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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON
Tuesday 16th December 2025 commencing at 6.45 pm
Chair: Mr P Vaughan

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

Three members of the public, PCC Mr Andy Dunbobbin, NWP Superintendent Mark Williams, PC D Lewis & PCSO E Bellis-Jones

Via Zoom Platform: N/A

92. APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs K Benfield, Mrs S Matthews & Mrs K Witherden,

93. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Public Questions on a planning application, due to residing in the area of question, confirming it as a Conflict of Interest.
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grants, due to involvement with Ysgol Cefn Mawr, St John's Church Yard Volunteers, Wrexham Foodbank and Dee Valley Trust as a Trustee.
Councillor Paul Blackwell declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grants, due to involvement with Ysgol Acrefair & Ysgol Rhosymedre as a Governor.
Councillor Katherine Tiltman declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grants, due to involvement with Ysgol Rhosymedre as a Governor & a Trustee at We Are Plas Madoc, Wrexham Food Bank & Friends of Ruabon.
Councillor Joan Jones declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grants, due to involvement with Clwyd Family History Society.
Councillor Isabel Twigg declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grants, due to involvement with St John's Church.

Councillor Helen Brimfield declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 Correspondence in reference to Subject matter Grants, due to involvement with Phantasmagoria Horror Film Festival.

94. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

Attendees: Three residents raised concerns regarding a planning application on Kings Street, Acrefair.
The residents explained that they received a letter from Wrexham County Borough Council Planning Department dated 27 November 2025, which they did not receive until 6 December 2025. This meant they were already nine days into the 21-day objection period and were unaware of the application prior to this date.

Residents stated that local evidence shows 16 objection letters submitted and that the community is not in support of the development.

Residents requested clarification on the planning use classes:

- B1 Use Class – Defined as offices, research and development, and light industrial processes that can be carried out in residential areas without causing disturbance.

- B2 Use Class – Defined as general industrial use. Residents stated this classification is normally suited to industrial estates, not residential areas, due to associated welding, sparks, noise, air pollution, dust, and fumes.

Concerns were raised that:

- The building is a single-skinned unit with no soundproofing, making it unsuitable for industrial use.
- The proposed use is industrial in nature and inappropriate for a residential area.

The development may cause disruption to residents, including:

- Noise, dust, fumes, and vehicle emissions
- Increased traffic movements
- Risk of fire and chemical waste
- There may be negative impacts on residents' well-being, particularly for those with asthma.
- Residents may be discouraged from opening windows or using their gardens.

Proposed operating hours are:

- Monday–Friday: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

The proposal would employ only four people, which residents felt does not sufficiently benefit the community, while offering no respite for nearby households.
Residents requested that the Council reconsider the original motion in order to represent the concerns of the local community.
Chairman, Councillor Phil Vaughan, explained that, to reverse the Community Council's previous decision, one-third of councillors would need to vote in favour of reconsidering the application. He also stated that when the application first came before the Council, no objections had been raised.

In response, Mrs Julie Pae reiterated that residents had not received notification until December, explaining why no objections had been made earlier.

Councillor Isabel Twigg stated that when the application was originally approved by the Community Council, it was assumed that Wrexham County Borough Council had completed all required due diligence, including properly informing residents in the affected area. Mrs Pae confirmed that this had not occurred.

Councillor Derek Wright, suggested that the best course of action would be for the Community Council to write formally to Wrexham County Borough Council to request clarification on when and how public consultation took place. He recommended that the matter be revisited once this information is received. He also noted that, should the application proceed, improved extraction systems and soundproofing would be necessary, acknowledging that the proposal could potentially create four local jobs.

Councillor Dave Metcalf suggested that the history of the building should be included within the correspondence.

RESOLVED: *That the Community Council write formally to Wrexham County Borough Council requesting clarification on when and how public consultation for the planning application on Kings Street, Acrefair, took place, including details of resident notification, and that the history of the building be included within the correspondence. The matter will be revisited once this information is received.*

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

95. TO RECEIVE ANY POLICE CORRESPONDENCE TO WELCOME THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER, MR ANDY DUNBOBBIN AND OFFICERS FROM NWP

HEDDLU GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES POLICE

Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr, Acrefair, Rhosymedre
Person Providing Report: PCSO Enya Bellis-Jones
Date of Report: 12/12/2025
(01/11/25 – 01/12/25)

Cefn Mawr

	BURGLARY	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents	-	1	1	-	3	-

Rhosymedre

	BURGLARY	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents	-	-	-	-	1	-

Acrefair/Plas Madoc

	BURGLARY	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents	-	2	-	1	4	3

Newbridge

	BURGLARY	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents	-	-	-	-	-	-

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
C174037	**09/11/25**	**CEFN MAWR** – NWP have received a call reporting a male youth has been assaulted by another group of youths at a house party – some suspects have been identified, further enquiries and investigation ongoing.
C172581	**06/11/25**	**ACREFAIR** – Report of theft of bike from communal area of flats – Investigation ongoing
C171070	**04/11/25**	**ACREFAIR** – Caller reporting theft of their motorbike which was located near to the home address – CCTV enquiries negative.
C171154	**04/11/25**	**ACREFAIR** – Caller reporting motorbike stolen off driveway overnight, bike also located nearby to the home address – CCTV enquiries negative.

Additional Information

Ward	Completed Activity/Engagement
Cefn Mawr	PCSO's have secured £300 funding for The Community Wellness Company who are based in Cefn/Trevor
Plas Madoc	PCSO's have been out and about in the engagement van, parked up at the leisure centre and other locations engaging with the public.
All	Operation Vigilant – NPT officers have been out and about engaging with the public and providing security advise.

Ward	Future Planned Activity

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Feedback or Questions for Next Meeting
If there are any issues or queries with this report, please write them here and send the report back to us.

Neighbourhood Policing Team Contact Details
PC Jamie Organ - Jamie.Organ@northwales.police.uk - 07929864034 PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis - SARAH.CLARK-LEWIS@northwales.police.uk - 07929864006

Resolved: *The Council acknowledged the report.*

Attendees: Police & Crime Commissioner Mr Andy Dunbobbin, Sergeant Mark Williams, PC Dan Lewis, PCSO Enya Bellis-Jones.

Mr Dunbobbin opened the discussion by expressing his keenness to assist the community council and hear councillors' views on policing and local safety matters.

Chairman, Councillor Phil Vaughan, read aloud a letter sent by Cefn Community Council to North Wales Police and Mr Dunbobbin regarding the Council's concerns and the invitation to attend the meeting.

Community Concerns Raised

- Vice-Chairman, Councillor Derek Wright, highlighted ongoing anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues, noting that reported figures do not reflect residents' experiences. He explained that, following discussions with a previous policing colleague, it had been difficult for officers to deploy into Cefn due to issues in Plas Madoc. Councillor Wright emphasised that Ty Mawr is one of the Council's priority areas, yet the ongoing problems there continue without sufficient monitoring by PCSOs or officers. He requested that Mr Dunbobbin send the ASB Case Review information previously mentioned to the Council's Clerk.
- Councillor Paul Blackwell acknowledged the investment made in keeping Plas Madoc safe but asked whether a dedicated PCSO could be assigned to Cefn once recruitment is complete, and that the car park issues after 10pm be addressed at least once.
- Councillor Sue Mills, a Ranger at Ty Mawr, described repeated problems with fires, motorbikes, and scooters entering the café area, expressing frustration at delayed police response.

Police Advice and Response

- Mr Dunbobbin acknowledged the concerns and encouraged the Council to make use of the ASB Case Review process to escalate unresolved incidents.
- Superintendent Mark Williams explained that North Wales Police are actively recruiting PCSOs, with current staffing at approximately 60% capacity. PCSOs are deployed collectively using Problem Solving Plans to respond to spikes in ASB. He clarified that although ASB has reduced by 50%, this does not mean fewer staff will be allocated, but reporting incidents is key to creating demand.
- PC Dan Lewis highlighted previous success at Tesco, Cefn, where investment in PCSOs reduced ASB, noting that when PCSOs moved on or took extra patches, gaps in coverage occurred. He will liaise with the road traffic team regarding car park issues and assess whether bollards could be installed to prevent further disturbances.
- Councillor Derek Wright and Superintendent Mark discussed measures the Council could take as part of the partnership, such as closing gates or installing permanent surveillance cameras, acknowledging that councillors cannot be expected to enforce the law themselves.
- Councillor Helen Brimfield asked about methods used to stop motorbikes. Superintendent Mark confirmed some methods, such as police drones, are in use, but pursuing individuals on electric bikes presents legal challenges.
- PC Dan Lewis added that tenancy removals or other legal measures can be enforced against individuals causing disturbances, referencing previous action in Plas Madoc.
- Mr Dunbobbin suggested that the Council might contact Wrexham University to review the impact of CCTV in reducing crime, as the university has commissioned relevant research.
- Councillor Dave Metcalfe enquired whether the Police could fund CCTV cameras with number plate recognition, and Superintendent Mark confirmed that if the Community Council wished to fund them, this would be acceptable.
- Mr Dunbobbin recommended using the 101-web chat as an alternative to telephone reporting, as it is more efficient and responsive.

Advisory from the Police to the Community Council

The Police provided guidance and updates to the Community Council regarding anti-social behaviour, police presence, PCSO recruitment, reporting procedures, and potential interventions, including CCTV and legal measures. Councillors emphasised the ongoing issues at Ty Mawr and other local hotspots and highlighted the need for effective monitoring and visible policing. The Council noted the information provided and will continue to liaise with North Wales Police as necessary.

The Chairman thanked Mr Dunbobbin and the officers for attending and they left the meeting.

96. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025

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

- Plas Madoc –1

Evening everyone!
Hope you are all sorted for Christmas and looking forward to a break – I know I am! I wanted to share a quick update on the activities I've been running to support the over 50s:

Chat and Chill Coffee Morning
The weekly 'Chat and Chill' coffee morning had to be temporarily cancelled for three weeks due to essential toilet refurbishment works at George Edwards Hall. Attendees had all been informed, and I will be so glad to see it open on the 10th of December. The ladies and Gentlemen who attend have missed my bacon butties and of course missed Andrews play your cards right session. Interest in the group remains strong, and I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Cinema Club at Plas Telford
The Cinema Club continues to run successfully, with steady attendance and lots of positive feedback. Participants are enjoying the films and social interaction, and the sessions are proving to be an enjoyable way for the community to come together.

Warm Wales Grant – Light Lunch Initiative
I'm thrilled to have received a £2,500 grant from Warm Wales to start providing a light lunch for 18 weeks, starting 7th January 2026. This will give residents another chance to socialise and enjoy a light meal. I'd love for a few councilors to pop by one afternoon to see how many people attend and how well it's received.

Christmas Party
The Christmas party was a great success! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, despite a minor hiccup with double booking of the artists. This was not an issue really because one of the singers had to cancel at short notice due to an illness. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, people dancing and singing, it left me feeling ready for a short Christmas break to recharge my batteries.

Overall, these activities continue to provide social, nutritional, and recreational support to our community, especially for those over 50. I'm really looking forward to keeping these initiatives going into the new year.

Thanks as always for your support – it really makes a difference to what we can do in the community. Wishing you all a lovely festive season and a very happy New Year!

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07925048711

Warm regards,
Donna Thornley
Community Agent

Resolved: *The Council acknowledged the report.*

97. CLERKS REPORT

97.1: The Clerk reported that attendance at the Christmas Fayre held on Friday, 28th November, was lower than in the previous year. While many people were present, only 35 visited Santa. The date for next year's Christmas Fayre has been set for Friday, 27th November.
A surplus of selection boxes was recorded, and the Clerk noted that these would be distributed to Donna Thornley's Warm Spaces group. The Clerk asked councillors for suggestions regarding any further donations. It was agreed by all councillors that the remaining surplus would be donated to the local food bank.

Resolved: *The surplus selection boxes will be donated to the Warm Spaces group and the food bank.*

97.2: The Clerk reported that the toilet facilities have now been fully completed. The project was funded through the SPF Fund. ***Noted:*** *The update was duly noted.*

97.3: The Clerk read out a Christmas card received from Krissy at CRNCA.

Councillor Isabel Twigg commented that it was a great shame that CRNCA would no longer be operating, as it had carried out valuable work within the community. She also noted that resident Gareth Williams was looking to organise Christmas dinners following the closure of CRNCA and queried whether these would be held at the George Edwards Hall.

The Clerk advised that Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe had liaised with Gareth Williams and confirmed that the Christmas dinners would be held at The Delph this year. ***Noted:*** *The correspondence was duly noted.*

97.4: The Clerk reported that the office will be closed from Friday, 19th December, until Monday, 5th January. The Clerk extended best wishes to all members for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year, and advised that in the event of any emergencies during this period, members should contact Trina. ***Noted:*** *The information was duly noted.*

98. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25th November 2025
RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25th November 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.*

99. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-26

GRANTS 2025/2026						AGENDA 8
NAME	**Date**	**Paid £**	**Chq no/bacs**	**Inv Number**	**s137**	**Other**
We Are Plas Madoc	29.07.25	£500.00	106778	25/064	Y	Plastonbury
We Are Plas Madoc	21.10.25	£200.00	106795	25/128	Y	Fireworks
Dee Valley Trust (C Davies)	25.11.25	£200.00	BACS	25/154	Y	Short Film
Llangollen Eisteddfod	10.04.25	£200.00	106804	25/170		

Nightingale House Hospice	10.09.25	£1,000.00	106805	25/171		
Clwyd Family History	10.10.25	£200.00	BACS	25/172		
Ruabon Air Cadets	10.10.25	£200.00	BACS	25/173		
Cerdd Wrecsam	10.10.25	£200.00	BACS	25/174		
Wrexham Foodbank	16.10.25	£200.00	BACS	25/175		
Friends of Ruabon	16.10.25	£200.00	BACS	25/176		
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	24.11.25	£200.00	BACS	25/177		
St John's Church	24.11.25	£200.00	BACS	25/178		
Ysgol Rhosymedre	16.12.25	£200.00	BACS	25/179		
Ysgol Acrefair	16.12.25	£200.00	BACS	25/180		
Ysgol Cefn Mawr	16.12.25	£200.00	BACS	25/181		
Ysgol Min Y Ddol	16.12.25	£200.00	BACS	25/182		
Phantasmagoria Film	16.12.25	£200.00	BACS	25/183		
Hope House	16.12.25	£500.00				
Wales Air Ambulance	16.12.25	£500.00				

RESOLVED: *To approve all grant applications. The decision was unanimous.*

100. TO APPROVE DECEMBER SALARY PAYMENT (FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025)

RESOLVED: *Members unanimously agreed to approve the payment of salaries to be made on Friday,19th December, one week early, due to the Christmas break.*

101 DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 – TO RECEIVE REPORT FOR APPROVAL IN PREPARATION FOR PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk presented the draft budget for the 2026/27 financial year, noting that the figures were provisional and based on current estimates.

RESOLVED: *That the draft budget for 2026/27 be approved in preparation for the precept requirements, acknowledging that the figures are estimates. The decision was unanimous. The Clerk was thanked by the councillors for the work and effort put into preparing the budget.*

102 TO CHOOSE WINNING DESIGNS FOR STOP LITTERING POSTERS (CDO TO REPORT)

The CDO explained that Ysgol Cefn Mawr had created Stop Littering Posters as part of their community project under the **#StayOnSide Project**, aimed at encouraging children and residents to reduce litter. Twelve posters will be purchased and displayed in community locations such as play parks, outside schools, and other public areas to help raise awareness and promote a cleaner environment.

Resolved that:

1. *Design 2 and Design 3 be approved as the winning posters.*
2. *Design 3 be amended by changing the bin colour from green to black, as green is typically used for garden waste.*
3. *Design 2 be amended by removing the words on the design.*
4. *The posters will be displayed across the community in the agreed locations to help reduce litter.*

103. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 16th DECEMBER 2025

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 8) – Staff 7893.63

Invoices Received During Nov/Dec 25

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
25/153	106802	Y	British Telecom - Invoice for office	459.65
25/154	BACS		Dee Valley Trust - Grant towards film LGA 1972 Sect 137	200.00
25/155	BACS	Y	Defib Store- Invoice for replacement pads	162.00
25/156	BACS	Y	Canda Copying - Invoice for office	534.66
25/157	BACS	Y	Macron - Invoice for workwear uniform	188.00
25/158	BACS	Y	David Groom - Invoice for Remembrance	198.00
25/159	BACS	Y	G Hopwood - Invoice for Comm Agent Supplies	150.00
25/160	BACS	Y	AE Roberts - Invoice for 2x timers	10.00
25/161	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area Maintenance	742.00
25/162	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	675.00
25/163	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	200.00
25/164	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Nov/Dec (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	78.64
25/165	BACS	Y	Honeycomb Construction - Invoice for baby changing & Heaters	852.00
25/166	106803	Y	Honeycomb Construction - Invoice for toilet Renovations	45240.00

Invoices Received During Nov/Dec 25

HMRC Tax & NI	2647.95
Clwyd Pension Fund	1576.66
CSA Payment	357.72
HSBC	4.00
WCBC Refuse Monthly DD	64.80
WCBC Refuse Monthly DD (Trefynant)	159.90

WCBC Business Rates DD	781.00
	£63175.61

Income

Burial

GE Hall

Phoenix Counselling Grp (rec613)	130.50
Canal & River Trust (Rec614)	296.00
Slimming World (Rec615)	84.82
Geoff Langford (Rec616)	148.02
Cefn Historical Society (Rec617)	29.00
Dance Zone (Rec618)	462.80
Fron Choir (Rec619)	27.00
Young Carers (Rec620)	60.50
Donna Davies (Rec621)	49.94

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.11.25	151.29
	£1439.87

RESOLVED: *That the listed payments be approved.*

104. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received During Nov/Dec 25:
Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1				National Forest of Wales - Email re: Woodlands in Cefn Area (Clerk to report) - *The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Shane Hughes of the National Forest of Wales regarding woodlands in the Cefn area. Mr. Hughes will be attending the Development Meeting on 12th January 2026, and any updates or outcomes will be reported back to the Full Council.* ***Resolved to be duly noted by Members****.*
2				**Charity Commission - Email re: Annual Return due by 31/01/26**
3				**JDH Business Services - Email re: Data Protection Update (Clerk to action)**
4				WCBC - Email re: Wrecsam 2029 City of Culture - Community Conversations *The Clerk reported that Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) is holding community workshops throughout December at Ty Mawr and the Chapel Tea Rooms, including an event hosted by Shagerada. Councillor Vice Chairman Derek Wright asked whether they would be accepting applications for grants. The Clerk explained that if the Wrexham 2029 City of Culture bid is successful, there may be funds available to apply for, as WCBC had expressed interest in the Cefn Health Games concept .Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones paid tribute to Shagerada's recent Ukraine appeal –* ***Resolved to be duly noted by Members.***
5				**WCBC - Email re: 2025/26 SPF Expenditure Profile - Forms to complete**
6				**WCBC - Email re: Monthly Event Listing (passed to all Cllrs)**
7				Clwyd Pension Fund - Email re: 2025 Actuarial Valuation (Clerk to report) *The Clerk reported that the 2025 actuarial valuation had been received. The pension contributions for the period April 2026 to 2029 show an increase from*

				14.8% to 15.1% due to the Council having four members in comparison to three previously. This revised contribution has been precepted for. Resolved to be ***duly noted by Members.***
8				John Hopkins - Email re: Tesco Cefn Mawr *The Clerk reported that an email had been received from John Hopkins regarding Tesco Cefn Mawr and provided updates on the review of adopted roads in the area. Funds had previously been paid to the highway authority, and it is hoped that the defects experienced in the region will now be addressed. Engagement on the matter appears to be ongoing.* *Chairman, Phil Vaughan, explained that he had a conversation with the contractors and confirmed that measurements have been taken. He also noted that Waterloo Road may be resurfaced.* ***Resolved - members were pleased to receive the update and duly noted the contents.***

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

P/2025/0912 Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of garden room
Installation of replacement windows and additional windows to front
New external access/raised decking to the rear.
Repair/replacement to roof
110 High Street, Cefn Mawr

Awaiting approval: *The Clerk advised that the application was received late and fell within the 21-day objection period. As a result, it would not be assessed at the next Full Council meeting on 27 January 2026, as this would be outside the period for discussion. The application details were therefore read out at the meeting, and members were informed that the Clerk had circulated the information by email on the same day, inviting any objections.*

No objections were raised by members at the meeting. However, the Clerk will provide a further opportunity for members to submit any comments or objections via email.

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106.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

106.1A – Street Light Issue in Maelor Terrace

Councillor Joan Jones raised a question with Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe regarding the street lighting issue at Maelor Terrace. Mr Ruscoe confirmed that this is a SPEN issue, which has been reported multiple times due to several ongoing problems. He explained that the issue has been persisting since November 2025 and that SPEN operates within a 30-day response cycle for such repairs. Mr Ruscoe also indicated that in some cases, SPEN has taken over three months to resolve similar issues, suggesting there is a wider problem with streetlights across the district. He has spoken to a higher manager at SPEN to explore ways to resolve the outstanding issues. While no specific date for completion can be confirmed, the Maelor Terrace lights could potentially be fixed in January 2026. Mr Ruscoe advised continued vigilance and encouraged councillors and residents to keep reporting the issue to ensure it is addressed promptly.

106.1B– Llangollen Road, Acrefair – Road Condition / Potholes

Councillor Joan Jones raised concerns regarding the condition of Llangollen Road, Acrefair, noting that potholes along the stretch from The Eagles to Acrefair Bridge are once again deteriorating.

Councillor Paul Blackwell added that similar issues are present in Trevor and that he has attempted to contact the relevant authorities but has not received a response. ***Resolved:*** *That the issues be noted and further action be considered to report the potholes to the relevant highway authority.*

106.2 – FAW Tier 3 Ground Inspection of Plaskynaston MUGA
The Community Development Officer reported that the Plaskynaston MUGA football pitch has recently passed its FAW Tier 3 inspection, allowing Cefn Albion Football Club to operate from the ground for the 2026/27 season in the Ardal North-East League.

Councillor Derek Wright welcomed the news and commented that he hoped no significant further expenditure would be required on the ground.

106.3A – High Street – Stone Wall at Mr Lawrence Kirby's Property
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones raised an issue regarding a stone wall at Mr Lawrence Kirby's house on High Street, which has been taken down. Residents have expressed concerns, and she asked whether the wall will be restored, as cones currently in place create a potential hazard. Councillor Dave Metcalfe stated that he had received similar concerns and questioned how planning permission could have been granted in such a short period, noting that large interlocking concrete boulders are now on site.

The Clerk suggested that retrospective planning permission can be obtained and asked whether councillors would like her to email Matthew Phillips to clarify the situation.Councillor Vice Chairman Derek Wright explained that it is possible to acquire planning permission on someone else's land up to six months in advance.

Resolved: *That the Clerk will contact Matthew Phillips to seek clarification regarding the planning and safety issues at the site*.

106.3B – Lamp Post and Bins Outside Acrefair Kebab Shop / Llangollen Road
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones asked whether there was an update, via Councillor Stella Matthews, regarding the lamppost and bins outside the Acrefair kebab shop, and the possible relocation of the bin on Llangollen Road. The Clerk reported that there was no update available at present.

106.3C – Station Road and King Street – Leaves and Overhanging Branches
Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones reported that dead leaves are scattered across Station Road, creating a potential hazard. She also noted that overhanging branches on King Street are obstructing the path and hitting pedestrians and requested that these issues be addressed.

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Clwyd Alyn and Wrexham Council regarding the matter. While there was initially some dispute, it appears that the issue has now been resolved. ***Resolved:*** *That the update be noted.*

106.4 – Roadworks Outside The Hollybush – Water Pipe and Drainage Concerns
Councillor Dave Metcalfe raised a report regarding recent roadworks outside The Hollybush, which have resulted in water pipes being raised by approximately 400mm. He highlighted that this could impact George Edwards Hall due to drainage issues, as water does not run uphill.

Councillor Metcalfe stated that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Community Development Officer (CDO) and requested that works be extended to cover George Edwards Hall, as the current drains are inadequate. He asked that the Full Council be made aware of the potential impact. ***Resolved:*** *That the concerns be noted.*

106.5 – Road Sweeping on Well Street and Footbridge, Rhosymedre
Councillor Vice Chairman Derek Wright reported that he had emailed Dave Douglas, Street Scene, six weeks ago requesting the road sweeper to attend the pathway on Well Street and the footbridge in Rhosymedre, but had not received a response. He sent a further email the previous evening, copying in the Clerk, to ask whether there is a problem with Cefn by Wrexham Council, as basic services such as road tarmacking and clearing leaves with a road sweeper have not been completed.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Dave Douglas' superiors to clarify whether there are any issues affecting the provision of these services. ***Resolved:*** *That a formal letter be sent to the relevant management to seek clarification regarding the outstanding road sweeping and maintenance.*

106.6A – Y-Graig – Potholes
Councillor Donna Parry reported that there are several issues with potholes in the Y-Graig area. Despite sending various emails, she was informed six weeks ago that the matter would be resolved, but nothing has been done. A resident has already fallen due to the potholes, which are becoming increasingly deep. Councillor Parry has contacted Jenny Cotton regarding this issue but has not received a response. ***Resolved:*** *That the matter be noted and pursued with the relevant highway authority.*

106.6B – Y-Graig – Resident Disturbances / Fireworks
Councillor Donna Parry reported that a resident has been causing disturbances, including firing fireworks from their garden onto the path, which has caused distress to other residents. The resident has threatened to repeat this behaviour on New Year's Eve. Councillor Parry hoped to speak to Councillor Stella Matthews regarding the issue.

The Clerk advised that any anti-social behaviour should be reported to 101 so that evidence is recorded, allowing agencies to work together effectively. ***Resolved:*** *That the advice be noted and residents encouraged to report incidents to 101.*

106.7 – Reporting of Issues Between Meetings
The Clerk reported that any members who have issues in future, such as overhanging branches,potholes, streetlights, or leaves, should report them directly to herself or to Andrew. Members were advised not to feel that they need to wait until a council meeting to raise such matters. She also reminded Members that the Council has no authority or influence over tenancy issues. ***Resolved:*** *That the guidance be noted.*

106.8 – Acrefair Car Park
Councillor Isabel Twigg raised the suggestion that the Council could write again to Councillor Stella Matthews regarding the Car Park in Acrefair. The Clerk agreed to this course of action. ***Resolved:*** *That a letter be sent to Councillor Stella Matthews regarding the Car Park in Acrefair.*

106.9 – Llangollen Road – Potholes
Councillor Paul Blackwell reported that he would like to read out an email between himself and Wrexham Council's Jamie Edge regarding potholes on Llangollen Road. He noted that he has not yet received a reply, although it has been acknowledged that the road is in a poor state. ***Resolved:*** *That the matter be noted and pursued with Wrexham Council.*

106.10 – Ty Mawr 40th Anniversary – 19 July 2026
Councillor Sue Mills requested that it be noted that next year marks Ty Mawr's 40th birthday and expressed a wish to discuss potential activities for 19 July 2026.

The Clerk suggested organising a summer carnival to celebrate the occasion.

The Vice Chairman recommended that Councillor Sue Mills submit the proposal to the Development Committee so it can be discussed and then reported to the Full Council. ***Resolved:*** *That Councillor Sue Mills submit her proposal to the Development Committee for consideration.*

106.11 – Rhoysmedre Churchyard – Planters
The Chairman, Phil Vaughan, reported that he had visited the planters at Rhoysmedre Churchyard and found them to be in good condition. However, he noted that moving them would be a significant task, requiring the soil to be emptied and the wood to be unbolted.

The Clerk asked whether the churchyard volunteers could look after the planters. Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones responded that this would be too much work, as it would take too much time to manage the grass at the churchyard.

Councillor Sue Mills suggested approaching Coleg Cambria to see if they could support the project. The Community Development Officer, Andrew Ruscoe, stated that he would try to re-engage with them. The Clerk also suggested seeking additional volunteers to help maintain the planters. ***Resolved:*** *That the matter be noted, and options for volunteer support be explored.*

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