


CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
14th FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr M Whitby, Cllr C Williams,
 Cllr G Williams, Cllr D Unwin, Cllr K Childs, Cllr J Hinchliffe & Cllr G R Price (9)

MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcomed the new Members – Cllr K Childs and Cllr J Hinchliffe. 2. Praised the Wrexham Area Civic Society for their mention of the War Memorial and he agreed to discuss with the Society the possibility of a further article which would help to develop a case for a refurbishment, of the War Memorial, in 2019, which would then celebrate 100 years after the end of the First World War. Asked the Clerk to look into the possibility of blue plaque scheme in the Village to commemorate notable figures such as Harold Tudor. 3. Praised the Caretaker and the Assistant Caretaker for a number of initiatives carried out. 4. Felt that the Council could celebrate the Queens Jubilee by planting trees in the Cemetery. 	<p>MD</p> <p>DVB</p>
2.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr C Edwards & Cllr M Davies.</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllrs G & C Williams declared an interest in the Villager of the Year Award agenda item.</p>	
4.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>10th January 2012</u> The minutes were approved. Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr D Unwin abstained.</p>	


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5.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council noted the following which were for information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Clerk's action points and progress made. B. Only one Planning notice had been received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B.1. New bungalow rear of Prospect Place off Heol Maelor - (P/2012 /0053) C. The major items of correspondence received. D. Councillors' attendance figures for the six months ending 10th January 2012. E. The Budget Statement as at 31st January 2012 which was showing an under-spend of £6,210 for the year. F. The analysis of lettings income for the period April 2011 to January 2012. G. The progress being made on the Cemetery Review. H. The progress being made on the Revised Governing Documents for the Council. I. The Section 137 expenditure limit of £11,451 for 2012/13. J. The need to obtain Welsh Government approval if the Council wished to borrow money for capital purposes. K. The pay scales of all staff showing current spine point and the next spine point increase. L. The reasons behind the delay in the Cemetery Superintendent signing his contract of employment. M. That Members' can view all road closures on Wrexham CBC's web-site. N. The purchase of an additional bench for the Cemetery (approval already given in April 2011). O. The request from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation to raise its profile in the Village. P. The progress made on the transfer of energy purchasing to the three new providers on fixed long term contracts. Members accepted the rationale for accepting a fixed five year deal on gas. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous. Q. That the Council had received £1,170.00 in respect of an insurance claim for storm damage. R. The financial activity on the pre-paid debit cards for the period 1st April to 30th September 2011 (circulated at the meeting). S. The date of the next Village Newsletter. T. The improvements carried out by the Caretaker and Assistant Caretaker in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T.1. Marking out the parking bays T.2. Painting the pool room T.3. Reframing the Harold Tudor Plaque. U. The Governments work placed pension scheme which would not apply to the Council until at least 2016. V. The progress made in making a grant application for the Parish Hall Roof. 	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
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<p><u>The Council discussed and approved where indicated the following:</u></p>	
<p>A. Approved that a letter be written to Wrexham CBC explaining that the Council could not take over the public toilet from Wrexham CBC, during the financial year 2012/13, as it was not budgeted for but felt that Wrexham should continue to take responsibility for the toilets indefinitely as it is the only public toilet between Wrexham and Ruthin for locals and tourists. Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Unanimous</p>	DVB
<p>B. Welcomed the Clerk’s offer to sit on the local Steering Group re Communities First Programme and it was also agreed that the Clerk would contact Tom Taylor with a view to him inviting Cllr G. Griffiths on to the Steering Group as he represents the Adwy (Coedpoeth 1 under the Communities First Programme) for Wrexham County Borough Council.</p>	DVB
<p>C. Noted the good progress made on the 5 year Business Plan.</p>	
<p>D. Noted the Surveyor’s report in connection with the Balcony Room and Cemetery Lodge. Cllr J Hinchliffe advised that the Friends of the Parish Hall would be pursuing grants to make the balcony room into a dance studio which would also be a meeting room. Members also suggested under-floor heating for the balcony room and the need to raise the tie bar. It was also agreed that the Clerk would ascertain the Council’s title to the overflow car park with the Land Registry and report back to Council. In addition, Council approved:</p>	DVB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a pitched roof should replace the existing flat roof at the Cemetery Lodge. 	DVB
<p>Proposed: Cllr M Whitby, Seconded Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk writing to the Welsh Government, in April 2012, seeking borrowing approval for £20,000. 	DVB
<p>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous.</p>	
<p>E. Approved the Payment to the Clwyd Pension Fund of arrears of pension costs including employers and employees.</p>	DVB
<p>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Price – Unanimous.</p>	
<p>F. Approved the Schedule of Payments totalling £11,378.88 (excluding VAT) for the period 11th January to 14th February 2012.</p>	
<p>Proposed: Cllr M Whitby, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous.</p>	
<p>G. Approved Cllrs G Williams and C Williams as Joint Villagers of the Year for 2012.</p>	DVB
<p>Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Cllr G Price abstained and Cllr M Whitby objected.</p>	


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	<p>H. Instructed the Clerk to write to Wrexham CBC outlining the concerns expressed by Mr D Winsor regarding the lack of maintenance of trees in St Tudfil's Church, which are subject to a tree preservation order.</p> <p>I. It was agreed that the Clerk would organise a Street Party on the Car Park to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and discuss with the WCBC Tree Officer and the Cemetery Superintendent the type of trees to be planted in the Cemetery. It was agreed that the resurrection of the Village Carnival be included in the Council Business Plan.</p> <p>J. Noted the Welsh Government's proposal to move the date of the local government elections by one year from May 2016 to May 2017.</p> <p>K. Approved a new carpet in the entrance and hallway of the Old Carnegie Library as an interim measure. Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe – Cllr G Price objected and Cllr M Whitby abstained.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
6.	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Chair made the presentations to the following local groups - 4Kids, Friends of the Parish Hall, Care Group & Youth Club - who were presented with a cheque for £120 each (£480 in total). The funds having been raised at the Council Event held on 17th December 2012.</p>	
7.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>PCSO S. Roberts gave her apologies for not attending the meeting and agreed to circulate the crime statistics later this week.</p>	
8.	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p>	
9.	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the following would be sent to the Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The presentations to the groups outlined in 6. 2. A photograph of the Chair presenting the winner of the Christmas shop window display with their certificate. 	

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10.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>Cllr G Price</u> – expressed concern at the size of the new gateway sign at the Minera end of the Village and in particular the small size of the lettering.</p> <p><u>Cllr J Hinchliffe</u> – informed the Council that the Friends of the Parish Hall would be holding a Family Fun Day on the 31st March 2012 and requested that Clerk report dog fouling on Smelt Road.</p> <p><u>Cllr G Williams</u> – expressed concern at the extent of dog fouling in the Adwy and requested that the Clerk contact Wrexham CBC’s Dog Warden.</p> <p><u>Cllr K Woodward</u> – Asked the Clerk to report the extent of the pot holes on Heol Llewelyn and that lamp 111 required a new bulb.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
11.	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></p> <p>Tuesday 13th March 2012 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.00pm

Dave Bamber CPFA - Clerk to the Council

Approved