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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS
HALL AND ZOOM ON
Tuesday 24th March 2026 commencing at 6.45 pm
Chair: Mr P Vaughan

139. PRESENT Councillors:, Mrs H Brimfield, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs K Tiltman, Mr D Metcalfe, Mrs D Parry, Mrs S Matthews, 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.

Via Zoom Platform: Councillors N/A

140. APOLOGIES Councillor, Mr P Blackwell, Mrs S Mills, Mrs J Jones, Mrs K Benfield. & Mrs K Witherden

141. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
N/A

142. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
None Received

143. TO RECEIVE ANY POLICE CORRESPONDENCE



Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr, Rhosymedre, Newbridge, WRW24 and Plas Madoc,
Acrefair WRW25

Person Providing Report: PCSO Sarah Clark-Lewis

Date of Report: 01/03/2026

Cefn Mawr, Rhosymedre, Newbridge

	BURGLARY DWELLING	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	Arson	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents (01/02/26-28/02/26)	0	4	0	2	5	0	1

Plas Madoc, Acrefair

	BURGLARY DWELLING	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	Arson	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents (01/02/26-28/02/26)	1	3	0	3	4	0	6

Incidents of Note		
Crime Reference Number	Date	Brief Circumstances
26000143736	21/02/2026	Criminal Damage: Unknown offender has smashed the window of callers vehicle by unknown means
26000154470	25/02/2026	Sexual Offence: Take / make / distribute indecent photographs
26000161017	27/02/2026	Sexual Offence: Take / make / distribute indecent photographs
26000091116	03/02/2026	Burglary: Upon returning home to the address after being out for the day, damage has been noted to the lock of the front door, it appears that an unknown person has tried to drill the lock. I.P now unable to use the door. No entry gained.
26000124040	13/02/2026	Criminal Damage: caller stating resident has damaged property. Female arrested
26000124873	14/02/2026	Criminal Damage: caller stating resident has damaged property.
26000125179	14/02/2026	Criminal Damage: caller stating resident has damaged property. Female arrested
26000126433	15/02/2026	Criminal Damage: caller stating resident has damaged property.
26000136959	18/02/2026	Criminal Damage: Caller states unknown person has smashed window of property
26000140808	20/02/2026	Criminal Damage: Caller states unknown persons have keyed their car.
26000152674	24/02/2026	Sexual Offence: Reports of seeing indecent videos on Omegle

Additional Information
<p>3 PRIORITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>New PCSO's to start at the end of March! We are pleased to say that we are expecting some new PCSO's to join the Wrexham Rural NPT. This will hopefully mean that we are able to focus more on our designated areas and support the community better as a whole.</p>

Ward	Completed Activity/Engagement

Ward	Future Planned Activity
Cefn Mawr	Bike Marking at the Library 18/03/26 15:00-16:00

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

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

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The Clerk read out an email from Inspector Stefan Lederle advising that Friday, 27 March would be his final day as District Inspector for Wrexham Rural, following his appointment to a six-month secondment on a force-wide project. The message stated that, during his absence,

Temporary Inspector Aled Hughes and Sergeant Alex Jennings would assume responsibility for the role.

The Clerk further read that Mr Lederle thanked partners for their support over the previous 14 months and said he was proud of the progress made in the district, particularly in relation to visibility and performance. The message noted that Wrexham Rural was currently the second-highest performing district in the force, with a positive outcome rate improvement of over 7% and a 6% reduction in crime. It also stated that Inspector Hughes and Sergeant Jennings would continue work to improve performance and strengthen partnership working to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Resolved: The Council acknowledged the report but expressed concern at the apparent increase in reports of sexual and domestic abuse within the community. Members also acknowledged the email from Inspector Lederle and commented on the frequent turnover of officers, noting that this was a matter of concern.

144. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

- Cefn -
- Rhosymedre – 2
- Acrefair –
- Newbridge –
- Plas Madoc – 3

Good evening, everyone. I hope you are all doing well. It's lovely to see that spring is finally here, and wonderful to start seeing some sunshine at last.

I am still very busy with referrals for Blue Badges and benefit checks, which is great and keeps me busy helping residents who need support. Our Warm Space is also still well attended, and it's lovely to see the ladies and gentlemen enjoying their breakfasts and lunches together. Unfortunately, this will soon be coming to an end, which will be a shame as it has been such a nice place for people to come together.

I am currently looking into a few trips for the summer and asking people for ideas and places they would like to visit, so I will share more information on these soon.

Walking football with Andrew has now started, but at the moment attendance is quite low, which is a shame considering the effort he has put into getting it up and running. Hopefully, more people will join in over the coming weeks.

Andrew and I will also be attending a Boccia course in April, which should be great fun. Once completed, it will be another activity that my coffee morning ladies and gentlemen can take part in.

There isn't a great deal more to include in this report, other than to say that I am still really enjoying my role as a Community Agent and hope it continues for a long time.

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Warm regards,
Donna Thornley
Community Agent

The Clerk reported on the success of the Warm Spaces sessions and the successful grant application supporting them. Councillor Derek Wright asked whether Full Council would provide a £100 contingency contribution for the club if ever needed.

Resolved: The Council acknowledged the report and commended the Community Agent for her continued community engagement. A contingency fund of £100 for the Warm Spaces sessions, if ever needed, was unanimously agreed.

145. CLERKS REPORT

145.1 The Clerk reported that litter picks in April were being considered, possibly on Wednesday 15th April or Wednesday 22nd April, and asked what location should be chosen.

Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed that the litter pick would take place in Newbridge on Wednesday, 15th April 2026

145.2 The Clerk reported that a birthday party on Saturday, 14th March and Yoga on Monday, 16th March had no heating and sought permission for the hire to be free of charge.

Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed that permission for the hire will be free of charge due to the hall having no heating for those events.

145.3 The Clerk reported that a booking had been taken for a funeral on Saturday 14th March, but the Funeral Director had not been advised that the fees would be double on a weekend and sought permission to charge the single rate.

Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed that the booking that took place can have the single rate due to our administrative error.

145.4 The Clerk opened the debate by reporting that Cefn Community Council would lead on the Ty Mawr bike track project, with funds to be transferred from WCBC.

Resolved: The Council acknowledged the project and agreed to allow continuation of project management.

Councillor Metcalfe asked whether the Clerk's report could be provided in writing in future. Following discussion the Clerk had no objection to providing it in writing, Members did not consider this necessary.

Resolved: It was proposed by Councillor Twigg, seconded by Councillor Gaynor Wright, and supported by Full Council that the Clerk's report should continue to be delivered verbally and not be provided in writing

146. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24th February 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24th February 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

147. TO DISCUSS CLOSURE OF CEFN MAWR POST OFFICE & TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION FROM POST OFFICE UK

Councillor Derek Wright opened the discussion regarding the closure of the local Post Office in Cefn Mawr. He explained that a draft letter had been prepared by Councillor Wright and the Community Development Officer to inform local businesses of the situation and to encourage any interested parties to consider hosting a Post Office within their premises. The letter included information on the application process and the potential financial benefits. It was noted that the letter would be distributed to local businesses and other suitable premises.

Members noted that, under Post Office rules, no other Post Office can be located within one mile of an existing branch.

Councillor Dave Metcalfe stated that he would be willing to make his former betting shop premises available for this purpose, subject to a postmaster being identified to operate from the site. Councillor Wright thanked Councillor Metcalfe for his efforts.

Members expressed the view that the Post Office is extremely important to the village, particularly for residents who do not have access to online services and felt that its closure would have a significant negative impact on the wider community.

Resolved: That the draft letter be distributed by the Community Development Officer, Andrew Ruscoe, to local businesses, shared on social media, and that a summarised version be displayed at George Edwards Hall.

148. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: TO RECEIVE INTERNAL REPORT FROM JDH BUSINESS SERVICES FOR INTERIM AUDIT 2025/26

The Clerk reported that the interim audit report for 2025/26 had been received from JDH Business Services. Two issues were highlighted, namely the renewal of burial fees, as these had not been reviewed for 2025/26 and the charges had remained unchanged, and changes relating to VAT exemption, in respect of which the Council may need to seek specialist VAT advice.

Councillor Stella Matthews advised that similar issues had arisen in relation to Plas Madoc Leisure Centre and stated that they would be happy to share their knowledge and experience to assist the Council.

Resolved: That the Council acknowledged the interim audit report.

149. TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2026-2028 AT TREFYNANT CEMETERY

The Clerk opened the discussion and reported that businesses had been approached to provide quotations for the maintenance contract at Trefynant Cemetery for the period 2026–2028, but only two had been received from different organisations.

Members noted that one quotation was for £17,000 per annum and the other for £8,000 per annum. Following consideration, Full Council agreed to remain with Mr Peter Green, noting his continued support and the significantly lower cost.

Resolved: It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Phil Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Benbow-Jones, and unanimously agreed that the maintenance contract for Trefynant Cemetery for 2026–2028 be awarded to Mr Peter Green.

150. TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2026-2028 FOR ALL PLAY AREAS

The Clerk opened the discussion regarding the quotations received for the maintenance of all play areas for the period 2026–2028. Members were informed that two quotations had been received, one from the current contractor at a cost of £9,100 per annum and another from an alternative contractor at £10,950 per annum.

Members considered the quotations and noted the increase in cost from the current contractor, however also recognised the value of continuity and the satisfactory service previously provided.

Resolved: It was proposed by Councillor Pam Roberts, seconded by Councillor Kate Tiltman, and unanimously agreed that the Council remain with the current maintenance contractor, Mr Peter Green, for the 2026–2028 contract period.

151. TO REVIEW BURIAL FEES 2026-27

The Clerk opened the discussion regarding the review of burial fees for 2026–2027 and reported that the proposed fees will increase by approx. 5% Comparisons had been undertaken with neighbouring councils.

Members considered the proposed fees. During discussion, Councillor Derek Wright raised concerns regarding the grave diggers' charges, noting that these appeared disproportionate as they had increased significantly compared to previous years. The Clerk advised that the Council has no control over the pricing set by grave diggers.

Following consideration, Members agreed to proceed with the revised burial fees.

Resolved: It was proposed by Councillor Dave Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Isabel Twigg, and unanimously agreed to approve the burial fees for 2026–2027, with Councillor Wright's concerns noted.

152. TO ADOPT BUDGET TIMETABLE

The Clerk advised that the auditors require the Council to adopt a formal budget timetable. Members were provided with a draft timetable for consideration.

Members reviewed the proposed timetable and agreed that it met the requirements set out by the auditors.

Resolved: It was proposed by Councillor Kate Tiltman, seconded by Councillor Helen Brimfield, and unanimously agreed to adopt the budget timetable as presented.

153. TO DISCUSS & APPROVE CILCA TRAINING FOR THE CLERK (TO INCLUDE ALLOCATING HOURS FOR TRAINING)

The Clerk opened the discussion advising that, although the CILCA qualification is not currently mandatory, it would support her Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and further enhance the Council's governance, compliance, and operational effectiveness. It was also noted that there is an expectation that the qualification may become mandatory in the near future.

Members were informed that the cost of the course is £350, with an additional £490 for the qualification, and that approximately 300 hours are required to complete the training.

Councillor Derek Wright proposed that the Council support the Clerk in undertaking the qualification by covering the full cost of the course and allocating dedicated study time of 4 hours per week, consisting of 2 hours within contracted working hours and 2 hours in the Clerk's own time. The Clerk stated training is compulsory before undertaking the course will complete in December 2026, the CILCA will commence in February 2027.

Councillor Stella Matthews suggested that the arrangement be reviewed after three months to assess progress and determine whether additional hours may be required.

Members considered the proposal and were supportive of the Clerk undertaking the qualification.

Resolved: It was proposed by Councillor Kate Tiltman, seconded by Councillor Helen Brimfield, and unanimously agreed that the Clerk undertake the CILCA qualification, that the Council fund the full cost of the course and qualification, that 4 hours per week be allocated (2 hours Council time and 2 hours personal time), and that the arrangement be reviewed after three months.

156. TO DISCUSS & APPROVE SOLAR LIGHT INSTALLATION AT GWYNANT

Moved: Due to the absence of Plas Madoc Councillors. To be rescheduled on the April 2026 Meeting agenda

157. TO DISCUSS MUGA AREA AT GWYNANT

Moved: Due to the absence of Plas Madoc Councillors. To be rescheduled on the April 2026 Meeting agenda.

158. TO DISCUSS & APPROVE REPAIR TO PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AT DOLYDD LANE PLAY PARK

The Clerk opened the discussion by advising Members that correspondence had been received from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding necessary repairs to equipment at the Dolydd Lane Play Park. It was reported that the equipment has failed to meet required health and safety standards and is therefore considered a hazard, requiring replacement.

Members were informed that a quotation had been provided via Wrexham County Borough Council, with costs of £1,639 for the required replacement parts and £98 for labour, totalling £1,737.

During discussion, Members agreed that, whilst the works are necessary, it would be prudent to seek an additional quotation to ensure best value. The Clerk requested that Councillor Isabel Twigg contact her known supplier to obtain a second quote, and that alternative suppliers also be approached where possible.

Resolved: That the Council approves the repair and replacement works to the play area equipment at Dolydd Lane Play Park, that a second quotation be sought via Councillor Isabel Twigg and alternative suppliers, and that upon receipt and review of additional quotations, the necessary works are to be completed. Proposed by Cllr Isabel Twigg, seconded by Cllr Stella Matthews, and agreed unanimously.

159. TO DISCUSS & RECEIVE QUOTATION FOR URGENT REPAIRS AT MUGA GROUND PLAS KYNASTON LANE

The Clerk advised Members that the flooring at the MUGA ground on Plas Kynaston Lane has been identified as a health and safety risk. It was noted that the Council had only recently been made aware of the issue.

Members were informed that a temporary repair has been carried out to make the area safe in the interim. The Clerk further explained that two quotations have been requested for the required works, including concrete repairs and a metal frame; however, these quotations have not yet been received.

Members discussed the urgency of the matter and agreed that a full decision cannot be made until the quotations are available for consideration.

Resolved: That the update be received, and that the item be deferred and re-agended for April 2026 pending receipt of the required quotations.

160. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 24th MARCH 2026

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 11) – Staff 7702.11

Invoices Received During Feb/Mar 26

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
25/227	BACS	Y	S Ithell - Invoice for equipment for warm spaces (grant)	602.10
25/228	BACS	Y	Comm Agent - Invoice for expenses	69.54
25/229	106812	Y	British Telecom - Invoice for office	426.50
25/230	BACS	Y	Comm Agent - Invoice for expenses	74.93
25/231	BACS	Y	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	5.45
25/232	BACS	Y	Marcon - Invoice for uniform	170.95
25/233	BACS	Y	AE Roberts - Invoice for GE Hall	529.00
25/234	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for laptop for Comm Agent	550.00
25/235	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	875.00

25/236	BACS	Y	Peter Green - Invoice for play area maintenance	722.00
25/237	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for contribution of Play Services as per SLA	5090.75
25/238	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for contribution of Youth Services as per SLA	7516.68
25/239	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Community Development Officer IT	19.70
25/240	BACS	Y	Charisma Trophies - Invoice for Annual Football Tournament	190.75
25/241	BACS	Y	ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	166.50
25/242	BACS	Y	Wynnstay & Cefn Estates - Invoice for Rent	0.25
25/243	BACS	Y	PPL PRS - Invoice for GE Hall	623.50
25/244	BACS	Y	Comm Agent - Invoice for expenses	60.19
25/245	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for Feb/Mar (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	66.34
25/246	106813	Y	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for Plas Kynaston Bowling Green	116.91
25/247	106814	Y	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for GE Hall	395.50
25/248	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	453.20
25/249	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	693.46
25/250	BACS		JDH Business Services - Invoice for 2025/26 Interim Audit	624.00
25/251	BACS		ACS Technology - Invoice for Domain Hosting	15.00
25/252	BACS		MEGA Electrical - Invoice for Column at Gwynant	2775.60
25/253	BACS		Canda Copying - Invoice for Office	144.00
25/254	BACS		Canda Copying - Invoice for Office	307.70

Invoices Received During Feb/Mar 26

HMRC Tax & NI	2148.83
Clwyd Pension Fund	1395.83
CSA Payment	357.72
HSBC	1.60
WCBC Refuse Monthly DD	64.80
WCBC Refuse Monthly DD (Trefynant)	159.90
	<u>£35116.29</u>

Income

Lightsource Lyceum (Rec 657)	3939.70
Vodafone (Rec663)	1250.00
Commonwealth War Graves (Rec664)	25.00

Burial

Edmund Rowlands Funeral Directors (Rec653)	220.00
Francis Roberts (Rec659)	3540.00

GE Hall

Dance Zone (Rec647)	456.75
Cefn Historical Soc (Rec651)	29.00
H Steven (Rec652)	50.50
Young Carers (Rec654)	20.25
D Davies (Rec655)	49.94

G Langford (Rec 656)	104.40
WCBC Chatterbox (Rec660)	138.75
WCBC S P Hammond (Rec661)	54.00
WCBC Cook with me (Rec658)	198.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.02.26	109.73
	<u>£10186.02</u>

Resolved: That the listed payments be approved.

161. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Received During Feb/March 26:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1	<p>WCBC - Email re: SLA for Play Area for 2026/27 (Clerk to Report)</p> <p>The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the repairs and maintenance of the play areas for the 2026/27 financial year.</p> <p>Members were advised that the cost for inspection reports in the previous year (2025/26) was £3,400, and the proposed cost for 2026/27 is £3,465, representing an increase of approximately 2% in line with inflation.</p> <p>Members discussed the increase and noted that it was a modest rise and consistent with inflationary expectations. The importance of maintaining regular inspections and ensuring the safety of play areas was acknowledged.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the Council accepts the SLA for play area repairs and maintenance for 2026/27 at a cost of £3,465.</i></p>
2	<p>WCBC - Email re: Pride in Place Impact Fund (Clerk to Report)</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Wrexham County Borough Council has invited Community Councils to submit applications to the Pride in Place Impact Fund, with funding available of up to £44,417.</p> <p>Members were advised that an application opportunity is currently open and that a public consultation has been launched via the Council's website. The consultation invites residents to put forward ideas and suggestions on how the funding could be used to benefit the community. Councillors were encouraged to promote the consultation and engage with residents to maximise participation.</p> <p>Initial ideas discussed included potential renovations to the community hub at George Edwards Hall and the provision of new equipment at Plaskynaston Park. It was noted that further suggestions may be received through the consultation process.</p> <p>Councillor Stella Matthews proposed that the renovation of George Edwards Hall be treated as the priority project, noting the tight timescales for submission. This was seconded by Councillor Dave Metcalfe.</p> <p>Councillor Derek Wright suggested that enquiries be made as to whether any unallocated or underspent funding, arising from other Community Councils not</p>

		<p>submitting applications, could be made available for this Council to utilise on additional community projects.</p> <p>Members were informed that the application must be submitted by the end of April.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the Council proceeds with an application to the Pride in Place Impact Fund; that the renovation of George Edwards Hall be prioritised within the application; that the public consultation continues to be promoted to gather community input; and that enquiries be made regarding the availability of any additional or unallocated funding.</i></p>
3		<p>Clwyd Pension Fund - Email re: Investment Strategy Statement consultation</p> <p>The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the Clwyd Pension Fund regarding a consultation on the Investment Strategy Statement. Members were advised that the Clerk is happy to circulate the information to all Councillors for their consideration. Members noted the correspondence.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Councillor David Metcalfe left the meeting</i></p>
4		<p>Wrexham Miners Project - Email re: Appeal for Partnership Support (copy attached)</p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from John Gallanders regarding an appeal for partnership support for the Wrexham Miners Project. Members were advised that the information has been forwarded to the Chairman, Councillor Phil Vaughan.</p> <p>Councillor Derek Wright suggested that the project coordinators be invited to attend a future meeting, in order for Members to gain a clearer understanding of how many individuals from the local community were involved in the mining disaster.</p> <p>Councillor Gaynor Wright expressed that those who lost their lives deserve to be remembered and acknowledged the importance of the project.</p> <p>Members discussed the proposal and agreed that further engagement with the project would be beneficial.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the project coordinators be invited to attend a future meeting to provide further information on the Wrexham Miners Project and its relevance to the local community.</i></p>
5		<p>WCBC - Email re: Play and Youth SLA Report Sept-Dec 25 (copy attached)</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Play and Youth Service Level Agreement report for the period September to December 2025 had been received.</p> <p>Members were advised that attendance at the youth club has increased over the winter period and that previously reported disturbances have improved. Members noted the positive progress outlined in the report.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the report be noted.</i></p>
6		<p>OVW - Email re: Manifesto for Community & Town Council Sector</p>

		<p>The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from One Voice Wales regarding a Manifesto for the Community and Town Council sector. Members were advised that copies of the document are available and can be circulated to any Member upon request. Members noted the correspondence and Councillor Matthews requested a copy.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.</i></p>
7		<p>WCBC - Email re: Footpath Closure at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct/Ty Mawr</p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding a proposed footpath closure from the river up towards Cefn Mawr.</p> <p>Members were advised that comments had been requested by Friday 27th March in relation to a proposed six-month temporary closure. Councillor Derek Wright requested that a site meeting be arranged to further consider the implications of the closure. Members discussed the matter and noted the information provided.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the information be noted.</i></p>
8		<p>Ken Skates - E Newsletter</p>
9		<p>Democracy & Boundary Commission Cymru - Email re: Annual Remuneration Report 2026-27</p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru regarding the Annual Remuneration Report for 2026/27. Members noted the correspondence.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.</i></p>
10		<p>Clwyd Pension Fund - Email re: Changes to LGPS Regulations</p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Clwyd Pension Fund regarding changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations. Members noted the correspondence.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.</i></p>
11		<p>Rainbow Foundation - Email re: New Active Futures Cohort for April</p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Rainbow Foundation regarding a new Active Futures cohort commencing in April.</p> <p>Members were advised that the programme consists of 24 sessions delivered over a 12-week period, aimed at helping individuals feel stronger and more confident, at a cost of £72. Members noted the information provided.</p> <p><i>Resolved: That the correspondence be noted.</i></p>

162. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

Planning Applications

P/2026/0020

Erection of Outbuilding
Wynnstay View, Browns Lane, Cefn Mawr

Resolved: No objections or observations.

P/2026/0106 Renewal of planning permission P/2018/0634
Demolition of former Maelor Youth Club, Outline Application
For residential development and construction of new access
Maelor Youth Club, Llangollen Road, Acrefair

Resolved: No objections or observations.

P/2026/0122 Siting of cabin for use as community meeting space
(previously approved under P/2020/0185)
Opportunity Centre, Hampden Way, Plas Madoc

Resolved: No objections or observations.

P/2026/0157 Single-storey side and rear extension, including Conversion
to the garage and utility room.
Dinas, Middle Street, Newbridge, Wrexham, LL14 3JW

Resolved: No objections or observations.

P/2026/0185 Works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order WCBC
189.
Unit 1, Rock Road, Rhosymedre

The Clerk reported she had emailed the Arboricultural Officer requesting further clarification on identified trees, it was noted the proposal is to remove all trees within the boundary line fence. Questions were raised whether any mitigation planting will be required. Following a discussion it was resolved to leave the final decision with the Wrexham Council Officer.

Resolved: Decision to be determined by Wrexham Council officer John Brewin, for his recommendations.

163.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

163.1

Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones raised concerns regarding parking in Rhosymedre, specifically in relation to the electric vehicle charging points. It was noted that this matter is currently being addressed in conjunction with Councillor Derek Wright, and that the parking spaces remain available for public use.

163.2

Councillor Stella Matthews reported on the development of a pilot Schools Futsal League, to be held at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre at a reduced rate. The initiative has been led by Councillor Matthews, in collaboration with Community Development Officer Andrew Ruscoe and Active Wrexham representative Liam Jones.

The pilot will involve five local schools and has been designed in response to the identified needs and interests of the schools within the community. It was further noted that the North East Wales Football Association (NEWFA) has agreed to fund the pilot league for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

The first fixture is scheduled to take place on Friday, 17th April 2026.

Councillor Matthews expressed the view that, following a successful pilot, the initiative could be expanded across the wider Wrexham South area. She further advised that three additional Community Councils have been approached to explore potential support for the future development of the league.

163.3

Councillor Derek Wright raised ongoing concerns regarding parking issues in Rhosymedre. It was agreed that the Community Development Officer will explore potential grant funding opportunities to support improvements.

Councillor Wright also commented on the current level of Council Tax, noting that an annual charge of approximately £180 represents good value for the range of services provided to the community.

In addition, concerns were raised regarding proposed developments at the former Wheatsheaf Building site. Councillor Wright highlighted that the proposed 16 flats, potentially accommodating up to 40 residents and approximately 20 vehicles, could significantly increase congestion and place further strain on existing parking capacity.

He requested that updated plans be obtained from the Planning Authority for review. Furthermore, Councillor Wright suggested that consideration be given to the demolition of the existing building within the car park area in order to increase available parking spaces, as current provision is considered insufficient.

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