

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday January 10th 2017**

Present

Cllr M Dixon – Chairman

Cllr G Price, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr G Jones, Cllr S Davies, Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr B Williams, Cllr K Ashton,
Cllr R Timms, Cllr G Kelly, Cllr H Hughes, Cllr J Gallacher (12)

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Winners of the Christmas Window Competition were present to receive their framed certificates and prize money.</p> <p>Results: 1st – The Golden Lion, £50. Donated to ‘Smile’. 2nd – Debbie, The Village Barber, £30. Donated to Christmas Lights. 3rd – Joanne’s Tailoring, £20. Unable to attend.</p>	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr K Woodward, Cllr S Edwards (VC)</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u> <u>December 13th 2016 – Full Council Meeting</u> That the minutes be approved as a true and correct record Proposed: Cllr K Ashton Seconded: Cllr R Timms Unanimous</p>	
	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>None</p>	
5	<p><u>CLERK’S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Council noted the following which were for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Members’ attendance records B. Analysis of Income C. The Clerk’s action points and progress made D. The updates on the planning applications E. The encouraging Police Statistics, which are the lowest for a year F. Updates from Community Groups G. The Christmas Business and Shop Window Competition results. 	

	<p>H. The forthcoming council elections including an information evening for the clerk on February 14th.</p> <p>I. The successful External Audit. The Chairman congratulated the clerk and the accountant.</p> <p>J. The Seniors' Christmas Lunches. Cllr Dixon would write to thank all involved.</p> <p>K. WCBC Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation. Councillors were reminded to access this and respond to Martin Howorth. The clerk would also write to John Marchant regarding this.</p> <p>L. The Christmas Lights. Although feedback was generally excellent from the village, there was some disappointment in the quality of the tree lights, as they were temperamental. The clerk would speak to Lite with a view to improving this next year and perhaps a discount for this year. The clerk would also contact WCBC to request the cost of more electric points on street lights.</p> <p>M. Five names had been put forward for Community Speed Watch training (speed gun). These volunteers would be trained on Jan 12th at the police station.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT (cont'd)</u></p> <p><u>Council approved the following:</u></p> <p><u>6.01) The Schedule of Payments to January 10th, 2017, totalling £21,780.33 (excluding VAT)</u></p> <p>That Council authorise all payments. Proposed: Cllr G Kelly Seconded: Cllr S Davies Unanimous</p> <p><u>6.02) Road Traffic Survey of 2015-2016</u></p> <p><u>That this council notes and compliments Cllrs S Davies and H Hughes for a comprehensive report and brings this back onto the agenda next month</u> Proposed: Cllr S Davies Seconded: Cllr H Hughes Unanimous</p> <p>Cllr G Jones had complimented the report also.</p> <p><u>6.03) Property Management Advisory Audit</u></p> <p><u>That this Council agrees to the Clerk meeting with Ian Gardner for a Facilities Management Review at a cost of £375 per day plus VAT and travel expenses.</u></p> <p>Unresolved Councillors felt that this would be unnecessary spending</p> <p><u>6.04) Street Light at Mostyn Road</u></p> <p>This was discussed. The light had been removed around ten years ago and had never been replaced.</p>	<p>Two cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">The Clerk would bring a quote to the next meeting</p> <p><u>6.05) Alternative Meeting Night</u></p> <p><u>That Councillors notify the clerk within 48 hours of the dates for which they would be available for meetings February – May inclusive</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr S Davies Seconded: Cllr K Ashton For: 10 Against: 1 1 abstention Resolved</p>	All
7	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The following matters were presented or discussed:</p> <p><u>a) Planning Applications –</u> <u>P/2016/1019, 1018</u> – No comments made at the meeting. The clerk mentioned that she would attach documents in future, to save councillors time searching online for them.</p> <p>Council in favour.</p>	Clerk
8	<p><u>COMMUNITY MATTERS</u></p> <p>Updates had been received from the following community groups; Community Agent-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continued with surgery Wednesday afternoons • walking football each Friday morning, 8 to 10 regular members, some discussions with other groups about involvement in competitions. • continue visits to individuals needing some support • helped with selling tickets for Xmas lunch and helped on the days • attend men's group at Plas Pentwyn and meet up with centre staff. • met with housing support staff and tenant re. accommodation <p>The Community Agent also sent in his Quarterly Return, both to the Clerk and to WCBC, as usual, with this note -</p> <p>In completing the form, I was concerned that I had not had many referrals this quarter, none from Social Services or health. I have worked with social services concerning a client and also with housing support concerning another client.</p>	

I am not sure what I can do to get more referrals, I have spoken to the local surgery a few times and was told by someone that they had just discussed my role and that it could be useful but nothing tends to come from it.

Otherwise I am keeping busy visiting a few isolated individuals, encouraging them to get any support required, giving out information to individuals and groups and supporting local group activities. The role is enjoyable and more people are getting to know about my role by word of mouth, leaflets, Facebook, so I do get asked for information about services and activities more often which is encouraging.

CAMEO-

The first meeting after the Christmas break was held on Tuesday 3rd Jan. Over 60 members renewed their membership including new members and visitors alike. The chosen charity for 2017 is 'Cherish' at the special babies' unit at Wrexham Hospital and fundraising will be taking place between now and October. Cameo's next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th February where local youngsters will share their experiences about their visit to Gambia last October.

Coedpoeth History Society-

The Society's first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday 19th January where the speaker will be Mr David Dickinson on metal detecting.

Friends of Nant Mill-

After the Christmas break the Friends will be holding its first committee meeting on January 10th at Nant Mill. The Committee now has a strong membership and under discussion will be forthcoming events to be held during 2017.

The Friends of Nant Mill continue to promote this beautiful Country Park on our doorstep. We were delighted to host a poetry reading by Gillian Clarke (National Poet of Wales 2008-16) last summer, celebrating her family connection to the Mill. We'd like to thank the Community Council for its support of this event, which was attended by children from Bryn Tabor and Penygelli Schools.

We hope to repeat it this year, and are planning other enjoyable events at the Mill this summer. We also appreciate the Council's support in putting the Mill's educational facilities into use by our schools.

We'd welcome anyone who enjoys the Mill or who'd like to help with events such as a Miniature Raft Race this summer to join the Friends or volunteer with us.

Happy Days-

The children had a fantastic end to 2016, the little ones had a Christmas party and a visit from Santa. The afterschool children also had a Christmas party and indulged in burgers and hotdogs with plenty of party games.

Today is our first day back with the children, starting with a first day of 26 children, all happy and very chatty about their Christmases.

Early entitlement starts today which moves our focus to more observing the children ready for their "about me" reports.

Time will be taken up with winter walks and pictures to help the children understand seasons.

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	<p>Penygelli School- No meeting</p> <p>Plas Pentwyn Management Committee- Valentines Disco – Saturday 18th February 17.00-19.00 Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday 8th April 12.00-16.00 Carnival – Saturday 24th June</p> <p>Ysgol Bryn Tabor- No meeting</p> <p>Plas Pentwyn Gardening Group No report</p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Dixon, welcomed the full reports explaining that this was valuable, indeed essential, in enabling the council to be up to date and abreast of activities in the village. It also enabled the council to be in a better and more fully informed position when called upon to offer support.</p>	
9	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>PCSO Nichole Smith had sent statistics to the Clerk, which again were extremely encouraging with the lowest figures for 12 months. Cllr Dixon added that he was very encouraged by the news, whilst WCB Cllr Childs added that the various services were responding well to any concerns, quickly.</p>	
10	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr K Childs was present at the meeting and explained the WYPP and the Commissioning Framework to the Council. The cabin has yet to be moved, as contractors are still on site. It was reported that Bryn Tabor may take over the Youth Centre building but there is much to be discussed. The meeting on January 16th at Plas Pentwyn would be attended by Cllrs Timms and S Davies, along with some members of Playable Places.</p> <p>Cllr Childs also responded regarding the Traffic Report and parking bays that will appear this year on Heol Celyn.</p> <p>Cllr Childs brought the Well-Being document to the attention of the Council.</p> <p>A councillor asked Cllr Childs about the latest on the Spar and if they had completed the outside works. Cllr H Hughes and S Davies said there was “no change”. Cllr Childs said that WCBC “have told them in no uncertain terms” that the work must be completed.</p> <p>On Friday January 20th there would be tree-planting at Plas Pentwyn.</p>	RT, SD
11	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>Geraint Jones was present.</p>	

<p>12</p>	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>Cllr J Gallacher</u> – informed the council that there was an ‘eyesore’ on an estate in Coedpoeth and asked what could be done. WCB Cllr Childs mentioned that this was being dealt with. Cllr Gallacher also mentioned residents’ views of the lack of playing facilities in the Smelt and wanted this to be mentioned in Playable Places.</p> <p><u>Cllr S Davies</u> – in referring to the Traffic Report asked councillors to consider what needs to be done in their own areas, around where they live and the ward they cover as this is a traffic report stretching further than just the Adwy. The clerk would ask residents on Facebook where they see the speeding problems. Cllr Davies also mentioned the poor sewerage problems on Talwrn Road. The clerk would check with Welsh Water. Cllr Davies reported pot-holes on Heol Bathafarn and Gwenallt which he has reported to WCB Cllr Childs. Cllr Childs explained that a plan-to-improve is in place.</p> <p><u>Cllr K Ashton</u> – requested that he be able to look into Neighbourhood watch on behalf of the council. He would bring a proposal to a future meeting. He also mentioned that the trees near to the solar light on Spider’s Lane are preventing it from working properly. It could also be turned down to save some of the solar power to make it last longer in the night.</p> <p><u>Cllr B Williams</u> – mentioned that the hedge had been cut on Smelt Road. The clerk informed the council that the Cemetery Superintendent had done this.</p> <p><u>Cllr T Wyatt</u> – asked whether CCC would be pulling out of the contract for maintenance of park equipment. The Clerk would start the process. Cllr Davies reminded the Clerk that he and the caretaker were still to receive their certificates for the course. It was suggested that we may pull out of the Memorial Park and Castle Road park contracts to start with.</p> <p><u>Cllr G Kelly</u> – mentioned the speed of cars on the main road and the positioning of the camera. Vehicles obviously slow near the camera, then speed again.</p> <p><u>Cllr G Jones</u> – had seen a de-humidifier in Screwfix and wondered if this would help in the Balcony Room.</p>	<p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>KA</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Caretakers</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u></p> <p>All at 7.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday February 15th 2017 – Ante Room Wednesday March 15th 2017 – Ante Room Thursday April 13th 2017 – Council Chamber Wednesday May 10th 2017 – Ante Room</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 8.50 pm

Helen Belton Clerk to the Council