

**CYNGOR  CYMUNEDOL  
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2011**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr C Edwards, Cllr M Whitby, Cllr M Davies, Cllr K Woodward, Cllr C Williams, Cllr D Unwin,  
Cllr G Williams, & Cllr G R Price (9)

**MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm**

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></b></p> <p>The Chair in his introduction referred to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Praised the Clerk for what he had achieved in his first year with the Council.</li> <li>2. Explained that owing to a procedural mistake the minutes of the February 2011 meeting had to be formally approved again.</li> <li>3. Noted the better than expected report from Bolton Birch on the Parish Hall roof structures.</li> <li>4. Informed the Council that a CD-R, taken from the Council's CCTV system, had been passed to the Police apparently showing an assault outside the Old Carnegie Library.</li> <li>5. Commended the Caretaker for his offer to take a pay cut.</li> <li>6. Supported the request for the Council to revalue its considerable assets which include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Old Carnegie Library</li> <li>b. Parish Hall</li> <li>c. Cemetery &amp; the Cemetery Lodge</li> <li>d. Memorial Park</li> <li>e. Playing Fields (Part)</li> <li>f. Street Lights</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	DVB
2.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>Cllr M Nelson, Cllr M Bostwick &amp; Cllr S Lee (3)</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	

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<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>15<sup>th</sup> February 2011</u></b></p> <p>Owing to a procedural error at the May 2011 Council meeting it was agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be formally approved again. Cllr Whitby wished it recorded that this issue had already been voted on and accepted by the Council.</p> <p>The Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were approved by:</p> <p><b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr C Edwards– Cllr M Whitby objected that the minutes were not a true record and three Members abstained.</b></p> <p>Cllr M Whitby proposed an amendment to the above motion to include his note, in respect of the meeting with Wrexham CBC’s Housing Manager, in the body of the minutes. The amendment was not seconded and, therefore, the original motion was approved.</p> <p><b><u>17<sup>th</sup> May 2011</u></b></p> <p>Corrections to the Minutes were as follow:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; padding: 5px;">6E</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Cllr G Williams seconded the motion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">6H</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Mrs (not Mr) P Thewsey</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">11(2)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Cllr Edwards (not Cllr C Williams) praised the Clerk.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">11(3)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Cllr M Davies was thanked, as well as the Clerk, for their involvement in addressing the issues.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">11(4)</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Additional wording on the last sentence – “with which Cllr G Price agreed”.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were approved, subject to the above corrections, by:</p> <p><b>Proposed: Cllr C Edwards, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr M Whitby objected that the minutes were not a true record and one Member abstained.</b></p>	6E	Cllr G Williams seconded the motion.	6H	Mrs (not Mr) P Thewsey	11(2)	Cllr Edwards (not Cllr C Williams) praised the Clerk.	11(3)	Cllr M Davies was thanked, as well as the Clerk, for their involvement in addressing the issues.	11(4)	Additional wording on the last sentence – “with which Cllr G Price agreed”.	DVB
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<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had taken objection to an e-mail from Cllr Whitby and that he would like an apology. Cllr Whitby responded that no apology was due and none would be given. He also asked if the Clerk would like to apologise to him for implying that Cllr Whitby's version of the meeting with the Housing Officer at Wrexham CBC was lies.</p> <p><u>The Council accepted and noted the following:</u></p> <p>A. The Clerk's action points and progress made.</p> <p>B. That no Planning applications had been received.</p> <p>C. The major items of correspondence received:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The Council agreed to wait and see what developments take place with Wrexham Racecourse ground in respect of it continuing as a local sporting venue.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Agreed to support the Petition concerning Greenfield building in North Wales. <b>Proposed: Cllr M Whitby, Seconded: Cllr C Edwards – Unanimous.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. The Clerk circulated a letter from Wrexham CBC outlining the work undertaken by their Diversity section.</p> <p>D. Councillors' attendance figures for the six months ending 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011.</p> <p>E. That there were no urgent repairs in the last month.</p> <p>F. The draft un-audited accounts and the Clerk's report for the financial year 2010/11.</p> <p>G. The analysis of lettings income for April and May 2011.</p> <p>H. Members agreed to inform the Clerk of the issues selected for examination at the September 2011 Scrutiny Sub Committee Meeting.</p> <p>I. The Clerk apologised for not completing the Cemetery income reconciliation owing to other work pressures.</p> <p>J. Members noted the Bolton Birch report on the Parish Hall roof woodwork and accepted the recommendation that in the event of heavy snow the Parish Hall and Car Park should be closed as a precautionary measure. The Clerk agreed to pursue a grant application for a new roof from WREN.</p> <p>K. That there were no further nominations from members of the Council to sit on the Friends of the Parish Hall Committee.</p> <p>L. Members approved the next round of building refurbishment totalling £8,350 and agreed that the bulk of this year's building maintenance budget be carried forward to next year to assist in financing of a new Parish Hall roof. <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>M. The Clerk reported that the water level had risen in the basement and that he would be taking a sample to Dee Valley water to be investigated.</p> <p>N. The progress being made on the High Street tidy up on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and that letters had been circulated widely. Cllr M Davies confirmed that</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
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	<p>StreetScene would be assisting in this clean up.</p> <p>O. The Council's metered and un-metered energy supplies would be transferred to Buying Solutions on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011.</p> <p>P. The Budget statement for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 and the revised budget for 2011/12.</p> <p>Q. The progress being made on the Community Walk for charity in late August 2011.</p> <p>R. That the collection of rent for the Cemetery Lodge would re-commence on completion of the electrical re-wiring as the Cemetery Lodge would then have a current Gas/Electricity certificate.</p> <p>S. Mrs P Thewsey's concerns were noted and discussed and the Clerk was asked to e-mail Mrs Thewsey informing her of the 10 hanging baskets to be placed permanently in the High Street.</p> <p>T. The Clerk reported that he had spent approximately £1,100 (strip-lights, blinds and paint) of the £2,000 budget allocated for the Library refurbishment. The next item of expenditure would relate to a new carpet.</p>	
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	<p><u>The Council <b>approved</b> the following:</u></p> <p>A. The Schedule of Payments – 18<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>B. That the Caretaker commences work at 8.30 a.m. instead of 8.00 a.m. which will result in payroll savings of approx. £1,700 p.a. It was also agreed that the Caretaker would give up his Saturday mornings which will be taken over by an Assistant Caretaker resulting in savings of approx. £600 p.a. The Clerk reported that to date the Council had achieved payroll savings of nearly £4,000 this year.  <b>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr M Davies – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>C. That the request by the Caretaker to open on Sundays be agreed in principal subject to the legal, insurance and taxation issues being addressed.  <b>Proposed: Cllr M Whitby, Seconded: Cllr M Davies – Cllr G Price objected.</b></p> <p>D. The proposal to award prizes for the best Christmas display in local shops and hold a gala evening in the Parish Hall with the local schools providing a choir. Cllr M Davies confirmed that the Development Committee had successfully organised such displays in the past. It was agreed that at the gala evening local businesses would be given a table each to advertise their goods and services. It was also agreed that the Council would give consideration to financing a Christmas tree for the Village with lights in a central location to be determined.  <b>Proposed: Cllr M Whitby, Seconded: Cllr M Davies – Unanimous.</b></p>	
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<b>6.</b>	<p><b><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>There were no items.</p>																									
<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>PCSO S Roberts and PCSO D Bowden attended the Council meeting.</p> <p>PCSO Roberts apologised for not attending the meeting of the Youth Club Management Committee but this was due to her attending a funeral and her also having been advised that the meeting was to be cancelled.</p> <p>PCSO Roberts reported that the police statistics for May 2011, of 27 incidents, which was considerably higher than April 2011, were as follow:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><b>April</b></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><b>May</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Violence against Person</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft &amp; Handling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anti Social Behaviour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary other than Dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Members expressed concern at the increase in the figures for May and PCSO Roberts agreed, through a suggestion by Cllr Whitby to provide appropriate patterns and trends at future meetings which would identify known hot spots. PCSO Roberts also confirmed that the monthly crime statistics were reviewed by senior police personnel.</p> <p>Cllr Edwards expressed concern at the number of incidents in the Adwy and its effect on residents. PCSO Roberts confirmed that the Police were monitoring the situation carefully. Cllr Davies stated that concerned residents needed to complain to Wrexham CBC's Housing department. PCSO Roberts agreed to raise this issue with Wrexham CBC's Housing department.</p> <p>Members agreed in principle to PCSO Roberts' proposal that the Community Council take over the responsibility for the Rotary Youth Project bank account. It was agreed that the Clerk would check this out with the Council's Internal Auditor.</p>		<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	Violence against Person	3	11	Theft & Handling	1	5	Criminal Damage	2	2	Anti Social Behaviour	10	5	Burglary other than Dwelling	0	2	Theft from Vehicle	0	2		<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	DVB
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<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>This item was included under the Clerk's report.</p>																									

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<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></b></p> <p>There were no items considered appropriate.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>The items raised included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <u>Cllr M Dixon</u>- Requested that Council approve the following:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A formal vote of thanks to everyone involved in painting the Library.  <b>Proposed: Cllr M Davies, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Unanimous.</b></li> <li>b) A formal vote of thanks to the Clerk for his excellent service over the last year.  <b>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr M Whitby objected.</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2) <u>Cllr K Woodward</u> – Raised concern at the bad press Wrexham CBC were receiving because of expenditure on credit cards. Cllr M Davies confirmed that there had been no audit issues raised on the use of credit cards by officers' in Wrexham CBC.</li> <li>3) <u>Cllr G Williams</u> – Requested that the Events Committee be formalised and that dates for future Council events, in the Parish Hall, be identified and notified to all villagers through, for example, Cloch Maelor, the Community Newsletter. Cllr G Williams requested that the Clerk contact Wrexham CBC as regards there being no barriers in the High Street Car Park preventing egress to the High Street.</li> <li>4) <u>Cllr M Davies</u> – Stated that the installation of the gateway banners was subject to receiving a grant application. The Eisteddfod Committee had taken delivery of the bunting and that it would be installed next week. Cllr M Davies also confirmed that the Council's match funding with Wrexham, for the Eisteddfod, would include the purchase outright of 10 hanging baskets in the Village but that the Community Council would be responsible for maintenance and stocking. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed at the next Council meeting in July 2011. Finally, Cllr M Davies reported on the appointment of the new Leader (Cllr R Davies) and Deputy Leader (Cllr D Bithell) at Wrexham CBC.</li> <li>5) <u>Cllr G Price</u> - Stated that the Seniors at Coedpoeth FC would like to meet with the Council at its next meeting in July 2011. Members agreed that the Seniors at Coedpoeth FC should raise their concerns in writing before the next Council meeting. Cllr Price also confirmed that it was Council practice that Members can raise issues under Council Matters by informing the Clerk by 2pm on the Wednesday before the Council meeting.</li> <li>6) <u>Cllr M Whitby</u> – Believed that the top salary earners at Wrexham CBC should take a cut in their pay. Cllr M Davies confirmed that there were fewer senior staff due to a major restructuring in Wrexham CBC and that the remaining senior staff had wider remits. In addition, Wrexham CBC's pay scale for their CEO was one of the lowest in the UK. Cllr Whitby also wished to complain</li> </ol>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>GP</p>

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	about the Clerk but the Chair stated that this motion should be raised and dealt with at the next Council meeting in July 2011 in accordance with agreed protocol. Cllr Whitby felt that the Council's actions were a disgrace.	
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></b> 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Full Council Meeting	

**MEETING FINISHED – 9.37pm**

*Dave Bamber* CPFA

**Clerk to the Council**

Approved