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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM AT 10:00 AM ON**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**

**Chair: Councillor Mr P Vaughan**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs J Jones, Mrs I Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright also Clerk Trina Nicholls-Smith. Also, Mr Liam Jones of Active Wrexham

**Via Zoom:** Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe.

**1. Apologies:** Project Coordinator Deio Jones

**2. To Receive Declaration of Interest from Members**

None Received.

**3. Update on items from previous meeting, if any – Community Development Officer to report**

**5.1 Update on Item 3 of the previous Minutes – Presentation from Mr. Shane Hughes (Natural Resources Wales)**

The Community Development Officer reported that the application and Management Plan for National Forest for Wales recognition has now been completed. Members were advised that a tree analysis session is scheduled to take place in March with key stakeholder Derwen College, during which the tree species on site will be identified and confirmed. It was noted that this information will then be submitted to Natural Resources Wales to finalise the application for National Forest for Wales recognition for Plaskynaston Woodland at the MUGA.

***Recommendation: To continue working with Paul Moss and Derwen College, including the scheduled March-dated tree analysis session, to identify tree species for inclusion within the Management Plan and enable completion of the application.***

**3.1 Update on Agenda Item 4 from the previous Minutes – Invitation to Sue Mills of Ty Mawr and Nicola Ellis of Wrexham Council regarding the Ty Mawr 40th Anniversary celebrations**

The Community Development Officer reported that no formal feedback has yet been received in relation to the invitation extended to Sue Mills of Ty Mawr and Nicola Ellis of Wrexham Council regarding the Ty Mawr 40th Anniversary celebrations. Members were advised, however, that support has been provided through the circulation of online information relating to the forthcoming Carnival Queen, which has now been distributed. It was noted that copies of the poster and application forms are available should Members require them.

***Recommendation: To send a follow-up email to Councillor Sue Mills and Councillor Donna Parry offering continued support in relation to the Ty Mawr 40th Anniversary celebrations.***

#### **Update on Agenda Item 7 from the previous Minutes – Update on the Community Notice Boards**

The Community Development Officer reported that all quotations in relation to the Community Notice Boards have now been received and will be considered later in the meeting. Members requested that Rhosymedre should not be excluded from the project. It was therefore agreed that Rhosymedre be included, bringing the total number of Community Notice Boards to six.

***Recommendation: To include Rhosymedre within the Community Notice Board project, increasing the total provision to six boards, and to consider the quotations later in the meeting.***

#### **4. To provide an update on the Community Notice Boards**

The Community Development Officer presented three quotations and associated designs in relation to the proposed Community Notice Boards. Following consideration, Members agreed that a single metallic Community Notice Board would be sufficient for each location. It was therefore agreed that a revised quotation be obtained for the provision of six such notice boards to be installed in Rhosymedre, Cefn Mawr (2), Plas Madoc, Newbridge and Acrefair. Members further suggested that quotations also be obtained for the installation of the boards.

***Recommendation: To obtain a revised quotation for six singular metallic Community Notice Boards for the agreed locations, together with separate quotations for installation.***

#### **5. To discuss the Boundary wall at the George Edwards Hall**

The Clerk reported that legal advice is currently being sought in order to clarify the position and enable the boundary wall at the George Edwards Hall to be re-established. Members discussed the matter and considered possible options to secure the boundary in the interim and going forward. It was suggested that quotations be obtained for the provision of palisade fencing.

***Recommendation: To continue seeking legal advice regarding the re-establishment of the boundary wall at the George Edwards Hall and, in the meantime, to obtain quotations for palisade fencing.***

#### **6. To discuss the Pride in Place fund application and include potential consultations**

The Clerk reported on the timescale for submission of the Pride in Place Fund application, advising Members that the application is required to be submitted by the end of April 2026. It was noted that Cefn Community Council is seeking to apply for the full allocation of approximately £44,000. Members were advised that public consultation has already been undertaken online and that a further consultation form has been prepared for distribution to school pupils attending the Derek Wright Football Competition. The Clerk also reported that a meeting with Wrexham Council is scheduled for 16th April 2026, to be attended by the

Community Development Officer and the Clerk, in order to seek advice and raise any questions in relation to the application.

***Recommendation: To continue progressing the Pride in Place Fund application, including the completion of public and school-based consultations, and to note the meeting with Wrexham Council on 16th April 2026 to inform the final submission.***

#### **7. To discuss the petition for the Post Office at Rhosymedre Newsagents**

Councillor Derek Wright reported that a petition had been prepared in readiness to support an application relating to the possible provision of Post Office services from Rhosymedre Newsagents. Members were advised that it had been understood that the business had applied for a Post Office facility to operate from its premises, in response to the one-mile radius rule applied by the Post Office. However, since preparation of the petition, Councillor Wright suggested that the matter be deferred, as the Council should not be seen to be influencing or showing support to one individual business over any others that may come forward in the future.

***Recommendation: To take no further action on the petition at this time and to defer the matter in order to avoid any perception of preferential support being given to one business.***

#### **8. To update on Cefn Health Games & Olympics**

The Community Development Officer reported that, following further discussions with Liam Jones of Active Wrexham, the programme of events for the Cefn Olympics had been reviewed. Members were advised that it was considered appropriate to amend three of the original activities in order to make the Olympics more inclusive for participating schools. It was therefore agreed that Throwing the Cricket Ball, the Obstacle Course and French Boules be removed from the programme and replaced with Boccia, a modified version of the High Jump, and Chest Pass Throwing.

***Recommendation: To approve the revised programme of events for the Cefn Olympics, with Throwing the Cricket Ball, the Obstacle Course and French Boules being replaced by Boccia, modified High Jump and Chest Pass Throwing.***

#### **9. To update regarding the NEWFA Primary Schools League starting in April 2026**

The Community Development Officer reported that, following feedback received through the recent needs assessment, schools had expressed a desire for the return of Primary School sports leagues. In response, a collaboration had been established between Active Wrexham, NEWFA, Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, Cefn West Councillor Stella Matthews and the Community Development Officer to deliver what was described as a historic Welsh first, namely a NEWFA Primary Schools Futsal League to be held at Plas Madoc. Members were advised that Dave Fawkes of NEWFA had kindly agreed to fund the pilot league hall hire, Active Wrexham would provide the medals, and Cefn Community Council would oversee the fixtures and refereeing arrangements.

***Recommendation: To approve the proposed NEWFA Primary Schools Futsal League pilot, to commence in April 2026, with the respective contributions from NEWFA, Active Wrexham and Cefn Community Council as outlined.***

#### **10. To discuss request for the MUGA for a Charity Football match on 20th June 2026**

The Community Development Officer reported that Cefn Albion Football Club had requested use of the Plaskynaston MUGA for a charity Fun Day (incorporating a football match) on Saturday 20 June 2026.

**Following discussions at the Development Committee, the request was approved subject to the following conditions:**

- No alcohol was to be brought onto or consumed on the site.
- All rubbish generated during the event must be removed.
- Appropriate public liability insurance must be in place (with copies also obtained for any external agencies, contractors or vendors);
- Event start and finish times must be confirmed in advance.
- And music was permitted.

Members were advised that, as a result of the event, the MUGA would be closed from 21 June 2026 until 19 July 2026 to allow for recovery and maintenance of the ground.

Cefn Albion Football Club would be billed at the standard football match rate to support the charity event, although the Chairman, Mr. Phil Vaughan, had kindly offered financial cover for ground costs of up to £100 if requested.

A formal written request was still required from the organisers to confirm the name of the benefiting charity or organisation and details of where the proceeds would be allocated (understood to be the purchase of a minibus for Cefn Albion to utilise within the community).

***Recommendation: To note the approval granted by the Development Committee for the charity Fun Day on 20 June 2026 subject to the conditions outlined, and to request the organisers to submit formal written confirmation regarding the charity and proceeds as a matter of urgency.***

## **11. General Discussion / Action Plan**

### **11.1 Next Development Committee Meeting**

It was not scheduled by Members for the next Development Committee meeting

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