

Cyngor Cymuned COEDPOETH Community Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library at 19.30
on Monday 17 May 2010

Present: Michael Dixon (Chair) Karl Woodward (Vice) George Price, Stephen Lee, Mike Whitby, Carole Williams, George Williams, Carol Edwards

Minute Taker: Patricia Jones

		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence Beatrice Williams, Mandy Bostwick, Madge Nelson</p>	
2	<p>Police Report There was no Police Report</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of previous meetings Deferred until Tuesday 1 June 2010.</p>	
4	<p>Action Points Deferred until Tuesday 1 June 2010.</p>	
5	<p>Recruitment of Clerk The advert for the new clerk has gone out and been displayed at Plas Pentwyn and the local Post Offices. The closing date is 29 May 2010.</p>	
6	<p>Correspondence Deferred until Tuesday 1 June 2010.</p>	
7	<p>Finance The Chairman explained the list of invoices to be paid by the Council.</p> <p>A request from Allan Lloyd the Cemetery Superintendent to purchase a new hedge trimmer for £288.00. It was agreed for Allan Lloyd to go ahead and purchase a hedge trimmer.</p> <p>The Chairman is going to write a letter to close the BMM account in the HSBC Bank. Then will move the money into the Unity Trust Bank in due course.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Carol Edwards Seconded: Cllr Mike Whitby All in favour</p>	MD
7	<p>Coedpoeth Community Council – The Way Ahead</p> <p>Parish Hall – replace, refurbish Relocate Clerk’s Office Cemetery Lodge – survey Cemetery – review charges Audit graves</p>	

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Lighting
Old Carnegie Library
Tennis Courts – any other uses
Trustees to bus routes
Disable access – toilet
War Memorial
Snooker tables
Celebrity opening the snooker hall
CCTV
Snooker Hall – age limit

The Chairman has started looking into the cost of moving the Clerk's office downstairs.

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Parish Hall

Cllr George Price raised the issue there has already been an enormous amount of money spent on the Parish Hall over the last two years. Suggested getting another structural survey done on the Parish Hall and having a full report.

The Chairman suggested should we be looking at something more radical? Looking again at a Salix Finance grant could lend the Council a large capital sum and other funds would be available. Also to look into the cost of all the repairs needed on the Parish Hall.

Cllr Carol Edwards raised the issue of the Parish Hall needing various repairs.

Cllr George Williams responded if we had to spend a substantial amount of money on the Parish Hall, then maybe the council should be considering demolishing the Parish Hall and rebuilding a more modern building with the latest technology installed including a stage.

Cllr Mike Whitby suggested we make a list of all the repairs needed for the Parish Hall first and then compare the cost of a new building.

Cllr Carol Williams suggested if the Council were to go for a new modern building then the original stone could be reused.

The Chairman raised the issue that the slates were taken off the Parish Hall roof and replaced with Marley tiles. The Chairman suggested we need a demountable stage for the Parish Hall, new toilets, showers and a storage area and would have to look into the cost of the repairs. Would need to employ the right project manager.

Cllr George Williams suggested the Parish Hall and the Old Carnegie Library should both be surveyed. Roof, Floor, damp, heating replaced. When we get the figures back. Will be able to look into what grants

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<p>would be. Also considering the price to demolish the Parish Hall and rebuild</p> <p>Cllr George Price raised the issue of the Parish Hall having to be top priority on the Council list.</p> <p>Cemetery Lodge The Chairman raised the issue of the Cemetery Lodge which needs a survey and upgrading. When was the boiler in the Cemetery Lodge last checked?</p> <p>Cemetery The Chairman raised the issue of reviewing our cemetery charges to fetch us in line with other areas. The Chairman suggested we clear an area in the Cemetery and consider a policy of no kerbs, just headstones on the graves. Cllr Whitby disagreed with the Chairman's suggestion of a policy of 'no kerbs, just headstones on the graves', as he believed that to be a very personal issue and offered that the council should be wary of bringing in too many restrictions without proper discussion and consultation with the public.</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards agreed most cemeteries are stream lined these days.</p> <p>Cllr George Price raised the issue that fairly new graves are mixed among the old graves.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the council that the cemetery records will be re-examined closely when we employ our new clerk in the near future.</p> <p>It had been mentioned that the cemetery is almost full and Cllr Whitby enquired whether the council might seek to buy or take over the Adwy Cemetery in Heol Maelor, both to improve its appearance and to offer extra cemetery space for the village.</p> <p>Cllr Karl Woodward raised the issue that there are electrical wholesale companies out there who will do free surveys on Council property, so we know exactly what energy the Council are using now and what we would be using in the future.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested we could get an energy company in to see how we could reduce our heating bills in the Parish Hall and the Library.</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards raised the issue of a grant for underground heating.</p> <p>Cllr George Williams raised the issue of the Library being a lovely building but needs a little work to fetch it back to life. Suggested it would be a fabulous building to hold weddings and the reception could be held</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
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next door at the Parish Hall.

The Chairman has asked Ian Ashcroft for a specification for rewiring The Old Carnegie Library and to install a projector point.

Cllr George Williams suggested CCTV needs to be considered.

The Chairman suggested placing the Parish Hall in the hands of a separate trust.

Cllr Karl Woodward responded: the idea of setting up a board of trustees may be an idea to explore and would need to be prioritised. Especially if by being a trust the council could save Coedpoeth Council £8,000 a year on business rates. The Trustees would control the building via a management committee.

The Chairman suggested we could manage the buildings for the Trust, allowing the gaining of funding which the council can not currently obtain.

Cllr George Williams raised the issue if the Parish Hall was in the hands of the Trustees it would have to be maintained for the good of the village, and a Service Level Agreements drawn up.

Cllr George Price raised the issue before any final decision of handing over to Trustees a lot of research has to be done.

Cllr Karl Woodward raised the question who would be the Trustees?

The Chairman replied most people don't want to be a Trustee these days as they have considerable responsibility. A separate management committee would have to be formed.

Cllr George Williams raised the issue the snooker tables need to be refurbished. Also the snooker room having no fire exit.

Cllr Carol Edwards suggested having the tennis courts stoned with a seating area around would make it an idea place to sit in the summer.

Cllr Whitby suggested that we might reinstate the tennis courts and market their use, offering both an income source and a service to the village. The courts had been popular and well-used in the past and it would be worth a proper investigation for their future.

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Eisteddfod In Wrexham

In July 2011 the National Eisteddfod is coming to Wrexham. Each section of the community has got its own target to rise. Coedpoeth, Bwlchgwyn and Gwynfryn need to raise £15,000. Cllr Karl Woodward is attending an Eisteddfod fund raising committee meeting in the village next Wednesday 19 May 2010.

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Cllr Karl Woodward asked what is an acceptable amount of money to support the National Eisteddfod with and proposed that the Coedpoeth Community Council support the eisteddfod by contributing £1,000 to the Eisteddfod appeal.

None of the other Councillors present were prepared to support Cllr Woodward's proposal to contribute £1,000 to the Eisteddfod Fundraising Committee of Coedpoeth. With the Chairman not being able to second the proposal as he was Chairing the meeting.

Cllr George Price proposes we delay the decision until we know what other Community Councils have promised to contribute to the Eisteddfod.

Cllr Carol Edwards' suggested holding a hog roast evening in the Parish Hall and getting the whole village involved. Cllr Carol Edwards will organise a date around September 2010 with the proceeds going to the National Eisteddfod.

Cllr George Williams suggested offering £500.00 or matching the amount raised at the hog roast evening and putting it towards the National Eisteddfod

Cllr Mike Whitby suggested as the Eisteddfod is a singing event we could combine the hog roast evening with singing from our local talent in the village.

Cllr Mike Whitby raised the issue that the village is going to benefit from the Eisteddfod as it will bring a lot more visitors and trade into Coedpoeth, so what do we need to put into place by next July 2011?

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Full Council: Tuesday 1 June 2010 at 19.30 in The Old Carnegie Library.

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m. with the Chairman thanking those who had attended for their considerable input and ideas for the village.