

Cyngor Cymuned COEDPOETH Community Council

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 16th November 2010

PRESENT

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr C Edwards, Cllr G Williams, Cllr C Williams, Cllr D. Unwin,
Cllr S Lee, Cllr. M Whitby, Cllr M Bostwick, Cllr K Woodward & Cllr G R Price

MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair outlined the Council's continuing good progress on a number of key fronts, the business like approach the Council was now taking and that it was his intention to conclude the meeting around 9.30pm and in order to achieve this he had set a time allocation for each agenda item. The Chair praised the Caretaker and Cemetery Superintendent for their efforts in tidying up the Memorial Park and providing refreshments for Remembrance Sunday.</p>	MD
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr M Nelson</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr C Williams re request for donation to "Computers are Fun for Everybody (CAFE) and Cllr D Unwin re Coedpoeth Bowling Club.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Council meeting on 5th October 2010 and the Emergency meeting of the 2nd November 2010 were approved: Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr M Bostwick – Unanimous.</p>	
5	<p><u>ACTION POINTS</u></p> <p>There were no action points relating to the Members of the Council.</p>	
6	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Council accepted and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The Clerk's action points resolved and those outstanding and progress made since the report had been issued.B. Councillors' attendance figures for the last six months.C. The major items of correspondence received. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Wrexham Council's Housing Manager requesting that he attend a future Council meeting to explain how Council properties are allocated, the point scoring system and what they are doing for Coedpoeth residents in urgent need of Council housing.D. The Planning applications received.E. The progress made on the contracts of employment.	DVB

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	<p>F. The progress being made on the Council newsletter.</p> <p>G. The poor ticket sales for Cinderella and the Clerk confirmed that Wrexham Council would underwrite any loss.</p> <p>H. The urgent repairs carried out in October 2010</p> <p>I. The measures agreed by the Clerk with the Cemetery Superintendent in respect of bringing the burial registers up to date and the confirmation that no plots would be sold in advance.</p> <p>J. The purchase of a Pool Table in order to extend the facilities offered by the Council and to generate additional income. Cllrs G Price and M Whitby objected to this purchase as prior approval had not been sought but the Council accepted the Clerk's view that this was an operational matter (and not a strategic one) and approved the rationale behind the purchase.</p> <p>K. A member of staff's concern that he had not paid pension contributions from 27th April 1987 to 30th September 1990 was noted but the Council felt that this issue should have been raised at the time.</p> <p>L. The Budget Statement for September (projected surplus of £23,800 and October 2010 (projected surplus of £22,600).</p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>A. Schedule of Payments (6th October to 16th November 2010). Proposed: Cllr C Edwards, Seconded: M Bostwick – Unanimous.</p> <p>B. That the Bowling Club make a contribution of £500 in 2011/12. Proposed: Cllr M Bostwick, Seconded: M Whitby – Unanimous with the exception of Cllr G Price who abstained.</p> <p>C. The request of the Accountant to join the Clwyd Pension Fund. Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: M Bostwick – Unanimous with the exception of Cllr G Price who abstained.</p> <p>D. The costs of converting the Domino Room Proposed: Cllr M Bostwick, Seconded: C Edwards – Unanimous with the exception of Cllr G Price who objected to the appointment of the electrician.</p> <p><u>The Council deferred the following:</u></p> <p>A. A request for funds from CAFÉ and instructed the Clerk to prepare clear guidelines and criteria (including providing bank statements) for the future awarding of grants and donations. It was accepted that the level of grants and donations in 2011/12 would be seriously restricted because of budgetary pressures.</p>	DVB
7	<p><u>PLANNED PROGRAMME OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE</u></p> <p>The Council accepted the need to make progress addressing the issues identified by Bolton Birch in their recent building survey. The Council felt that before the building maintenance programme for 2011/12 and 2012/13 was agreed there was a need to review core functions and services of the Council in order to identify whether they are giving the Council value for money. It was agreed that the work identified by the Clerk for 2010/11 was approved along with the basis of funding from reserves. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.</p>	DVB
8.	<p><u>2011/12 PRECEPT</u></p>	

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	<p>The Clerk reported that the results of the 2010 Actuarial Valuation of the Clwyd Pension Fund had resulted in a significant increase in Employers contributions from 18.4% to an estimated 33.0% with effect from the 1st April 2010. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss with the Pension Fund's Actuary measures that could potentially reduce the extent of the increase and report to the next Council meeting on the outcome. The Council accepted the revised Budget statement for 2011/12 and proposed that the Precept for 2011/12 remain the same as that for 2010/11. The Chair maintained that it was important to demonstrate to Coedpoeth council tax payers that the Council was committed to providing a better value of service. Cllr G Price requested a small increase in the 2011/12 Precept but the Council approved a standstill precept for 2011/12.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr M Bostwick, Seconded: Cllr C Edwards – Unanimous except for Cllr G Price who abstained.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>CCTV REPORT</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a further quote (on the 16th November 2010) which he would like to include as he had not specified a closing date. The Council accepted this quote and the contents of the report. It was agreed that the Council would purchase a CCTV system that could take at least 8 cameras but would only install 4 from the outset (1. Overlooking Memorial Park, 2. Snooker Hall, 3. Main entrance (old Carnegie Library) and 4. Main entrance Parish Hall). It was agreed that whatever system was chosen should be capable of having a joy-stick at a later date should the Council require this.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr S Lee – Unanimous.</p> <p><u>Clerk's Update:</u> Further clarification being undertaken and a report will be submitted to the Council meeting on 21st December 2010.</p>	<p>DVB</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>REVISED CEMETERY FEES</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the Society of Local Council Clerk's that the Council could charge differential rates for burial charges. It was agreed that residents of Coedpoeth along with those having a connection to Coedpoeth would be charged at the lower rate. It was agreed that cemetery charges would be increased by RPI on the 1st April each year based on the RPI at December of the previous year and that Funeral Directors would be informed of the new charges effective from 1st December 2010.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Unanimous.</p>	<p>DVB</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>RISK ASSESSMENT</u></p> <p>The Council accepted the first draft of the Council's Annual Risk Assessment and agreed to inform the Clerk of any amendments and additions. Cllr C Edwards requested that the kitchen be included in the risk assessment and agreed to furnish the Clerk with details. It was agreed that a final report would be submitted to the next Council meeting in December 2010 and then passed to the Internal Auditor.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Wrexham Council stating that they were addressing the issues of vandalism and anti-social behaviour at Bryn Tabor School and Cllr K Woodward agreed to inform the Headmaster of this.</p>	

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13.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>PC P Barrett circulated the crime statistics for October 2010 (August and September are shown for comparison).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="181 376 1270 645"> <thead> <tr> <th>OFFENCE</th> <th>AUGUST</th> <th>SEPTEMBER</th> <th>OCTOBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary Dwelling</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BOTD</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>12</td> <td>8</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rowdy Nuisance</td> <td>29</td> <td>24</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Motor Vehicle</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Common Assault</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Members expressed concern at the level of common assault for October 2010.</p>	OFFENCE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	Burglary Dwelling	1	1	0	BOTD	2	0	0	Criminal Damage	12	8	11	Rowdy Nuisance	29	24	20	Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	1	Common Assault	0	0	4	
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14.	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr M Whitby attended the meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum on the 28th September 2010 and reported that the following issues had been discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Census. • Town Centre Toilet Opening Hours. • £10.3 million cut in Wrexham County Borough's Budget for 2011/12. • Council Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2010. • Consultation on Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure – which is opposed by Wrexham County Borough Council (Wrexham) as well as the Community Council. • Wrexham's offer of Legal Advice at a cost. 																													
15.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>The items raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members required advanced notice of Town & Community Council Fora held at Guild Hall, Wrexham. • Members required a draft copy of the minutes within one week of the meeting prior to it going on the web site. • The need for a wine cooler – It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this. • Waste disposal in respect of hire bookings – It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate and report back to Council. • The Council Christmas Dinner. • The need for a ramp at the front entrance Dental Surgery – It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Wrexham Council giving the Council's support to this in accordance with the Disability and Equality Act. 	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>																												
16.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>21st December 2010</p>																													

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MEETING FINISHED – 9.21pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

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