


CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
13th MARCH 2012

PRESENT
Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr M Whitby, Cllr C Edwards, Cllr C Williams,
 Cllr G Williams, Cllr D Unwin, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr J Hinchliffe, Cllr M Davies, & Cllr G R Price (11)

MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded Members of the Friends’ Family Fun Day on the 31st March 2012 at 1pm in the Parish Hall. • Stated that the major item on the agenda was to approve the Governing Documents – Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Protocol and Members’ Code of Conduct. 	
2.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr S Lee & Cllr K Childs.</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr D Unwin declared an interest in respect of the letter from Coedpoeth Bowling Club (item 5 G), being Chairman of the Bowling Club</p>	
4.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>14th February 2012</u> The minutes were approved. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.</p>	
5.	<p><u>CLERK’S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Council noted the following which were for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Clerk’s action points and progress made. B. The 5 Planning notices which had been received. The Clerk was asked to forward the Council’s comments to the Planning Department. C. The major items of correspondence received. D. Councillors’ attendance figures for the six months ending 14th February 2012. 	DVB


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- E. The Budget Statement as at 29th February 2012 which was showing an under-spend of £5,000 for the year.
- F. The analysis of lettings income for the period April 2011 to February 2012 showed that Council had, to date, already exceeded the total income received in the previous two financial years.
- G. The progress being made on the Cemetery Review.
- H. The fact that the 2011/12 Final Accounts close down had been extended to the 30th June 2012 with the agreement of the External Auditor.
- I. A further revised contract of employment had been issued to the Cemetery Superintendent.
- J. That the Clerk would be attending a Funding Surgery on the 15th March 2012.
- K. The urgent repairs carried out which included a replacement tea urn and toilet seat.

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

- A. The new Governing Documents and it was agreed to deal with the 4 papers separately. Whilst certain Members felt that they had not had sufficient time to digest the document, the Chair responded that they had received the document one month earlier and had been issued with the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at the last election. Furthermore, the Clerk had provided a brief paper outlining the changes made and that no Member had contacted him:
 - a. **Standing Orders** were adopted. There was a detailed discussion and clarification was sought on a number of points which were addressed.
Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe – Cllr M Davies and Cllr D Unwin abstained and Cllr G Price and Cllr M Whitby objected.
 - b. **Financial Regulations** were adopted. There was a detailed discussion and clarification was sought on a number of points which were addressed. **Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr M Davies, Cllr P Wilson and Cllr G Price abstained and Cllr M Whitby objected.**
 - c. **Protocol.** Cllr M Whitby questioned the sources of this document and requested that the paper be deferred which was seconded by Cllr G Price. Members voted 5 for this resolution and 5 against. The Chair gave his casting vote and deferred the paper to the next Council meeting in April 2012.
 - d. **Members' Code of Conduct** (including the Nolan Principles) was adopted.
Proposed: Cllr M Davies, Seconded: Cllr C Williams –Cllr M Whitby abstained.

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	<p>B. Approved the Schedule of Payments totalling £17,715.33 (excluding VAT) for the period 15th February to 13th March 2012. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr D Unwin – Unanimous.</p>	
	<p>C. Praised the Clerk and Accountant for the good interim internal audit report. Proposed: Cllr D Unwin, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr G Price abstained.</p>	
	<p>D. Noted the progress being made on the WREN application grant for a contribution towards the cost of a new Parish Hall roof. It was approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Morgan Maire are appointed to carry out the tender process including supervision subject to the Council receiving appropriate insurance arrangements. b. All tenders would be opened in the presence of Members and then forwarded to Morgan Maire. <p>Proposed: Cllr M Davies, Seconded: Cllr G Price – Unanimous.</p>	DVB DVB
	<p>E. Agreed that the proposed street party to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee be moved to the Monday 5th June in the afternoon and which would include alcohol, food, entertainment and be ticket only.</p>	DVB
	<p>F. Council noted the request from Wrexham CBC in respect of a contribution towards upgrading the playground in the Memorial Park but felt that the budget for 2012/13 had been committed with the emphasis on funding a new Parish Hall Roof.</p>	DVB
	<p>G. Discussed the letter from the Bowling Club at great length and Cllr D Unwin explained the rationale behind the letter. It was agreed to limit future year’s increases to the increase levied by Wrexham CBC on the Council subject to the Council not needing the £2,000 budget in the foreseeable future. Proposed: Cllr M Davies, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Cllr D Unwin did not vote.</p>	DVB
	<p>H. Approved the conversion of the LED lighting in the Parish Hall through the good offices of Power Solution, after the installation of the new Parish Hall roof subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A dimmer switch being installed in the Parish Hall. b. A site visit to a Hall which has been converted in order to ensure that the LED lighting suits all users. c. Consideration should be given to the capability to drop the main lights in the Parish Hall for the purposes of maintenance without the need for scaffolding. <p>Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr M Whitby – Unanimous.</p>	DVB


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6.	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p>																							
7.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>PCSO S. Roberts circulated the crime statistics for February 2012 which are detailed below:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">CLASSIFICATION</th> <th style="text-align: center;">NUMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Violence against the person</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary Dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary other than dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle Interference</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Any Other Criminal Offences</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ASB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">35</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>PCSO S. Roberts explained that there had been a spate of burglaries and requested that residents remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police. A general discussion took place as to the increase in current crime levels because of the current economic climate.</p>	CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER	Violence against the person	3	Burglary Dwelling	2	Burglary other than dwelling	5	Theft from Vehicles	1	Vehicle Interference	1	Fraud	2	Criminal Damage	3	Any Other Criminal Offences	7	ASB	11		35	
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8.	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr M Davies (Wrexham CBC) reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Wrexham CBC had increased its rates, for 2012/13, by 2.6% which is one of the lowest increases in Wales. b) He had been seconded to the Police Authority and reported that the Police precept had increased by 2.5%, for 2012/13, which is the lowest increase for 6 years. 																							
9.	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>There were no matters raised.</p>																							

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10.	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cllr J Hinchliffe</u> – thanked the Clerk for resolving the street lighting issue in Smelt Road. • <u>Cllr M Whitby</u> – reported the street light being out in Rhosberse Road. • <u>Cllr D Unwin</u> – reported the poor state of the road (pot-holes) in Caradoc Road. • <u>Cllr C Edwards</u> – expressed concern at the road drop at Heol Maelor opposite the junction with New Road. • <u>Cllr P Wilson</u> – Requested clarification that the old Butchers Shop (Llewellyn Road and Griffiths Road) was a reinstatement. • <u>Cllr G Williams</u> – expressed concern at the poor lighting in Waen Road particularly in view of the new building development. 	 DVB DVB DVB DVB DVB
11.	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></p> <p>Tuesday 10th April 2012 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.24pm

Dave Bamber CPFA - Clerk to the Council