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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026,
Chair: P Vaughan

30. PRESENT
Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, P Blackwell, Mrs J Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs D Parry, Mrs S Mills, Mrs I Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright Also, Clerk T Nicholls-Smith, Community Agent/Minute Taker D Thornley.

31. APOLOGIES
Councillors: Mrs K Benfield, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs K Tiltman & Mrs K Witherden

32. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS
Councillor D Metcalfe declared an interest in relation to Planning Application P/2026/0387 – owner of property

33. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS (SUBMITTED TO CLERK PRIOR TO MEETING BY NOON MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2026)
None Received

34. TO RECEIVE ANY POLICE CORRESPONDENCE (COPY ATTACHED)

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NORTH WALES POLICE

Local Report for the area of: Cefn Mawr, Rhosymedre, Newbridge, WRW24 and Plas Madoc, Acrefair WRW25
Person Providing Report: PCSO Maddi PARRY
Date of Report: 01/07/2026
WRW24 Cefn Mawr, Rhosymedre, Newbridge

	BURGLARY DWELLING	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	Arson	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents (01/06/26-30/06/26)	1	6	3	1	9	1	3

WRW25 Plas Madoc, Acrefair

	BURGLARY DWELLING	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	SERIOUS VIOLENCE	SEXUAL OFFENCES	ASB	Arson	CRIMINAL DAMAGE
Number of Incidents (01/06/26-30/06/26)	1	2	7	0	4	0	5

Incidents of Note			
Crime Reference Number	Date	Ward	Brief Circumstances
26000472851	13/06/2026	WRW24	Burg: Forced entry into a building, stolen petrol and garden equipment.
26000204924	23/06/2026	Wrw24	Assault: Linked to another job, punching several times to the arm but no injuries reported.
26000502606	23/06/2026	WRW24	Rape: Called in about being harassed and being accused of rape the day before.
26000442330	03/06/2026	WRW24	ASB: argument with security guard and is believed to be singled because of their race.
26000454399	04/06/2026	WRW24	ASB: Group of youths were verbal abusive riding electric scooters.
26000479611	16/06/2026	WRW24	Assault; domestic
26000495175	21/06/2026	WRW24	Criminal Damage: group of youths threw a brick through the rear window of the victim's vehicle.
26000502309	23/06/2026	WRW24	Criminal Damage: Youth kicked car windscreen causing damage.
26000505714	24/06/2026	WRW24	Criminal Damage: Male throwing bricks through windows.
26000520973	29/06/2026	WRW24	Arson: Fire caused with intent and fire service attended and dealt with.
26000441783	03/06/2026	WRW25	Criminal Damage: 2 youths putting tissues into plugs and turning water on causing minor flood.
26000442403	03/06/2026	WRW25	ASB: Threatened with baseball bat over loud music. Neighbours state that he is verbally abusive towards them.
26000446151	04/06/2026	WRW25	Criminal Damage: Small child's bike been thrown and caused damage.

Additional Information

3 PRIORITIES

1.Major concern is kids' om e-scooters driving fast up and down the roads. PCSO's have power under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to seize these.

2.Lots of damage is being caused in shops and leisure centres with it being the start of summer and kids are breaking up from college and school.

3.Ongoing Monitoring and Engagement at Ty Mawr and The Land in Plas Madoc, to address continuing concerns and reported incidents.

Ward	Completed Activity/Engagement
WRW24&25	C4558: Visted Rhosymedre Primary school 18/06/2026 WRW24 C4558: Community walk around in Acrefair 12/06/2026 WRW25

Ward	Future Planned Activity
WRW24	C4558: Community engagement in HomeGrown Plas Madoc 11/07/2026

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.

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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.

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A brief discussion took place regarding this month's report as the priorities listed were not the priorities set by the council. The Clerk reported she had notified the error to PCSO Parry.

Resolved*: That the Police Report be received and noted.*

35. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT (COPY ATTACHED)

Community Agent Report July 2026

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

Good evening, everyone,

I would like to provide you with my Community Agent update for July and share some of the work I have been carrying out to support residents aged 50 and over across the Cefn Community Council area.

July has been another busy and rewarding month. I have continued supporting residents with a wide range of enquiries and applications, including Blue Badge applications and appeals, Attendance Allowance applications, Bus Pass applications, Occupational Therapy referrals, Telecare referrals, housing enquiries and signposting to the appropriate organisations. Every resident receives personalised support to help them access the services they need and remain as independent as possible.

This month I am pleased to have introduced a **fortnightly Community Agent Drop-in Session at Cefn Mawr Library**. This gives residents another opportunity to access support in a convenient location, whether they need help with applications, benefits, housing enquiries, referrals or simply some advice and guidance. I hope this will become another valuable service for our community.

I also had the pleasure of working alongside **Liam from Active Wrexham** to deliver the **Cefn Health Games**. It was fantastic to see so many residents taking part, enjoying themselves and trying a variety of activities designed to improve health and wellbeing while bringing people together.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the day was **Boccia**, which proved to be everyone's favourite activity. The feedback from residents was overwhelmingly positive, with many asking if it could become a regular group. Following this, I have arranged for **monthly Boccia sessions** to begin on **Wednesday 5th August from 1.00 pm until 2.30 pm**, before continuing the **first Wednesday of every month**. I am really looking forward to seeing this new group grow and become another successful community activity.

Alongside this, I have continued organising and promoting our regular community activities, including the **Chat & Chill Coffee Morning** at George Edwards Hall, where residents can enjoy a bacon bap, tea or coffee, companionship and access advice if needed. Our monthly **Cinema Club at Plas Telford** also continues to provide residents with an enjoyable afternoon, encouraging people to get together and reduce social isolation.

Planning is also well underway for our next community trip to **Bury Market on Saturday 31st October**, and I have already begun promoting this within the community. These trips continue to be very popular and provide residents with an affordable opportunity to enjoy a day out while meeting new people.

Throughout the month I have continued working closely with **Active Wrexham, Health Professionals, Housing Providers and local community organisations**. Partnership working remains an important part of my role and enables us to provide the best possible support while introducing new opportunities for our residents.

I have also continued promoting Community Agent services and Cefn Community Council activities through our Facebook pages, community newsletters, posters displayed throughout the area and by attending local groups. It is encouraging to see more residents becoming aware of the support available and taking part in the activities we provide.

Looking ahead to August, I will continue supporting residents with applications and referrals, delivering my fortnightly Library Drop-in sessions, launching the new Boccia group and continuing to organise activities, trips and events that help reduce loneliness, improve wellbeing and strengthen community connections across the Cefn Community Council area.

Before I finish, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Cefn Community Council** for giving me the opportunity to take on the role of **Administrator** alongside my position as **Community Agent**.

I am truly grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. I am proud to work for Cefn Community Council and look forward to continuing to support both the Council and our residents in my new role. I am excited for what the future holds and to continue making a positive difference within our community.

Finally, I would like to thank all the councillors for your continued support. It is always rewarding to see the positive difference our work makes to residents, and I look forward to continuing to build on this over the coming months.

Many thanks,

Donna Thornley
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07925048711

Resolved: Members noted the report and was pleased with the on-going support Donna is giving to residents.

36. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE GIVEN VERBALLY

1. The Clerk arranged for the litter pick this month to take place on Wednesday 29th July.
Resolved: To meet at Splash at 10am.
2. The Clerk read a letter from a resident, about having a skate park in Acrefair.
Resolved: It was noted that there is currently no funding available for such a project. The Clerk will respond to the resident explaining the Council's position.
3. The Clerk praised the success of the Ty Mawr Carnival and asked whether the Chairman would consider a donation from the Chairman's Purse to the silver band that performed at the MUGA.
Resolved: **It was agreed to donate £50 each to Llangollen Silver Band and Llay Welfare Band from the Chairman's Purse**.
4. The Clerk reported that Donna had attended the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Rhosymedre, where pupils were asked to share their favourite memories of the past year. The football tournament and futsal tournament were mentioned several times, along with the Summer Olympic Games proving to be the overall highlight for many pupils.
Resolved: To consider the Cefn Olympics to be held every two years with the help from Active Wrexham.
5. The Clerk wished everyone a happy and enjoyable summer break.

Councillor D Metcalfe entered the meeting

37. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNING OF MINUTES –

(a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2026
Resolved: That the minutes of the Full Council held on 23rd June 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.
(b) To confirm the minutes of the Development Meeting held on 14th July 2026
Resolved: That the minutes of the Development Meeting held on 14th July 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

38. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS AS LISTED FROM DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY 2026

Resolved: That ALL the recommendations as listed of the Development Meeting held on the on 14th July 2026 be confirmed. Proposed by Cllr P Vaughan 2nd by Cllr Mrs I Twigg, 10 members for 0 against, 1 abstention.

39. TO CONFIRM POWERS BE DELEGATED TO CLERK, CHAIR & VICE CHAIR TO DEAL WITH URGENT MATTERS DURING AUGUST RECESS AND TO AUTHORISE ALL INVOICES FOR PAYMENTS AND SALARIES

Resolved: ***That powers be delegated to the Clerk, Chair & Vice Chair to deal with the urgent matters during August recess and to authorise all invoices for payment and salaries.***

40. TO APPROVE UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GE HALL

Resolved: ***Members had all received a copy of the document prior to the meeting, all members present approved and resolved to adopt.***

41. TO APPROVE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS
ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 21st JULY 2026

EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 3) – Staff 6317.70

Invoices Received During June/July 26

Invoice No

INV NO	CHQ NO	RETRO	FROM	£
26/041	DD	Y	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	69.46
26/042	BACS	Y	CAB - Invoice for Outreach Services Qtr 1	1058.50
26/043	BACS	Y	WCBC - Invoice for Half yearly instalment for inspection of Play Areas	2079.00
26/044	BACS	Y	Derwen College - Invoice for summer planting	1697.00
26/045	106822	Y	Viking Direct - Invoice for GE Hall supplies	205.87
26/046	BACS	Y	JDH Business Services - Invoice for Internal Audit 2025/26	620.40
26/047	BACS	Y	Vibrant Nation - Invoice for DBS x2	15.60
26/048	BACS	Y	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall	344.50
26/049	BACS	Y	TMNS - Expenses for JuneJuly (LGA 1972 sect 112) -	170.99
26/050	BACS	Y	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	835.00
26/051	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery Maintenance	1306.00
26/052	BACS	Y	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Play Area Maintenance	775.00
26/053	BACS		Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall	41.42
26/054	BACS		SLCC - Invoice for CILCA Training	420.00
26/055	BACS		Richard King Systems - Invoice for annual service 2025	168.00
26/056	BACS		Richard King Systems - Invoice for annual service 2026	180.00
26/057	BACS		ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	166.50
26/058	106823		Viking Direct - Invoice for office supplies	154.80
26/059	BACS		WCBC - Invoice for contribution for youth services as per SLA	8240.80
26/060	BACS		ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	180.00
26/061	BACS		ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	180.00

26/062	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	25.44
26/063	DD		British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	47.21

Invoices Received During June/July 26

HMRC Tax & NI	2237.77
Clwyd Pension Fund	1501.40
CSA Payment	411.19
HSBC	4.35
WCBC Business Rates	801.00
WCBC Refuse Monthly DD	55.33
WCBC Refuse Monthly DD (Trefynant)	136.00
EDF Energy (Muga)DD	62.25
EDF Energy GE Hall DD	409.00
	£30917.48

Income

Tesco (Rec703)	6250.00

Burial

Francis Roberts (Rec710)	2095.00

GE Hall

Cefn Historical Soc (Rec704)	30.00
D Davies (Rec706)	149.60
Slimming World (Rec707)	320.62
G Langford (Rec708)	108.00
Cefn Lab Grp (Rec709)	101.00
WCBC (Rec711)	235.50

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.05.26	146.42
	£9436.14

Resolved: The Accounts were Approved.

42. CORRESPONDENCE (COPY ATTACHED)

Correspondence Received During June/July 26:

Bolded items are recommended to be noted by the Chairman:

1				Welsh Government - Email re: Nominations for the King's 2027 Birthday Honours - **The Clerk read the contents of the email to members, a discussion followed *Resolved: All members agreed and requested the Clerk to submit the application with the names of two local residents*.**
2				**Rainbow Foundation - New Active Cohort – *Resolved to be noted***
3				**CPF - Email re: Lower Earner's Pension Payment – *Resolved to be noted*.**
4				WCBC - Email re: Wrecsam 2029 Heritage Piece to support Wrexham's bid – ***Resolved to support and note the information***

5				North Wales Fire Rescue Service - Email re: Training & Development Consultation – ***The Clerk read the contents of the email,*** ***Resolved: To pass the survey on to Cllrs Mrs S Benbow Jones and Mrs H Brimfield*.**
6				WCBC - Email re: Vehicle Activated Signs (Clerk to Report) The Clerk read the contents to members; it was noted that the speed awareness signs in the community are at the following locations 1. Park Road Rhosymedre 2. Plas Kynaston Lane 3. Llangollen Road 4. Rock road Rhosymedre 5. New Bridge 6. Queen Street Cefn Mawr this was paid for by Cefn Community. **Resolved:** ***The Clerk was instructed to pass on information to WCBC*.**
7				WCBC - Email re: Wrexham Active Travel Statutory Consultation – ***Resolved to pass to Cllr Mrs S Benbow Jones for completion***
8				AVOW - Email re: Membership Renewal £15.00 - ***Resolved: All members were in favour to renew the membership at a cost of £15.00*.**
9				WCBC - Email re: Community Youth Newsletter Apr-Jun 2026 – ***Resolved to be noted***
10				Llangollen Town Council - Email re: Invitation to Town Mayor's Civic Service. **Resolved:** ***Members unanimously agreed that Councillor D. Medcalf would attend the Llangollen Town Mayor's Civic Service on behalf of Cefn Community Council*.**
11				WCBC - Email re: Renewal of WCBC Dog Control & Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order the Clerk reported receipt of an email from Wrexham County Borough Council regarding the renewal of the Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order. ***Resolved: As the consultation deadline had passed, no action could be taken. Members noted the information***.
12				WCBC - Email re: War Memorial Footpath (clerk to report) The Clerk reported that Wrexham County Borough Council had requested support to replace the Memorial Footpath, following the identification of uneven surfacing during Active Travel improvement works on Plas Kynaston Lane. Members advised that Cefn Community Council did not have the funds available, and Wrexham County Borough Council confirmed if funds allow it would meet the costs to upgrade the path. ***Resolved: That the proposal be supported. There were no objections from members*.**
13				WCBC - Email re: Pride In Place (Clerk to Report) The Clerk reported that Cefn Community Council had been awarded a Pride in Place grant of £35,998, comprising £12,250 for remedial works at George Edwards Hall and £23,748 for new play equipment at Plas Kynaston Park. Following a discussion and debating the 3 quotations received for each project it was resolved to award the contract to Honeycomb Construction for the GE Hall Works and ACE Play Ltd for the works at Plas Kynaston **Resolved:** ***That the grant award be noted and the Clerk inform the contractors of Councils decision***.

43. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING JUNE/JULY 2026

P/2026/0387 Upgrade of Footpath and Retaining Wall
Hollybush Inn, Well Street, Cefn Mawr

Councillor D Metcalfe left the meeting

Resolved: ***In relation to application P/2026/0387 Cefn Community Council considered the above planning application and unanimously resolved to object to the proposal. The Clerk was requested to write to WCBC with the following points:***

Cefn Community Council objects because the proposal would create a new pedestrian access that has never previously existed and would inevitably encourage customers of the Hollybush Inn to use the George Edwards Hall car park as an extension of the public house.

The George Edwards Hall car park is owned and maintained by Cefn Community Council for the sole benefit of the Hall. It exists to serve Hall users, community groups, hirers, staff, contractors and visitors attending meetings, activities and events at George Edwards Hall. It is not a public car park and has never been intended to provide access for neighbouring businesses or their customers.

The submitted plans clearly show the proposed footpath extending beyond the Hollybush Inn site and onto land owned by Cefn Community Council. The proposal would breach the established boundary between the two properties and create a direct route into the Hall car park.

George Edwards Hall is an important community facility that is regularly used by local organisations, clubs, community groups, private hirers and residents of all ages. The car park plays an essential role in supporting these activities. It was not designed or intended to accommodate pedestrian movements generated by an adjoining licensed premises, nor to function as an access point for customers of neighbouring businesses.

Councillor D Metcalf entered the meeting

P/2026/0440 Erection of storage/workshop unit S+L Aerospace Engineering

Park Road Rhosymedre

Resolved: ***In relation to application P/2026/0440 no observations/objections were raised***

44. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

44.1 Councillor Paul Blackwell stated that he had an email from a resident advising that the footpath leading to Trefynant Park (locally known as "The Ballast") was blocked off for pedestrians.

The clerk suggested to report to the enforcement officer to go and look.

44.2 Cllr Sonia Benbow-Jones reported that she had raised the damaged gully on King Street, near the junction to Meredith Close, via Fix My Street and had submitted the requested photograph. She also reported that she had contacted Cllr Stella Matthews regarding the requested removal of the bollards on Cae Coch. ***Members noted the update.***

44.3 Cllr Sue Mills requested an update on the cutting of the weeds/grass at the entrance to Heol y Plas, following concerns raised by a resident that the weeds were now taller than her fence.

The Clerk reported the complaint had been passed to WCBC Members noted the concern.

44.4 Cllr D. Medcalfe thanked everyone involved in organising the Ty Mawr 40th Anniversary celebrations, commenting that it was a fantastic event and wonderful to see the community coming together and enjoying the day.

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