

  
**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL**  
**COEDPOETH**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr M Whitby, Cllr C Williams,  
 Cllr G Williams, Cllr D Unwin, Cllr P Wilson & Cllr G R Price (8)

**MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm**

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></b></p> <p>The Chair informed the Council that he:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Would be aiming for a timely finish by focusing on the key issues.</li> <li>2. Announced Mandy Bostwick had resigned from the Council</li> <li>3. Should be grateful if Members would authorise payments immediately after the meeting.</li> <li>4. Requested that December’s full Council Meeting be brought forward by one week to the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011.  <b><u>Proposed: Cllr G Price; Seconded : Cllr G Williams - Unanimous</u></b></li> <li>5. Introduced Jill Roberts, External Communications Manager, from Welsh Water Authority who would be explaining the rationale behind the road closures in the Heol-y-Fro area of Coedpoeth.</li> </ol>	
2.	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION FROM JILL ROBERTS –DWR CYMRU WELSH WATER AUTHORITY</u></b></p> <p>Jill explained that Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) will begin work in the Heol-y-Fro area of Coedpoeth on the 14th November 2011, and that this work will take approximately 23 weeks to complete. There will also be a road closures in place during the construction period. The work will involve significant refurbishment to the existing combined sewerage overflows which will necessitate new screens and improving the storm surface water overflow storage capacity. These measures will improve the ecology and effluent disposal in the river as well as addressing the flooding issue. Jill explained that WWA have used computer modelling techniques to ascertain what is required and needed in order to reduce flooding and improve bio-diversity of the river. Jill requested from the Clerk the names and the businesses on the Adwy that would be affected during these works.</p> <p>Members posed a number of questions and Jill was happy to confirm that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) There had been no reported contamination incidents to local drinking water.</li> </ol>	

  
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	<p>b) She would look into a concern raised by a Member as to the impact of flooding/sewerage spills on his property which was outside the proposed work area.</p> <p>c) There was no need to vacuum seal manhole covers as the work has already started.</p> <p>d) DCWW will be issuing a press release.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>Cllr S Lee &amp; Cllr C Edwards.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>20<sup>th</sup> September 2011</u></b>  The minutes were approved.  <b>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Cllr M Whitby abstained.</b></p> <p><b><u>18<sup>th</sup> October 2011</u></b>  The minutes were approved subject to amendments to Section 5 (Discussions) where the word “agreed” was replaced by “requested”.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr M Whitby abstained.</b></p>	
6.	<p><b><u>CLERK’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The Council <b>noted</b> the following which were for information:</p> <p>A. The Clerk’s action points and progress made.</p> <p>B. Only one Planning notice had been received.</p> <p>C. The major items of correspondence received.</p> <p>D. Councillors’ attendance figures for the six months ending 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011. It was agreed that Chair would write to Cllr S Lee.  <b>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Cllr G Price and Cllr P Wilson abstained and Cllr M Whitby objected.</b></p> <p>E. The Budget Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011 which was showing an under-spend of £5,000 for the year.</p> <p>F. The analysis of lettings income for April to September 2011 which showed that the Council is seeing a deteriorating trend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update in respect of the next issue of Cloch Maelor (Newsletter); the proposal for solar panels on the Parish Hall roof would have to be deferred in light of the reduction in tariff rates, the earlier deadline imposed by the Government and the need for Planning approval; the progress being made on the revised Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Protocols.</li> </ul>	

  
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- G. The dog warden had been monitoring the Village.
- H. The tax base for the Village from 2004/05 to date.
- I. The progress being made on the Christmas Shop Window Display and Grand Raffle.
- J. The resignation of the Assistant Caretaker.
- K. Wrexham CBC would continue to operate the Public Convenience in the main car park in Coedpoeth.
- L. The main issues arising from the Annual Joint Consultative Meeting of the Clwyd Pension Fund.

The Council **discussed and approved** where indicated the following:

- A. The request from the Friends of the Parish Hall for a grant – It was felt that the Friends should apply, in the first instance, to West Wrexham small grants scheme
- B. Approved the improvements to the Council's CCTV system.  
**Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr M Whitby objected.**
- C. Approved Bolton Birch being instructed to identify essential improvements to the Cemetery Lodge.  
**Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.**
- D. Approved the advertisement of the current vacancies on the Council throughout the Village and utilise, if appropriate, the Leader and the Council's web site.  
**Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.**
- E. Approved the Schedule of Payments totalling £13,214.83 (19<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011).  
**Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous.**
- F. Approved the payment to Wrexham CBC (Plas Pentwyn) in connection with the Newsletter.  
**Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous.**
- G. Approved the cost of erecting a Christmas Tree in St Tudfil's Church with a budget of up to £150.  
**Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.**
- H. Approved a standstill Budget for 2012/13 of £139,429 and the three year long term agreement in respect of Insurance.  
**Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr P Wilson – Unanimous.**
- I. Approved an additional contribution to the Development Committee of £350 for the new gateway signs for the Village.  
**Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.**
- J. Approved the request from the Clerk to provide the administrative and financial support for 4Kids.  
**Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.**

  
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<b>6.</b>	<p><b><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>The Chair requested that the Clerk contact Wrexham CBC in order to ensure that any future development of CCTV throughout the County would have adequate capacity for the Village of Coedpoeth.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr M Whitby objected.</b></p>																
<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>PCSO S. Roberts attended the meeting and circulated and discussed the crime statistics for October 2011:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">OFFENCE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">NUMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rowdy/Nuisance</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">29</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Members expressed concern at the extent of illegal parking outside the Travellers site, over the weekend, which the Police confirmed had been observed by cameras from the by-pass.</p>	OFFENCE	NUMBER	Burglary	8	Theft from Vehicle	2	Theft	2	Fraud	1	Criminal Damage	7	Rowdy/Nuisance	9	Total	29
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<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters.</p>																
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters considered appropriate.</p>																
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Cllr D Unwin</u></b> – Informed the Clerk that a light was out at Heol Llewelyn (No: 115).</p> <p><b><u>Cllr G Price</u></b> – Requested that the old antique map in the old Clerk’s room be put into the Council Chamber and, if appropriate, covered by Perspex.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Unanimous.</b></p>																

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<b>11.</b>	<p><b><u>Cllr M Whitby (The Clerk left the meeting at 9.53pm)</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Whitby, despite declaring that he had been advised by the Ombudsman that he should not divulge the information, informed the Council that he was the subject of two investigations by the Ombudsman. He advised the Council that he considered himself to be the subject of a witch-hunt. Cllr Whitby also asked the Chairman whether he had yet responded to his email of Friday November 4 seeking information about the recruitment of the Clerk. The Chairman replied that he was taking advice and that he would respond.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Full Council Meeting</p>	

**MEETING FINISHED – 9.55pm**

*Dave Bamber* CPFA - Clerk to the Council

Approved