new column could be installed.***
15				Ysgol Rhiwabon - Email re: Carol & Minces Pies event 16/12/25 *The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received for the Carol & Mince Pies event on 16th December 2025. -* ***Resolved to pass the invitation to the Chair to attend on behalf of the Council.***
16				***Cefn Mawr Rangers - Email re: Booking on MUGA 06/12/25*** The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Cefn Mawr Rangers regarding their Under-13 League Cup match on 6th December 2025. It was noted that, based on expert advice from our Groundsman, Huw Parry, the pitch had previously been made unavailable for bookings in December to allow it to rest, as it was showing signs of significant wear. This restriction meant that the Community Development Officer was unable to accept bookings during this period. The Clerk explained that a member of Cefn Mawr Rangers had attended the George Edwards Hall to enquire why the match could not proceed, and it was advised that they submit an email request for consideration. The Council noted that the measure is intended to preserve the pitch in acceptable condition long-term, as the current state shows areas of mud and wear. Vice Chairman Derek Wright further explained that a longer-term plan is being considered to close the ground during the summer to prevent overuse, as experienced this past summer, to help ensure growth and sustainability in 2026. He also added that the Council should consider additional measures to reinvigorate the ground, designing a further plan to bring it up to standard for future use. The Clerk responded that any plan for pitch maintenance and improvement should be considered at the next Development Committee meeting, with input from Groundsman Huw Parry. ***Resolved: Council resolved to:*** • ***Deny the request to play on 6th December, in support of Groundsman advice;*** • ***Preserve the pitch for future use; and*** • ***Refer the development of a longer-term pitch maintenance and improvement plan to the next Development Committee meeting with Groundsman.***
17				Tesco Cefn Mawr - Email Re: Update regarding issues around Tesco from site visit *The Clerk informed Council that she and the Chairman, had met with a Director of Tesco and the Store Manager for a walkaround to review current issues at the site. The Director was reportedly stunned by the condition of certain areas under their remit observed.* *It was noted that drainage issues and road surface on Oxford Street and Waterloo Place have been logged. Additionally, an email update from the Store Manager confirmed that an assessment of the required works is in place via a work order with GMM, and further updates will be provided in due course. -* ***Resolved: The Full Council resolved to welcome the update.***

89. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2025/0812 Removal of conservatory and store, erection of single storey rear Extension and installation of additional first floor window to side
16 Maes Madoc, Acrefair

Resolved: Council supports the application P/2025/0812 with no objections.

P/2025/0882 Change of use of bus depot to mixed class B1/B2 (Car repairs & Welding) all associated works.
Central Garage, King Street, Acrefair, Wrexham

Resolved: Council supports the application P/2025/0882 with no objections.

90.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

90.1A – Top of Cefn Meeting

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones explained that she had been asked by residents at the Top of Cefn to arrange a meeting with Councillor Stella Matthews regarding the bollards at Cae Coch. Councillor Matthews is awaiting a response from the officer currently dealing with the issue. It was noted that updates from the officer have been slow in coming back.

90.1B – Missing Bus Stop and Lamp Post – The Eagles Stop

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones raised the issue of a missing bus stop and lamp post near the Eagles Stop. She explained that a car lost control at 11:30pm last Sunday, nearly hitting the Kebab Shop in Acrefair, and damaged the bus stop and lamp post, which have since been removed. Councillor Benbow-Jones asked if the bus stop and lamp post could be replaced and whether a claim could be made against the driver.

90.1C – Litter Bin Removal – House Next to Kebab Shop

Councillor Benbow-Jones also noted that the litter bin next to the Kebab Shop had been removed, as it was creating a water pocket that was damaging the adjacent building. She asked whether a Wrexham Council litter bin could be replaced in the area.

90.2 – Old Police Station, Cefn Mawr

Councillor Derek Wright informed the Council that the old Police Station is now being demolished.

90.3 – Plas Madoc – Missing Lamp Post and Bench Stumps

Councillor Katie Witherden reported a missing lamp post in the Gwynant area of Plas Madoc and noted that stumps from a previous bench are sticking up and need to be removed.

Resolved: It was resolved that Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe and Councillor Paul Blackwell would conduct a walkaround to inspect the issues.

90.4 – Planters at Rhosymedre Church Yard

Councillor Joan Jones requested an update on the planters at Rhosymedre Church Yard, but no update was available at the time. It was noted that the Chairman has this matter in hand.

Councillor Katherine Titlman highlighted that the plants in the planters were paid for by the Diocese, and that We Are Plas Madoc used to maintain them. It was further noted that the plan is to relocate the planters to the George Edwards Hall, if the plants are in good condition.

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