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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 18th January 2011

PRESENT

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr C Edwards, Cllr G Williams, Cllr C Williams, Cllr D Unwin,
Cllr S Lee, Cllr. M Whitby, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr M Bostwick, Cllr M Nelson & Cllr G R Price

MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA 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, particularly the business like approach that the Council was now taking which was endorsed by the Internal Auditor in her interim audit and stated that it was his intention to conclude the meeting around 9.30pm. Members were also informed that the Boiler had been installed in the Cemetery Lodge and that CCTV would be installed by 20th January 2011. Mention was also made that the Council would be moving to electronic planning applications in the next few months.</p>	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr K Woodward.</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Council meeting on 21st December 2010 were approved: Proposed: Cllr P Wilson, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Unanimous.</p>	
5	<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 and progress made. B. The Planning applications received. C. The major items of correspondence received. The Council accepted Wrexham County Borough's Health, Social Care and Well-Being Strategy subject to the priority areas being audited and having stringent performance 	

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	<p>indicators. The Council noted that the Ombudsman for Wales was investigating a complaint made against Cllr M Whitby.</p> <p>D. Councillors' attendance figures for the last six months.</p> <p>E. The detailed analysis of Income. Cllr M Whitby requested that a further breakdown on Parish Hall monthly income be included in future reports.</p> <p>F. The progress made on the contracts of employment.</p> <p>G. The progress being made on the Council newsletter.</p> <p>H. The urgent repairs carried out.</p> <p>I. The need to publicise items of expenditure over £500 in the Clerk's Report.</p> <p>J. That no further action be taken over the employee's pension contributions for 1987-1990.</p> <p>K. The good outcome to the Internal Auditors interim audit.</p> <p>L. The Council had received a refund from Dee Valley Water in connection with sewerage charges for the Cemetery. The Chair was congratulated for his continued endeavours on this subject.</p> <p>M. That the invitations to quote in respect of the building work at the Library had been sent out with an end date 31st January 2011.</p> <p>N. The impact of the Localism Bill which was introduced to Parliament on 13th December 2010.</p> <p>O. The Clerk and Chair's attendance at the Branch Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks in Llandudno on 17th March 2011.</p> <p>P. The Clerk attending a Cemetery Management course in Llandrindod Wells on 12th April 2011.</p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>A. Schedule of Payments . Proposed: Cllr C Edwards, Seconded: Cllr M Bostwick – Unanimous.</p> <p>B. The Budget Statement up to and including 31st December had a projected surplus of £21,380. Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.</p> <p>C. The guideline for Grant Applications. Proposed: Cllr M Bostwick, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.</p> <p>D. The Council approved the following policies on the basis that they would be reviewed annually:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Proposed: Cllr M Bostwick, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Unacceptable actions by Individuals Policy subject to the deletion of unreasonable persistence in 3.1.1:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Proposed: Cllr P Wilson, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr G Williams abstained.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Diversity & Equality Policy subject to the inclusion in the report of a sentence that states "The list of examples is not exhaustive":</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr M Bostwick – Cllr</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">M Whitby objected to this report on the grounds that it protected the minority.</p> <p>E. Confirmed the appointment of GP Davies to install a new boiler in the Cemetery Lodge. In addition, the Council approved the purchase of an electric fire and the appointment of an electrician to inspect and modernise the electrics in the Cemetery Lodge Kitchen. Proposed: Cllr M Whitby, Seconded: Cllr M Bostwick – Unanimous.</p>	
6.	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr G Price confirmed that the issue he had raised re Boiler in Cemetery Lodge had been addressed adequately in the Clerk's Report.</p>	
7.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Police did not attend or provide any early crime statistics for the Village. Members expressed concern at the lack of attendance and agreed to leave it to the Chair and Clerk to resolve this issue.</p>	MD/ DVB
8.	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr M Whitby attended the Wrexham Town & Community Forum and reported that the following issues had been raised and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The diminishing supplies of salt – The Clerk was asked to seek confirmation from Wrexham as to the locations of all salt bins in the Village. B. The setting up of the Wrexham Youth Senate to address youngsters issues/concerns. C. That Wrexham County Borough Council was opposed to any ward changes being advocated by Welsh Assembly Government. D. The worsening state of the roads in the Borough and the need to contact Mr D Edwards (Caia Park Highway Offices) as regards any potholes etc. E. That Wrexham County Borough Council had the 7th lowest Council Tax in Wales and had included 2.5% for inflation in 2011/12. F. Concern over the extent of carbon emissions in the Borough and the need to develop policies governing, for example, the disposal of mercury content light bulbs e.g. CFL's. <p>The next meeting would be held on 29th March 2011 at 6.30pm in Guild Hall.</p>	DVB
9.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>The items raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr M Dixon had previously circulated a letter from the local paper expressing concern at the extent of dog fouling and fly tipping in the Village. The Council accepted that this was a problem and agreed to the following: 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That the Dog Warden for Wrexham County Borough Council be invited to a future Council Meeting. ○ The need for more signs/bins in the Village – The Clerk to contact Wrexham County Borough Council (StreetScene). ○ The Council to display appropriate posters etc. in its buildings and Notice Board on the High Street pointing out the health risks and the fine that could be levied. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr C Edwards reported that Coedpoeth Football Club was meeting on the 23rd January 2011 to discuss the backlog of games because of the poor state of the football pitches in the Village. ● Cllr P Wilson stated his objection to Planning application P/2011/0006 because of the narrow road and the Council agreed to this objection. <p>The Clerk left the room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Chair requested that the Council carry out a review of the Clerk’s salary in light of guidance received from the Society of Council Clerks. It was agreed that a small sub-committee made up of Cllr K Woodward, Cllr M Bostwick and Cllr C Edwards would look into this and report back to Council before the March 2011 meeting. Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous. 	<p>DVB DVB DVB DVB</p>
16.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>8th February 2011 re Business Planning Sub Committee</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.20pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council