

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

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr M Whitby, Cllr C Williams,  
 Cllr G Williams, Cllr C Edwards, Cllr P Wilson & Cllr G R Price (7)

In attendance: D V Bamber CPFA – Clerk to the Council

**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 was pleased that the external auditor had given an unqualified audit opinion on the 2010/11 Accounts</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>Cllr S Lee &amp; Cllr K Woodward</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>15<sup>th</sup> November 2011</u></b>            The minutes were approved.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr M Whitby abstained.</b></p>	
5.	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The Council <b>noted</b> the following which were for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Clerk's action points and progress made.</li> <li>B. The 3 Planning applications which had been received and that the "Change of use and alterations to the former Bakery (P/2011/0877)" had been subsequently withdrawn.</li> <li>C. The major items of correspondence received.</li> <li>D. The urgent repairs carried out.</li> <li>E. The Councillors' attendance figures for the six months ending 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011</li> </ul>	

  
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<p>F. The Budget Statement as at 30 November 2011 which was showing an under-spend of £3,050 for the year.</p> <p>G. The analysis of lettings income for April to October 2011 which showed a slight improvement for November when compared to September and October. It was also reported that a Judo Club would be using the Parish Hall facilities on a weekly basis and that this would help to maintain income levels during what is a difficult time. The Council wished to record its thanks to the Caretaker for bringing the Judo Team to the Parish Hall.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr G Price abstained.</b></p>	DVB
<p>H. The progress being made on the Christmas Shop Window Display and Raffle. It was reported that this initiative allows the Council to engage with local businesses and support local groups as well as promoting the spirit of Christmas throughout the Village. It was agreed that the Council would reimburse the Caretaker for paying the Alcohol Licence for the above event.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Cllr C Williams and Cllr G Williams abstained.</b></p>	DVB
<p>I. That the Council had received a letter of thanks from the Church for putting up the Christmas Tree.</p> <p>J. The impending interim audit of 2011/12 by the internal auditor.</p> <p>K. That approval had been given to the Football Club to install a concrete path down one side of the football pitch.</p> <p>L. That the last edition of the Community Newsletter had been distributed by Door2Door. A number of Members expressed concern that they had not received a copy in the free paper.. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Plas Pentwyn and determine which areas, within the Village, were not receiving the newsletter. Councillors were requested to email the Clerk with details</p>	DVB all Cllrs
<p>M. The Clerk’s report of his meeting, along with neighbouring Community Councils’, with North Wales Police in respect of Wrexham Rural area.</p>	DVB
<p>N. The possible collaboration, by other Community Councils’, on joint training next year.</p> <p>O. That the Clerk seek two further quotes, in respect of transferring the Council’s metered and un-metered energy supplies and report back to the January 2011 Meeting. The Chair requested that the Clerk assess savings from moving the street lights from dusk to dawn to half night and pre-dawn.</p>	DVB DVB
<p>P. That the Clerk seek clarification as to the terms” North Cluster” and “Local Super Output Area” that were contained in a letter from the Community Regeneration Area Manager.</p>	DVB
<p><u>The Council <b>approved</b> the following:</u></p> <p>A. Approved the modification to the improvements to the Council’s CCTV system.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr M Whitby objected.</b></p>	DVB

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	<p>B. Approved Krista Childs and Julie Hinchliffe being co-opted on to the Council. The Clerk was asked to seek advice on the third candidate.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr P Wilson – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>C. Approved the quote from Andrew Maire to prioritise repairs and improvements for the Cemetery Lodge as well as inspecting the floor of the Balcony Room. An overall budget of £650 was approved to include taking up part of the Balcony Room floor.  <b>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Edwards – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>D. Approved the Schedule of Payments totalling £13,214.83 (19<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011).  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>E. Approved moving the Council Meetings to the second Tuesday in the month for a trial period including January and February 2012.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>F. Approved the External Auditors letter confirming that 2010/11 Annual Return &amp; Accounts had been given an unqualified audit opinion.  <b>Proposed: Cllr C Edwards, Seconded: Cllr P Wilson – Cllr G Price abstained.</b></p> <p>G. Praised the Clerk and the Accountant for their work in achieving the unqualified audit opinion for 2010/11.  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr P Wilson – Cllr M Whitby and Cllr G Price abstained.</b></p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>																
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p>																	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>PCSO D. Bowden attended the meeting, in PCSO S.Roberts absence, and circulated the crime statistics for November 2011:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 1534 1062 1839"> <thead> <tr> <th>OFFENCE</th> <th>NUMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicle</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rowdy/Nuisance</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>41</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>PCSO D. Bowden requested that Members inform colleagues and friends to secure their cars, sheds and garages in the run up to Christmas as there had been a number of opportunistic thefts throughout the Wrexham area. It was also reported that the Police had arrested people and recovered the property from the recent break in at the Youth Club.</p>	OFFENCE	NUMBER	Burglary	6	Theft from Vehicle	1	Theft	2	Fraud	1	Criminal Damage	12	Rowdy/Nuisance	19	Total	41	
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	Members expressed concern at the extent of under aged drinking and questioned the source of the alcohol. PCSO D.Bowden confirmed that the alcohol retail outlets in Coedpoeth had passed recent “test purchases” and that the youths in question were probably getting their alcohol from outside the Village or that adults were buying it for them.	
8.	<b><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></b>  There were no matters to discuss.	
9.	<b><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></b>  It was reported that the Vacancies for Co-option and the Christmas Fare in the Parish Hall had been notified to the Leader.	
10.	<b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b>  <b><u>Cllr P Wilson</u></b> – Requested that the Clerk identify the cost of installing additional street lights in Pentre Fron Road and that Welsh Water Authority had, at his request, visited him as to flooding/sewerage spills on his property. <b><u>Cllr M Whitby</u></b> – Requested that the draft minutes be circulated within one week of the Council meeting. <b><u>Cllr C Edwards</u></b> – Expressed concern at the extent of road-works in the Village. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Street-scene in order to ensure that the Council were kept informed and updated of road-works. <b><u>Cllr G Williams</u></b> – Thanked the Council staff for all their hard work this year and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. <b><u>Cllr M Dixon</u></b> – Confirmed that Welsh Water Authority had visited the business properties in the Adwy as to possible loss of profit caused by the major construction work currently being undertaken.	DVB  DVB  DVB
12.	<b><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></b>  10 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Full Council Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Full Council Meeting	

**MEETING FINISHED – 8.44pm**

*Dave Bamber* CPFA - Clerk to the Council