

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Wednesday February 15th 2017**

Present

Cllr M Dixon – Chairman

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr G Price, Cllr G Jones, Cllr S Davies, Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr B Williams, Cllr R Timms, Cllr H Hughes, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr K Ashton (11)

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN</u></p> <p>The Chairman again welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Outstanding Spar works Following circulation of a letter from Mark Titley, a Property Director of A F Blakemore and Son Limited, Cllr Dixon confirmed that he had twice telephoned to speak to and to apologise to Mr Titley, leaving messages with his staff/colleagues. Neither call was returned. Cllr Dixon also wrote to Mr Titley on 27 January and a copy of this letter had been circulated to all councillors. The letter was received by Blakemore on Wednesday 1 February, but no response had been received. Cllr Dixon was disappointed that there had been no response to any of his three attempts at contact, but forbore from commenting further, observing only that the works remained incomplete and that he had hoped to be able to set up a site meeting in order to expedite matters - to the considerable benefit of all parties.</p> <p>Cllr Dixon advised that, in the absence of Mr Jones of The (Wrexham) Leader, who had first referred Cllr Dixon's comments to Blakemore, a copy of the minutes would be sent to Mssrs Jones and Titley as a demonstration of Cllr Dixon's attempts to develop a working relationship and to address the still unfinished works.</p>	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr J Gallacher, Cllr G Kelly, Cllr P Wilson</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u> <u>January 10th 2017 – Full Council Meeting</u> That the minutes be approved as a true and correct record Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr K Ashton Unanimous</p>	
	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>None</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council noted the following which were for information:</u></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 F. Updates from Community Groups G. The new Memorial Bench in the park H. The problems in the Balcony Room that needed to be addressed I. Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum on Thursday, 16 March at 4.00 pm in the Guildhall J. Council elections in May 2017 K. The Internal Audit L. Community Speedwatch 	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT (cont'd)</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p><u>6.01) The Schedule of Payments to February 15th 2017, totalling £22,756.60 (excluding VAT)</u></p> <p>That the Council authorise all payments. Proposed: Cllr K Ashton Seconded: Cllr G Price Unanimous</p> <p><u>6.02) Road Traffic Survey of 2015-2016</u></p> <p><u>That this council adopts the report by Cllrs S Davies and H Hughes and authorises them to develop an action plan</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Jones Seconded: Cllr S Edwards Unanimous</p> <p>Cllr G Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Councillors</p> <p><u>6.03) Membership of One Voice Wales</u></p> <p><u>That this Council agrees a 1 year trial membership with One Voice Wales from April 2017 for 50% reduction in cost</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward Seconded: Cllr G Price Unanimous NOTE: at the end of the year an evaluation of benefit to Council will be undertaken</p> <p><u>6.04) Service Level Agreement for Parks</u></p> <p><u>That this Council carefully considers the SLA for parks with WCBC</u></p>	<p>Two cllrs to authorise</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>Discussed</p> <p>The clerk had some action points to complete while a decision to defer until next month would be taken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with insurance 2. To ask the Assistant Clerk and trained ROSPA councillor to visit other Councils <p><u>6.05) Furniture in the Youth Club</u></p> <p><u>That this Council agrees to Wrexham Youth Service deciding how best to use the items of furniture, that have not been earmarked by other local youth groups</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr B Williams Seconded: Cllr K Ashton Unanimous</p> <p><u>6.06) Mini ipad</u></p> <p><u>That this Council considers the purchase of the Mini ipad for use by the Council, at a cost identified by independent advice</u></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Jones Seconded: Cllr T Wyatt Cllr G Price left the meeting at 8.30pm, and, therefore was not present for this vote Unanimous</p> <p><u>Part 2 Items for Discussion and Approval:</u></p> <p><u>Information – Part 2 Sunday Opening –</u></p> <p>It was reported that £205 was earned on Sunday opening in January 2017.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The following matters were presented or discussed:</p> <p><u>a) Planning Applications –</u> <u>P/2017/004, 1085 – No objections were made at the meeting.</u></p> <p>Council in favour.</p> <p><u>b) Coedpoeth FC – Cllr T Wyatt</u></p> <p>Fund raising Friday 3rd March - Family Fun Night at the Crick featuring Blue Genes and guests, Disco, Children’s Games and a Raffle.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Saturday 1st April – April Fools Sports Quiz in the Golden Lion</p> <p>Following meetings with Dyfan Williams (Wrexham CBC) and Westdale Contractors I am hopeful that some renovation work will be done this year in the Penygelli Fields Changing Rooms as part of the Community Benefits Scheme. Plans available on request.</p> <p>Martin Howorth has told me that Coedpoeth FC will soon be able to use the WCBC green storage unit on Penygelli Fields for additional storage of football equipment etc.</p> <p>There is £1500 already set aside for next season’s pitch fees. We expect to exceed the target of £2000 by the end of March.</p> <p>The club hope to be able to link up with the Plas Pentwyn Carnival Day by organising a football tournament. This is subject to a meeting to be arranged with the Carnival organisers.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we have reached that time of the year when the Penygelli Fields pitch becomes unplayable and home matches are currently often being played away. Hopefully we will have better weather soon!</p> <p>Please remember to go to www.pitchero.com/clubs/coedpoethutd or twitter @CoedpoethUtdFC for all news, match reports and fixtures.</p> <p><u>c) Memorial Gates group – Cllr T Wyatt</u></p> <p>A meeting will be held in the near future to finalise the plans for the next project which includes repair and cleaning of the War Memorial (both the soldier and lettering), lighting of the War Memorial Statue daily at dusk, a ceremony “at the going down of the sun” on 11th November 2018, new memorial stones and work on the area around the Memorial. The War Memorial website www.coedpoethwarmememorial.com continues to be updated as new information is received.</p>	
8	<p><u>COMMUNITY MATTERS</u></p> <p>Updates had been received from the following community groups; Community Agent- Summary of support provided in January -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued with weekly surgery. • Continued to attend men’s over 50 group at Plas Pentwyn • Walking football has gained new members, was able to donate £40 to Coedpoeth Mini Football. The group is hoping that they will be able to continue using the MUGA pitch in the future. • Distributed more leaflets about the service. • Had separate meetings with representatives of RVS, Red Cross and Nightingale House. All three organisations are urgently looking for volunteers to visit their clients living locally. Nightingale House is planning a trial in Coedpoeth to support some of their patients to be able to stay at home rather than have to be in the hospice or hospital. Volunteers would 	

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receive full training and would be able to do just a few hours per week as they were available.

- Put one volunteer in contact with RVS.
- Took part in discussions on setting up a Memory Café at Plas Pentwyn.
- Continued to visit some individuals at home, sadly one person that I had been seeing for some time passed away in hospital, attended his funeral.

Have put details of the Community Agent service and the Walking Football sessions on the new Nextdoor website.

CAMEO-

Cameo members met on February 7th with over 75 attending and also having attracted more new members. The morning's speakers were Caroline Bennett and Tina Edwards of Coedpoeth Youth Club and Caitlin Jones of Ysgol Clywedog. As part of the Gambia project Caroline and Tina were instrumental in taking a party of young local people last October on a visit to a Gambian village where they stayed with the local people. They had worked hard on various fundraising activities and appeals for sponsorships during the whole of last year thus enabling them to gain enough funding for this worthwhile project. Both Caroline, Tina and Caitlin gave a well-presented and well-informed illustrated report of their experiences which gave us an insight into the problems and poverty that this poor nation has to endure.

From their fundraising achievements, they were also able to sponsor a year's education for two school-children and provide sponsorship for one teacher over the same period.

There were various projects that the young people worked on during their visit (if any council member would like more comprehensive information – ask Bea Williams.) Having experienced a totally different way of life and since arriving home our young people are now more appreciative of things they have long taken for granted.

Coedpoeth History Society-

The Society's speaker on January 19th was Mr. David Dickinson who gave an amusing and interesting talk on the art of Metal Detecting. The Society's next meeting will be on Thursday February 16th at 7pm when the speaker will be Dr. Gareth Vaughan-Williams whose talk will be on "Wrexham Bells."

Friends of the Parish Hall

No report submitted

Friends of Nant Mill-

The Friends of Nant Mill are looking forward to a busy Spring and Summer at the Mill, with WCBC providing a variety of family days out and activities. We hope to repeat last September's Picnic & Poems event with Gillian Clarke reading her wonderful poems about her Taid the miller.

The Friends also intend to revive the Miniature Raft Race event, which was last held some years ago. It should be a very special day, also featuring a Duck Race, craft stalls and demonstrations and other attractions.

	<p>We very much appreciate the Community Council's support of last year's event, and will be delighted if it wishes to come aboard for this year's plans.</p> <p>Happy Days- We are in full swing with Early Entitlement, which we now have a new teacher for, Mrs Fiona Wilson, with 15 children this term alone. Our numbers have grown again for our afternoon session, which are getting busier and busier.</p> <p>Can't quite believe how fast this term has gone, Happy Days closes next Friday 17th for half term. We are holding a holiday club again this time, but we have extended the hours to 9am until 4pm, at a cost of £14 per child, own packed lunch required.</p> <p>The Golden Lion, Coedpoeth have kindly agreed to hold a quiz night on behalf of Happy Days, this will be Thursday 16th February, from 9pm onwards. So, if you fancy a challenge please feel free to come along. The Playgroup Staff were invited to the Wrexham Family Information Services Childcare Awards on Friday 3rd Feb and they received a runners-up award for Playgroup of the Year 2016.</p> <p>Penygelli School- No meeting</p> <p>Plas Pentwyn Management Committee- Forthcoming Events. Valentine's Disco Saturday 18th February 4pm-7pm. Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday 8th April 12-4pm. Plas Pentwyn Carnival Saturday 24th June 12-6pm.</p> <p>There is an empty unit at the centre for rent. We are hoping a small business may be interested, most other units are already occupied. We are looking into the possibility of opening a Memory Cafe at the centre to help Dementia Sufferers. Tenovus Cancer Charity is looking for a room, we are looking for ways in which we can assist them.</p> <p>Plans are well in place for the forthcoming events and it looks like we are going to have a busy few months ahead of us.</p> <p>Ysgol Bryn Tabor- No report. Next meeting February 15th.</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>	
<p>9</p>	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>PCSO Nichole Smith had sent statistics to the Clerk, which again were extremely encouraging.</p>	

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10	<u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u> Cllr K Childs sent apologies	
11	<u>PRESS/PUBLICITY – The Wrexham Leader</u> Geraint Jones was not present.	
12	<u>ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS</u> Cllr <u>S Davies</u> – mentioned drains on Heol Dirion that were sinking and would give the Clerk the details, outside the meeting Cllr <u>G Jones</u> – informed the Council that he had recently been elected as Chairman of Penygelli Governors. Congratulations were offered. Cllr Jones also informed the Council that there was 1 vacancy. Additionally, the pavement opposite the petrol station has not been improved.	Clerk
13	<u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u> All at 7.30pm Wednesday March 15 th 2017 – Ante Room Thursday April 13 th 2017 – Council Chamber Wednesday May 10 th 2017 – Ante Room	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.52 pm

Helen Belton Clerk to the Council